

Information for SKILLcard holders with expired SKILLcards from mid-March

Following the recent announcements from CITB regarding the closure of HS&E test centres and CSCS calling for flexibility shown towards expired CSCS or Partner Card Scheme cards such as SKILLcard, the following response in support of the CSCS calls was given by SKILLcard.

This page contains links to the CSCS news page with further information.

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Please also see the summary and links to further information below regarding the CITB and CSCS announcements.

CITB Announcement

CITB announced that Pearson Vue HS&E test centres would close until further notice from Friday 20th March 2020. This temporary closure will be monitored on a weekly basis.

CITB urgent messages page: <https://www.citb.co.uk/urgent-messages/>

Once on this page expand the "HS&E Test" banner to read further info on the;

- Impact of renewals
- SKILLcard are supporting the calls from CSCS for site managers to show leniency towards staff with expired SKILLcards because operatives are unable to sit their tests due to the closure of testing centres last Friday to help stem the outbreak of COVID-19.
- See full news here. <https://www.skillcard.org.uk/sites-should-accept-expired-skillcards-during-covid-19-crisis-says-besa/>



- Independent Internet Test Centres
 - ITCs are operated by colleges and training providers who have been approved by CITB to provide testing facilities for tests such as the HS&E test.
 - From the info we have from CITB, some ITC's are still accepting bookings but we have no way of being able to identify which ITC's these are and how long this will continue for.
- Candidate support
 - CITB are working closely with Pearson Vue who operate the main network of HS&E test centres to ensure that support is in place to reschedule or refund the candidates test if canceled.
 - CITB are also working with Pearson Vue to explore options that will ensure the capacity of testing centres is maximised when the test centres re-open.

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CSCS Announcement

Following the announcement from CITB as above, CSCS released a statement with the main message being as follows:

- CSCS requested that employers and those responsible for site access and card checking procedures to use their discretion towards workers whose cards have expired since mid-March onward and who can provide evidence that they have been unable to sit their test or undertake the required training as a result of the closure of the test/training centres.
- They stressed that "this is at the employer's discretion until the situation has stabilised".

<https://www.cscs.uk.com/applying-for-cards/covid-19/>

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