



The Building Safety Group

Your Partners in Health, Safety & Environmental Welfare

Contractor Assessment Service (CAS)

BSG's 'Contractor Assessment Service' (CAS) is free of charge and exclusive to our members. It has been set up to help **Principal Contractors** evaluate their subcontractors' health and safety competence. The service has been developed by BSG's highly qualified advisors, using the core elements of **SSIP Core Criteria**, **PAS 91**, **Common Assessment Standard** as well as **CDM** regulations. The BSG senior managers responsible for constructing 'CAS' are all Chartered members of the **Institution of Occupational Safety and Health**.



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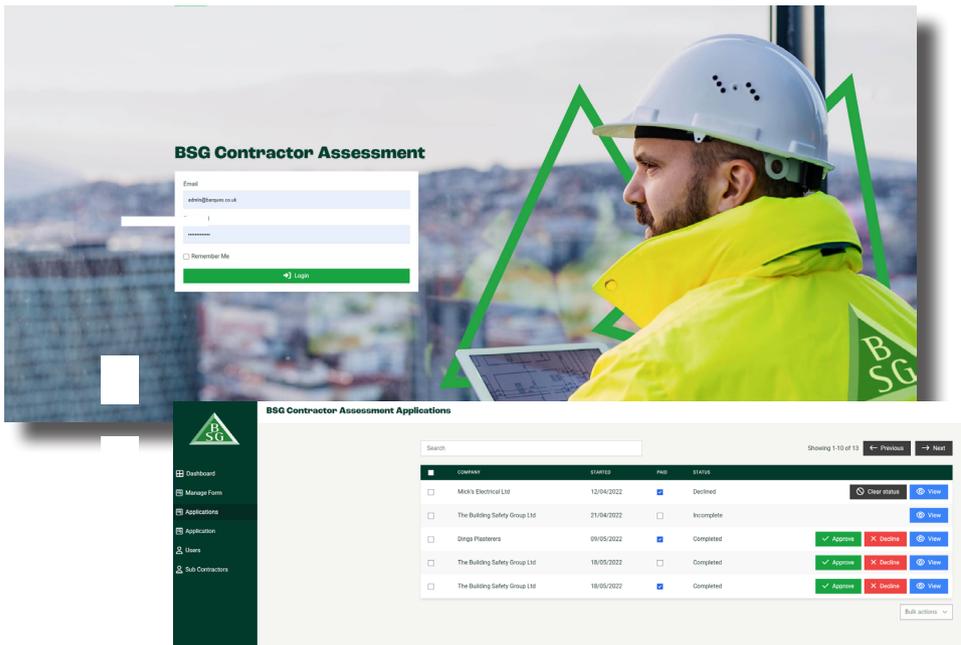
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BSG Contractor Assessment Service Online Portal

Principal Contractor Liability

As many BSG members will be aware, companies have a duty of care to ensure that any contractor appointed is competent to perform tasks safely, without unacceptable risks to other employees, members of the public as well as others on site. When an accident does occur, through the negligence of a sub-contractor, the **Principal Contractor (PC)** can also be liable if it did not take the necessary steps to appraise the company employed and perform management checks to ensure that the agreed standards of operation were being carried out correctly.

Sub-contractors should only be allowed to carry out work on site if they have been vetted and approved by the Principal Contractor. Even if the same sub-contractor has been used for a number of years, **Principal Contractors** may still need to regularly assess them to ensure that their business is adhering to its legal obligations – as detailed in **regulation 8 of CDM 2015: Managing Health & Safety in construction L15**.

How can BSG help?

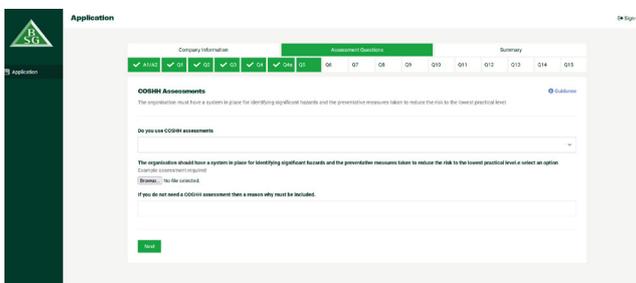
BSG can help by **assessing the health and safety competence** of a sub-contractor before a contract is awarded, or for contractors that are already employed. Companies that meet the required health and safety standards set by BSG's accreditation will be approved to work with the BSG Member (Principal Contractor). Those companies which are declined will be invited to work with BSG to improve their health and safety competence to an acceptable standard.

What does it cost?

The cost is **£102**, which is chargeable to the **sub-contractor** making the application to be assessed. BSG members that use the service will be able to login and view their sub-contractors' applications online.

How does it work?

BSG members that would like to use our **Contractor Assessment Service** can register and invite their sub-contractors to apply for BSG's accreditation through an **online portal**.



Sub-contractors submit their applications for assessment using BSG's Contractor Assessment Portal

Why should my company use this service?

BSG's new Contractor Assessment Service can support your business by;

- Determining if a contractor is compliant with current health and safety legislation and guidance
- Providing you with evidence of a contractor's appropriate accreditations and qualifications relevant to the task they intend to perform
- Obtaining a copy of the contractor's health and safety policy
- Building a comprehensive knowledge base of your contractors' health and safety experience and expertise

- Establish whether a contractor can demonstrate relevant health and safety experience
- Obtaining risk assessments produced by the contractor in the last twelve months, covering the full range of work activities pertinent to the job
- Compiling details about a contractor's safe systems of work and / or method statements
- Gathering information about the contractor's job / task monitoring arrangements
- Reviewing and evaluating the information provided by the contractor to see if the company satisfies PAS 91 Receive



Members can view their Sub-contractors' applications using BSG's Contractor Assessment Portal

What to do next ...

If you would like to use our Contractor Assessment Service (CAS), please send an email to bsgcas@bsgltd.co.uk with details of the approximate number of sub-contractors you would like us to assess. We will then register you for access to our online portal.

About BSG

The Building Safety Group (BSG) is the UK's largest independent 'not for profit' organisation, specialising in health, safety and environmental advice for the benefit of its members. We provide a range of Health and Safety services to over 800 member companies and 3000 workplaces throughout the UK. BSG conducts, on average, 20,000 site inspections every year and trains more than 10,000 operatives. By becoming a BSG member your business will receive the strength and assurance of a national group, together with the benefit of local representation through our network of regional advisers.