

# BSG TRAINING NEWS



The Building Safety Group

Training Update Autumn 2018

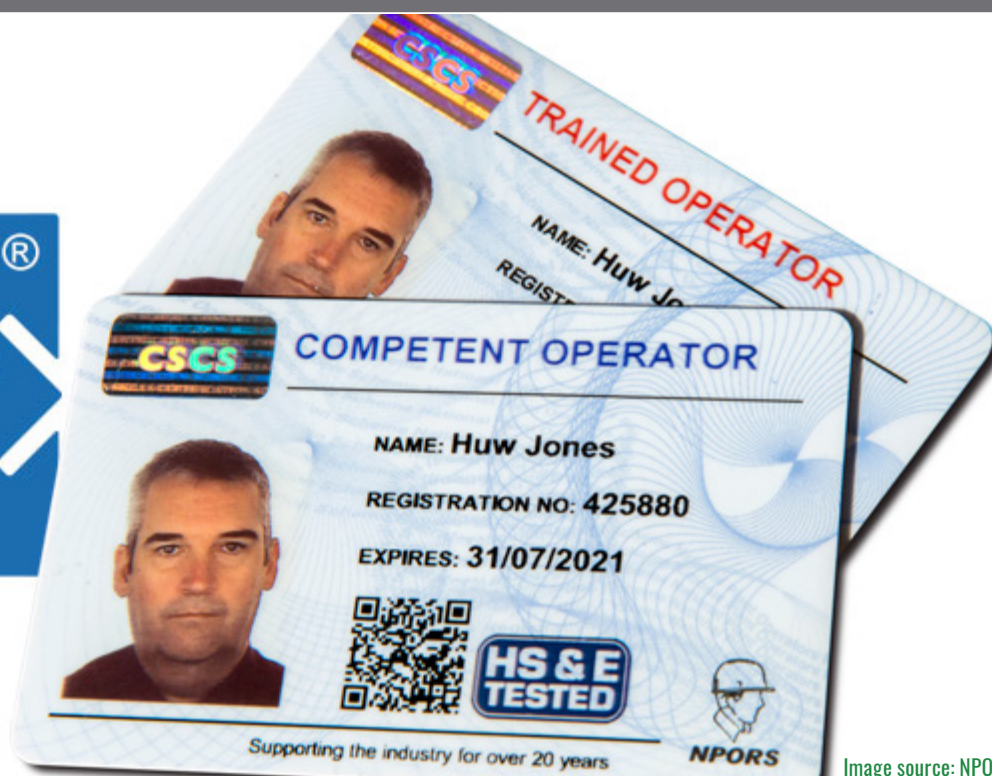


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## BSG PLANT COURSES ARE NOW BEING DELIVERED BY ACCREDITED NPORS TRAINERS

We are very pleased to announce that from the 1st of October 2018, members can receive NPORS accredited training organised by BSG on all plant courses.

### WHAT IS NPORS?

Established in 1992, the National Plant Operators Registration Scheme (NPORS) is now one of the UK's leading Accreditation and Registration Bodies, working across the Construction, Industrial, Utilities, Warehousing and Distribution, Agricultural, Ports and Marine sectors.

NPORS training and testing is conducted in accordance with published course objectives and learning outcomes which are derived from the National Occupational Standards. Testing includes Theory and Practical testing much in the same way as CPCSC. It is possible to book a 1 day course for experienced operators that involves testing only. Alternatively, a novice or refresher course can be booked over several days to include training prior to testing.

### CSCS NPORS CARDS

NPORS now offers a CSCS card. Much like the CPCSC operator cards, this type of card will require you to complete practical and theory tests after which you will be awarded a two-year 'red' Trained Operator card. During the two year period, they will be required to register for and achieve the requisite (S)NVQ with the unit credits applicable to the category(s) of plant held on their Trained Operator card.

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Once successfully tested, operators who do currently hold the requisite (S)NVQ with the unit credits applicable to the categories of plant held on their NPORS card will be issued with a 'blue' Competent Operator card valid for 5 years from the date they were tested.

Please note that in all cases operators will have to supply proof of having passed the CITB Health, Safety & Environmental touch screen test <http://ntsservices.co.uk/health-safety-touch-screen-test/> within the two years prior to application for the card.



### ARE NPORS CARDS ACCEPTED ON SITE?

NPORS cards are accepted on all construction sites. Most people in construction are familiar with the Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) cards. It's the card that provides proof that individuals working on construction sites have the appropriate training and qualifications for the job they do on site.

There are over 30 different card schemes displaying the CSCS logo and this can cause some confusion at the site gates. Card schemes displaying the CSCS logo are known as CSCS Partner Card schemes and they represent the many specialist occupations such as plant, demolition, plumbing and scaffolding.

Card schemes displaying the CSCS logo are based on the approved standards as mandated by the Construction Leadership Council and like the CSCS scheme require the holder to gain an N/SVQ and pass the CITB Health, Safety & Environmental test and are accepted when presented on site.

The NPORS card has a QR code that can be checked using a smartphone, alternatively, site managers can visit [www.npors.com](http://www.npors.com) and use the online card checker or if all else fails they can contact NPORS on 01606 351240 if they wish to check if an NPORS card is valid.

For further information on CSCS's Partner Card schemes visit [www.cscs.uk.com/partners](http://www.cscs.uk.com/partners).

### WHICH NPORS ACCREDITED TRAINING CAN YOU RECEIVE?

- [Chainsaw – Crosscut Operations](#) (1 day)
- [Excavator](#) (1 day – dependent on experience)
- [Harness safe use & inspection](#) (half a day)
- [Lorry loader \(HIAB\)](#) (1 day – dependent on experience)
- [Mobile elevated working platform \(MEWP\)](#) (1 day)
- [Skid steer loader \(bobcat\)](#) (1 day – dependent on experience)
- [Telehandler](#) (1 day – dependent on experience)
- [Dumper](#) (1 day – dependent on experience)
- [Forklift operator](#) (1 day – dependent on experience)
- [Loading shovel \(bucket loader\)](#) (1 day – dependent on experience)
- [Mini digger](#) (1 day – dependent on experience)
- [Overhead crane](#) (1 day)
- [Slinger banksman](#) (1 day)
- [Vehicle banksman](#) (half a day)

### WHAT TO EXPECT ON THE DAY?

Employers, once they have assessed the suitability of a person for the role of plant operator will then decide which route their candidate should follow i.e. novice, operator, experienced operator requiring training or experienced operator requiring no training. An NPORS Accredited Training Provider (ATP) will complete a pre-assessment of the operator to determine the level of training required.

#### Novice

If you are a novice, training will be conducted in line with NPORS course objectives, learning outcomes and training ratios. A theoretical and practical test will then be undertaken.

#### The Theory Test

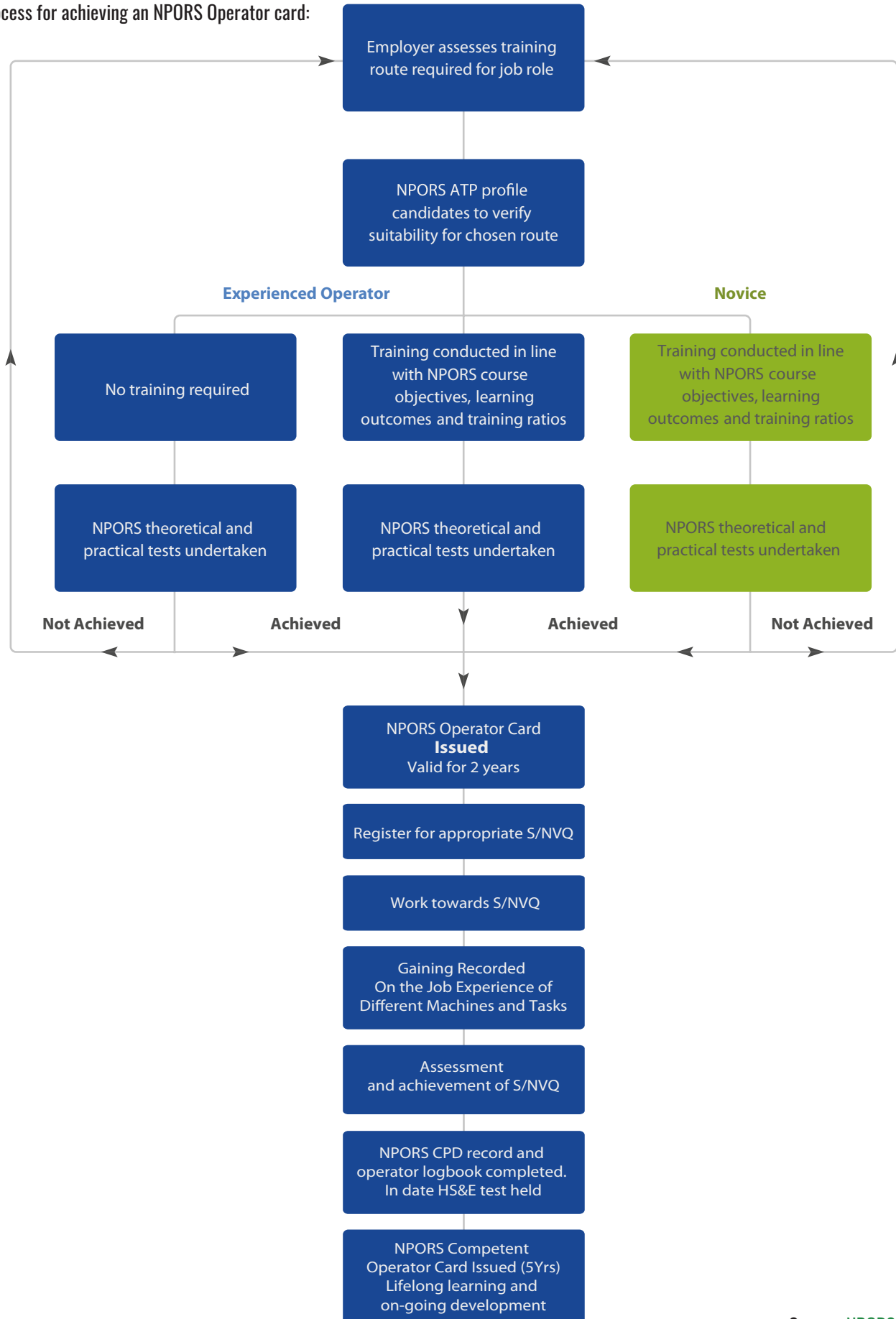
You will first undertake the theory section of the test. The theory test will be a written exam made up of 25 questions. The first 5 questions will require a full written answer, with the following 20 questions being multiple choice.

You will not be permitted access to any computer or mobile phone during the test. You will not receive any help or guidance during the test. (If you feel you may require help with your theory test, please consider booking refresher training in advance of the test).

Ideally, you would pass the theory test in order to progress to the practical test. If you fail the theory test you will be offered the opportunity to undertake the practical test but you would then have to retake the theory test at another time and would incur an additional charge for this.

## BSG PLANT COURSES ARE NOW BEING DELIVERED BY ACCREDITED NPORS TRAINERS CONTINUED...

The process for achieving an NPORS Operator card:





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### The Practical Test

Once you have successfully passed the Theory Test you will move onto the Practical Test. This will take place outside and will involve the tester providing you with instructions to follow out on the machinery. You will then be assessed to ensure you have the necessary experience, core skills and the technical knowledge to operate the specific category of plant safely.

### Experienced operator

If you are an experienced operator you will be able to undertake a 1 day theory and practical test day without the need for training. These are the same tests that would take place at the end of one of our plant training courses.



At the end of the test day, you will be asked to complete a form providing your contact details.

If you successfully pass both the theory and practical elements of the test you will be awarded with an NPORS CSCS card which we will apply for on your behalf.

### IS IT GRANT FUNDED BY CITB?

CITB pay grants for the achievement of approved plant training courses and qualifications.

The Plant training grants are paid out for the achievement of approved plant training courses, plant testing and qualifications which include:

- plant-related short duration course training
- the theory and practical elements of standard or advanced technical tests for approved plant card schemes.
- plant-related vocational qualification (VQ) achievements
- specific plant-related VQ units.

### How to claim for plant short duration courses

The online system is not currently set up to action grant claims for NPORS training however, levy payers can still claim the grant via the manual system.

For more information please visit CITB's website about grant payments - <https://www.citb.co.uk/grant/new-grants-scheme-2018/plant-training-grant/>



## BSG LOGIN GUIDES

To help members log in to our software, we have created login guides for the BSG Secure Area, BSG Online Services and the Risk Assessment Software. These can be found below:

BSG Secure Area - <http://www.bsgltd.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/BSG-Secure-Area-Login.pdf>

BSG Online Services - <http://www.bsgltd.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/BSG-Online-Login.pdf>

Risk Assessment Software - <http://www.bsgltd.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/BSG-RAS-Login.pdf>



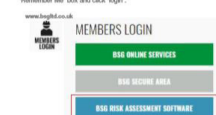
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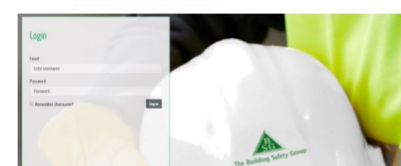
### BSG Risk Assessment Software Login

As a BSG member your company and staff will have exclusive access to our 'Risk Assessment Software' where you are able to either use one of our templates or create your own. Each BSG template is pre-configured with its own set of unique control measures relevant to the task being assessed. Users simply have to apply a risk rating for each task assessment, using our 5 x 5 risk evaluation matrix.

To access BSG's Risk Assessment Software, please visit our website at [www.bsgltd.co.uk](http://www.bsgltd.co.uk). Click on the 'Members Login' button and select BSG RISK ASSESSMENT SOFTWARE. Enter the username and password that has been supplied to you, tick the 'Remember Me' box and click 'login'.



There are two overviews to download from BSG's Secure Area. The Administrator's overview explains how to register your company for access to the Risk Assessment Software and how to add additional users. The General overview explains how to use the software and is primarily for additional users that have been set up for access.



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## BSG AWARDS NOMINATION CLOSING DATE HAS PASSED

The closing date for nominations for our awards ceremony has now passed. Thank you to everyone who has submitted their nomination for an award. Our judges will be in touch if we have any questions about your submission.

All nominees will shortly receive an email, outlining the agenda for the day, including the times for the Williams F1 Centre Museum tour. The shortlist of nominees will be published one week prior to the event. The following categories will be included:

### BSG AWARDS 2018 - CATEGORIES

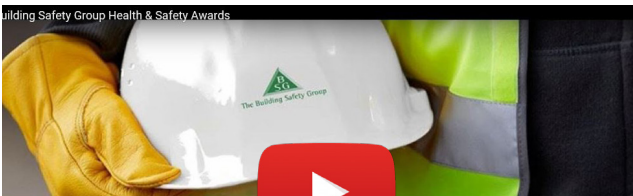
- Project award for best Health and Safety in planning and design
- BSG Innovation award
- BSG Environmental award
- Occupational Health and well-being initiative of the year
- Subcontractor of the year award
- Small business of the year award • Best use of technology in Health & Safety
- Training Award for exceptional achievement in Health & Safety
- Site Manager of the Year awards
- BSG Regional Member awards

Please see our website for further details about the event. The brochure is available on our website <https://www.bsgltd.co.uk/bsgawards-2018/>



## BSG AWARDS 2017 HIGHLIGHTS VIDEO

Watch the highlights of last year's Health & Safety Awards ceremony here: [BSG Awards Highlights Video](#)



BSG Awards 2017

Williams F1 Centre - 18<sup>th</sup> October

## BSG BYTES

What are 'BSG Bytes'?

BSG Bytes are a series of short videos discussing topical industry Health and Safety matters.



Rob Dyer, BSG Principal Safety Adviser for Bristol East

### BSG Byte - Environmental Management on Construction Sites

In September, we met with Rob Dyer, Principal Safety Adviser for Bristol East, to record our latest BSG Byte. During the video, Rob answers:

- What are the environmental issues that could affect this site in terms of activities?
- What is the likely harm caused by these activities on the environment?
- How can you manage these activities better to minimise the impact?



Members can view the BSG Byte by logging into the 'BSG Secure Information Area'.

### What's next?

In July, BSG will be releasing a BSG Byte featuring Chris Cooksley, a trainer at BSG. In this video, Chris will be discussing recent changes to CITB exams.

Do you have a question you would like answered?

Please contact the marketing team if there is a health & safety topic or question that you would like discussed on T: 0300 304 9090

E: [marketing@bsgltd.co.uk](mailto:marketing@bsgltd.co.uk)



Chris Cooksley, Trainer at BSG



## BSG IS EXPANDING



We are delighted to announce the launch of our brand new construction training centre in Rudgeway, Bristol. Our new training centre is currently being prepared and will be ready in November. A number of our courses will then be moved across to it.

The centre is an addition to our training room in BSG's head office, also based in Rudgeway. The centre will have two new training rooms with the capacity of up to 20 individuals each, a kitchen and toilets. The centre will see a minimum of 500 trained delegate days a month.

Upon completion, the centre will provide accredited training and testing across multiple awarding bodies, including an extensive range of CITB (Construction Industry Training Board) courses, IATP courses, short courses and NEBOSH courses.

The new centre will offer training in skills including working at height, scaffolding and confined space entry.

Steve Beckwith, Training Manager for BSG Said:

*"The new centre will attract operatives from a wide range of construction activities with training requirements ranging from temporary works and first aid through to occupational health and all aspects of construction. The training centre is in a highly accessible location in close proximity to the M5 and we anticipate it will attract operatives from across the whole of the UK. At BSG, we ensure all our courses encompass quality, service and consistency, therefore bringing our training courses in-house rather than using external training centres is the best way forward."*

*"With construction skill shortage facing its worst level on record, it is an important time for companies across the UK to have access to high quality training centres and learn the skills needed to keep safe whilst working in construction. Since 2015, we have doubled the number of operatives we have delivered training to and we are aiming to do the same again in the next three to four years thanks to this new investment."*



Steve Beckwith, Training Manager  
at BSG

We also offer a number of courses in Bristol, Exeter, Birmingham and Cardiff. All our courses run at competitive prices and if you are a BSG member, you receive an extra 15% discount for all of the courses that we provide (already included in the advertised price on the schedule).

Please visit the training pages on our website [www.bsgltd.co.uk/training](http://www.bsgltd.co.uk/training) to download a course schedule, which includes dates and prices, for each venue.

If you are interested and would like to book onto a course, or you feel that you need more information about each course, please visit our website for the full course information sheets [www.bsgltd.co.uk/training](http://www.bsgltd.co.uk/training). Alternatively, contact our training team by phone 0300 304 9080 or email [training@bsgltd.co.uk](mailto:training@bsgltd.co.uk).

## CSCS ANNOUNCE PRICE RISE

The Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) increased the cost of a card to £36 (this includes VAT) on the 1st of September 2018. This increase applies to all cards administered directly by CSCS.

CSCS is the leading skills certification scheme within the UK construction industry. A CSCS card provides proof that individuals working on construction sites have the required training and qualifications for the type of work they carry out.

The last price increase occurred in 2010 but since then the costs associated with running the scheme have increased significantly.

Graham Wren, CSCS Chief Executive said: "We have managed to maintain the current card price for the last eight years however inflationary pressure, together with increased costs associated with combatting fraudulent activity, have pushed our costs up to the point where the current price is not sustainable. In addition, with our current contact centre provider CITB having served notice to exit the service contract the CSCS Board have agreed to invest in new technology and systems to ensure the application process is modernised."

Graham Wren continued: "Modernising the application process is a key priority for the CSCS Board and the additional investment will ensure the card continues to add value and play its part in improving standards and safety on UK construction sites."

Should you require further information on CSCS's decision to introduce a price rise please visit their website here - <https://www.cscs.uk.com/news/cscs-announce-price-rise/>.



## BSG'S NEW OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH TRAINING PROGRAMME

BSG is pleased to announce the introduction of a new Occupational Health training programme, developed to help ensure construction companies become and remain compliant with UK legislation.

Our one day course is specifically tailored for senior management and professionals who are responsible for the Occupational Health of their workforce. The course may also be beneficial for people working in HR or Administrative roles, who become involved in collecting Occupational Health data about employees.

During the course, BSG's expert trainer will take you through our Occupational Health procedure guide step by step, so that the guide can be applied to your business.

### WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

By attending BSG's course you will be able to;

- Understand your legal duties and responsibilities for the Occupational Health of your workforce
- Identify who in your company is at risk by creating an 'Occupational Health Matrix' of your employees
- Learn how to set up a Health Management programme that will evaluate the existing health conditions in your business
- Make recommendations for changes to your procurement procedures and supply chain
- Learn the best way to initiate a group consultation with your workforce to explain the importance of Occupational Health
- Develop your own Health support mechanism by applying BSG's toolkit which includes self-assessment questionnaires, consultation feedback forms and toolbox talks
- Use BSG's Occupational Health procedure guide for your company
- Use the correct Health Surveillance forms for your workforce
- Select an appropriate Occupational Health provider which is best suited to your business
- Learn how to easily create your own Operative Occupational Health Database
- Use our Stress Management Indicator Tool

### COURSE MATERIALS

The following course materials will be provided to all participants:

- BSG Occupational Health Procedure Guide
- Occupational Health matrix which can be customised for your business
- Self-assessment questionnaires for distribution to your workforce (supplied in MS Word)
- Health Surveillance form templates
- Consultation feedback form templates for your staff to complete
- BSG Course PowerPoint for future reference
- Contact details of local Occupational Health Practitioners, appropriate for your company

\*All course materials are provided in hard copy and / or electronic format in MS Word or Excel format

### COURSE FEES

BSG Members:  
£425 + VAT

Non Members:  
£489 + VAT

Course fees include all course materials as above, certification and lunch.

### COURSE DATES

- Thursday 25th October 2018 - 9 remaining places
- Wednesday 14th November 2018 - 4 remaining places
- Thursday 6th December 2018 - 9 remaining places

### GROUP BOOKINGS

We can run this course at your organisation. If you have a group of 6 or more employees requiring training, we can run this course on a private basis, at a venue of your choice on a date that suits you.

We can tailor the course to meet your needs and requirements. Contact us to find out more and get a bespoke quote.

### HOW TO BOOK

Book your place by calling our training services team: Tel: 0300 304 9080  
Email: [training@BSG ltd.co.uk](mailto:training@BSG ltd.co.uk).

## OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH: FACTS AND FIGURES

### Ill health

HSE estimates that there are 1.2 million cases of ill health annually, caused or made worse by work, with 22.3 million working days lost due to work-related illness.

Stress, depression or anxiety and musculoskeletal disorders accounted for the majority of days lost due to work-related ill health, 9.9 and 9.5 million days respectively.



Around 80% of new work-related conditions were either musculoskeletal disorders, stress, depression or anxiety.

### Cost

27.3 million working days are lost annually due to work-related injury and illness. The cost to British employers of health and safety failure was estimated to be £2.8 billion in 2013/14.

### Penalties

Those found guilty in a magistrate's court of health and safety offences can face fines of up to £20,000 and/or up to 12 months imprisonment. Conviction in a Crown Court can result in an unlimited fine and/or a period of imprisonment of up to two years.





## WWT: REFURBISHMENT & WORKING WELL AT HEIGHT EVENT



The Building Safety Group attending a Working Well Together event: Refurbishment & Working Well at Height on the 4th of September 2018. BSG exhibited the event and many BSG members also attended.

The half day, free session focused on Refurbishment and Working at Height, providing self-employed builders and small construction companies with practical up to date information, help and advice. The information given on the day helped attendees take action to protect themselves and their employees' future health, safety and wellbeing.

The Working Well Together groups usually run more than 60 events across England, Scotland and Wales every year. Most of the events are free to attend. For more information about their upcoming events, please visit WWT's website: <http://wwt.uk.com/eventsall/9/2018.aspx>

## BSG ACHIEVES 94% PASS RATE FOR NEBOSH COURSE

BSG is delighted to announce that we achieved a 94% pass rate for our most recent NEBOSH National Construction Certificate course.

Yet again, we have significantly exceeded the national average, last reported as 73%, a testament to our dedicated training team.

The NEBOSH Construction Certificate is cited in the PAS 91: 2013 as evidence of health and safety competence, as required under the CDM (2015) Regulations.

Through this course, we have enabled principal designers and contractors to gain the necessary certified knowledge and skills to comply with the regulations. But also, supervisors, managers and others with health and safety responsibilities have benefited.

During the course, the content includes;

- Legal health and safety requirements in construction and their management.
- Identification and control of hazards in construction activities.
- Practical application of construction health and safety.

Our next course commences on the 20th of February 2019, for further details please contact our training team. T: 030 0304 9080 or E: [training@bsgltd.co.uk](mailto:training@bsgltd.co.uk).

## BSG GETS CPD ACCREDITATION

We are pleased to announce that all of our courses are certified and accredited by a range of different training organisations and bodies. Providing further peace of mind that our courses are to the correct standard and are up to date.

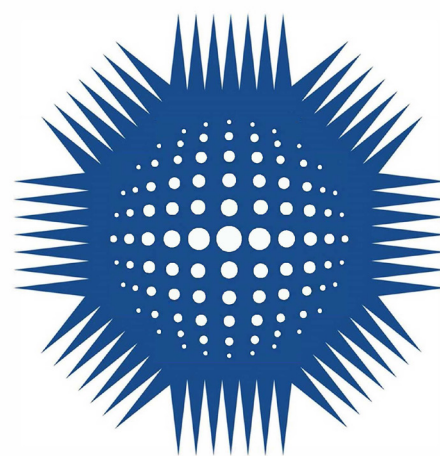
This means that the course meets stringent criteria to ensure the quality both of the content and the teaching. It also means that the qualification that you receive at the end is nationally recognised and can support you when applying for positions and development in your career.

Furthermore, we have recently added three new courses to the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Accreditation Scheme. The following courses are accredited with CPD:

- BSG Environmental Awareness in Construction (new)
- BSG Health and Safety Awareness (new)
- BSG Temporary Works Awareness (new)
- CDM 2015
- Directors Responsibilities
- Risk Assessments and Method Statements
- Scaffold Inspection and Appreciation



This means that by attending one of our CPD accredited courses and completing it you will continue to keep your knowledge and skills up to date, helping you remain competent and effective in your role. You will also, on completion, receive a certificate of attendance to attach to your CPD log, as evidence of your development.



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## CSCS NEW SMART TECH MICROSITE LAUNCHED

CSCS has launched a new website all about the CSCS Go Smart app. Go Smart reads CSCS cards electronically and records card details automatically. This can save your site time and money.

### WHAT IS GO SMART?

Go Smart is the construction industry app for reading CSCS cards electronically. It can be used both online and offline allowing you to check cards even when you have no connectivity.

Go Smart can also be used to read cards issued by many of CSCS's Partner Card schemes.



### GO SMART IS AVAILABLE FOR:

Android smartphones and tablets

PCs and laptops

iPhones and iPads - Go Smart for Apple can currently only be used to read virtual smartcards or Partner Cards which have a QR code. This is due to restrictions imposed by Apple on using NFC on Apple devices.

### WHY USE GO SMART?

By using Go Smart you access the most up-to-date information in real-time to validate the identity and qualifications of a cardholder, making it easy to identify "fake" and expired cards, improving health and safety in construction for all.

### A quick and simple card read enables you to:

- Check for updates since the card was issued;
- Check that the card is valid;
- Check that cardholders have the required training and qualifications for the type of work they are doing;
- Record that a card has been checked, with the time and location, where available;
- Capture cardholder information, avoiding the need to keep paper records.

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

Go Smart reads the information stored on the CSCS card which includes the card holder's identification and the qualifications they hold. This information is displayed on your smartphone, tablet, PC or laptop. This not only reduces the possibility of card fraud but also makes capturing and storing the information on the cards much quicker and more efficient.

### For smartcards

Go Smart reads the information stored on smartcards issued by CSCS and many Partner Card Schemes by reading the chip embedded in the card.

If the device that Go Smart is installed on is not connected to the internet, Go Smart simply reads the data stored in the card chip and presents it on screen.

If the device is connected to the internet, Go Smart also checks to see if the card has been cancelled, suspended or updated. Go Smart then updates the data in the card chip, before displaying the cardholder's details on screen.

### For virtual smartcards

Go Smart also reads virtual cards issued by some Partner Card Schemes by using encrypted, short-life QR codes.

Virtual smartcards are cards stored on a smartphone or tablet in an app called Vircarda and can be installed on Android, iOS and Windows Phone mobile devices.

If the device that Go Smart is installed on is not connected to the internet, Go Smart reads the basic information about the card, records the card and then runs a complete check once the device connects to the internet.

If the device is connected to the internet, Go Smart will download a copy of the card along with the time and GPS co-ordinates of the card read, where available. This provides a complete audit trail of card reads and sends a notification to the cardholder, if they have notifications switched on, on their smartphone or tablet.

For more information please visit <https://www.gosmart.co.uk/>





## CONSTRUCTION FIRM AND DIRECTOR FINED FOR SAFETY BREACHES

A company and its director have been fined for failure to comply with a prohibition and improvement notice.

Southwark Crown Court heard how, on 31 March 2016, Awad (UK) Ltd, under the control of its director Andrzej Wilk, was issued with a prohibition notice on site where it was found that persons were at serious risk of fall and injury from the unprotected edges at the site. The court also heard that the company was issued with an improvement notice on 4 April 2016 for failure to provide adequate and suitable welfare facilities at the site.

An investigation by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) found Awad (UK) Ltd and Andrzej Wilk had not taken steps to comply with the prohibition notice preventing any work near the open edges where there was a risk of fall and injury to persons. The investigation also found that Awad (UK) Ltd and Andrzej Wilk had not complied with the improvement notice requiring the provision of adequate and sufficient welfare facilities.

Awad (UK) Ltd of Fourth Way, Wembley, Middlesex pleaded guilty to breaching Regulation 6(3) of the Work at Height Regulations 2005 and Section 21 and 22 of the Health & Safety at Work etc Act 1974. The company has been fined £37,500 and ordered to pay costs of £10,000.

Andrzej Wilk of Beresford Avenue, Surbiton pleaded guilty to breaching Section 37 of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and was fined £7,500 and ordered to pay costs of £10,000.

## COMPANY FINED FOR FAILING TO UNDERTAKE ASBESTOS ASSESSMENT

A property management company has today been sentenced after failing to carry out an asbestos survey prior to undertaking extensive refurbishment works.

Huntingdon Magistrates' Court heard how, between April and May 2017, Thistlemoor Healthcare and Management Ltd undertook construction work at two properties, one of which was part of a medical centre in Peterborough. In this time, the company failed to carry out an asbestos survey for either property, both of which were likely to contain asbestos.

An investigation by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) found the company undertook and carried out construction which was likely to disturb asbestos containing materials during the strip out and part demolition of the two properties. Despite this, the company failed in its duty to carry out an asbestos survey for either property.

Thistlemoor Healthcare and Management Ltd of Thistlemoor Road, Peterborough pleaded guilty to breaching Regulation 5 of Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 and has been fined £15,000 and ordered to pay costs of £1,805.60.

Speaking after the hearing, HSE inspector Samantha Wells said: "The risk of exposure to asbestos could so easily have been avoided if the company had carried out a suitable and sufficient asbestos assessment to identify the presence of asbestos within properties prior to commencing refurbishment work.

"Companies should be aware HSE will not hesitate to take appropriate enforcement action against those that fall below the required standards."



# BSG TRAINING VENUES



## BSG TRAINING CENTRE, BRISTOL

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### CITB CERTIFICATE EXPIRY

A reminder that for the CITB Site Safety Plus scheme, the refresher course must be attended before the certificate expires. Failure to do this will result in the delegate being required to complete the full course again.

For any queries in relation to this, please contact the training team.



### COURSES

Need a course in a location closer to you? If you have a group of 6 or more employees requiring training, we offer all of our courses on a private basis. Held at a venue of your choice on a date that suits you, we can tailor the course to meet your needs and requirements. Contact us and find out more.

### BSG PHONE NUMBERS

BSG have updated their phone system, please see the new numbers below:

Training: 0300 304 9080

Accounts: 0300 304 9060

Marketing: 0300 304 9090

Membership/Technical Support: 0300 304 9070



## BSG PODCASTS

BSG provides a range of Health and Safety podcasts which address critical Health and Safety issues facing the construction industry. You can view them all below:

**Dust on Construction Sites:** During the podcast, Chris Chapman, Technical Support Manager at BSG discusses which construction tasks produce high levels of dust and how companies can prevent or adequately control construction dust risks.

**Directors Responsibilities:** This podcast provides directors and other senior professionals with a comprehensive understanding of their liabilities and obligations when implementing a Health and Safety strategy. It also offers guidance and practical advice on what should be included in a company's Health and Safety policy.

**Manual Handling:** Chris Chapman summarises the criteria used when carrying out manual handling assessments, the statutory obligations placed on managers and the techniques used to reduce manual handling injuries

**Occupational Health podcast:** Our Occupational Health podcast examines the actions that must be taken to ensure successful management of Occupational Health in the workplace. Focus is directed towards how companies can reduce costs as well as improve the health and wellbeing of construction workers.

**General Legislation podcast:** The Podcast aims to breakdown and simplify the Health & Safety at Work Act by reviewing key legislation which is relevant for the construction industry.

**Special Considerations for Timber Frame Construction podcast:** Chris Chapman explains the extra measures which need to be taken because of the added fire risk.

Members can view the podcasts by logging into the 'BSG Secure Information Area'.

Visit our website to login: <http://www.bsgltd.co.uk/secure/>

Alternatively, please watch our podcasts on our Youtube channel: [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLESO\\_J4Fc9TeUlcK\\_GXxegFS\\_jvfXdtSQ](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLESO_J4Fc9TeUlcK_GXxegFS_jvfXdtSQ)

### UPCOMING PODCASTS INCLUDE:

**Carrying out a Risk Assessment:** Chris Chapman will summarise the key requirements needed in a risk assessment, including the things you need consider when making the assessment. He will also examine how you set realistic controls and monitor the effectiveness of the assessment.

**The Dangers of Vibration:** Chris Chapman will highlight the dangers of vibration to the body, identify the different systems of measuring and managing exposures and explain how to measure work exposure limits.

## TRAINING COURSE STARTING SOON...

- Site Management Safety Training Scheme (SMSTS) (5 days) – 24, 25, 26, 27 & 28 September 2018 (Bristol), 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 October 2018 (Bristol), 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 October 2018 (Exeter)
- CITB Health and Safety Awareness (1 day) – 20 September 2018 (Bristol)
- Site Supervisor Safety Training Scheme Refresher (1 day) – 25 September 2018 (Bristol)
- Site Supervisor Safety Training Scheme (2 days) – 26 & 27 September 2018 (Bristol)
- Scaffold Inspection and Appreciation (2 days) – 27 & 28 September 2018 (Bristol)
- Emergency First Aid at Work (1 day) – 2 October 2018 (Bristol)
- Non-Licensed Asbestos Work (1 day) – 5 October 2018 (Bristol)
- CDM Awareness 2015 (1 day) – 11 October 2018 (Bristol)

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