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FAO BEABF - Awarding Organisation's
CITB Standards and Qualifications

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**Re: RQF Level 1 Award in Health and Safety in a Construction Environment
Background**

CSCS made a decision in 2012 to make the QCF (now RQF) Level 1 Award in Health and Safety in a Construction Environment a mandatory requirement of attaining a CSCS Labourers Card. The achievement of the CITB Health, Safety and Environment touch screen test is additionally required.

The RQF Level 1 Award in Health and Safety in a Construction Environment was developed in response to a Health and Safety Executive (HSE) report which identified a number of key areas that it did not feel was covered in sufficient depth with the training and testing of labourers.

CITB as the Standards Setting Body develops the unit in consultation with construction employers and issues the unit along with a support letter to Awarding Organisation to enable them to submit for registration. CITB will continue to keep the unit maintained and updated for use by Awarding Organisations (AOs).

Assessment Requirements

The qualification comprises a number of Learning Outcomes with associated Assessment Criteria. It was a deliberate requirement that each associated individual assessment criteria be formally assessed within its own right.

It has come to the attention of CSCS, that following changes to the criteria around Assessment Criteria, there is now inconsistency with the assessment of the Level 1 Award in Health and Safety in a Construction Environment. Some AOs continue to employ an assessment strategy that ensures that each individual Assessment Criteria is formally assessed whilst others have now implemented a straight forward percentage pass across Learning Outcomes.

CSCS remains committed to adhering to the HSE recommendations that underpinned the original development of this qualification and continues to require that each Assessment Criteria is assessed within its own right with learners having to pass that assessment.

Recommendations

It is requested that members of the BEABF contact CSCS to confirm that their assessment strategy for the Level 1 Award in Health and Safety in a Construction Environment ensures that each Assessment Criteria continues to be assessed within its own right with learners having to pass that assessment.

CSCS will enter into discussion with each AO over its recognition status against the awarding of the CSCS Labourer card.