



### **The new route to apply for a Curtain Walling Installer CSCS Q-card from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021.**

Since 2017 glass, glazing or fenestration CSCS cards have only been available via GQA Qualifications. CAB has partnered with GQA to develop a route to obtain a newly created CAB Curtain Walling Installers CSCS Q-Card (Skilled Worker card).

Following extensive discussions there is now a new route for curtain walling installers to achieve their CSCS Q-Card.

### **From the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021, the only route for applicants to follow for their CSCS cards will be the CAB Curtain Walling Installer CSCS Q-Card.**

The route involves several new steps whether the installer is a new entrant or renewing a CSCS card with or without a relevant NVQ. These are laid out below but will include the 'CAB 1-day Curtain Walling Essential Knowledge' course, and a systems house training day. The CAB training course has been developed by the CAB Training Committee as one of the mandatory elements in achieving a CAB Curtain Walling Installers CSCS Q-card.

**Please note, Curtain Walling Installers looking to renew an existing CSCS card or apply for their first CSCS Q-card but cannot fulfil all scheme requirements at the time of application will be issued with a 12-month temporary card which will give them the opportunity to meet the appropriate criteria below with effect from 1 May 2021**

#### ***CAB 1-day Curtain Walling Essential Knowledge Course***

Candidates will attend the training at 'GQA Approved Training Providers' who will deliver the CAB course and who will guide candidates through the various steps to achieve the CAB Curtain Walling Installers CSCS Q-Card. In order to allow time for those Installers needing to undertake further CPD, training or qualifications to pass through the new route, a one-year temporary card will be available. Within this one-year period the appropriate qualification will need to be achieved as the temporary card will expire after this period has passed and will not be able to be renewed. Installers can get on site with their temporary card as long as they have passed the Health & Safety test and are registered for and working towards a qualification.

Those candidates, who are new to the Industry and are undergoing training such as apprenticeships, can apply for a trainee card which lasts for a period of 2 years.

To ensure the whole process is kept up to date and continues to meet best practice, the Approved Training Providers will take part in regular formal review meetings with CAB, GQA and systems house experts.

### **Applying for the CAB Curtain Wall Installers CSCS Q-Card**

There are different processes to follow depending on the type of card you are applying for, the following outlines the process for each type:

#### **1. Apprentice / New to the industry**

Individuals who are new to the industry, will need to apply for a Trainee Card, within the 2 years this card lasts for they will need to achieve the following steps before, they can apply for a full CSCS Q-Card The route to apply for this card is as follows:

- Must have passed the GQA H&S Assessment test or have achieved the CITB Health, Safety and Environment test within the last 2 years
- Must be registered for the relevant Curtain Wall Installer NVQ / SVQ qualification or Fenestration Installation qualification in the context of Curtain Wall installation

As explained above, during the 2 year lifespan of the card, individuals :

- Must have attended the *CAB 1-day Curtain Walling Essential Knowledge* course and successfully completed the end of course assessment
- Must have attended a *1-day 'Independently Assessed' System House Product Training Day* and successfully completed the end of course test

#### **3.2. Experienced worker who does not have the relevant NVQ / SVQ qualification**

Individuals who are applying for the Curtain Wall Installer CSCS Q-card who have experience in the industry, but no qualification will need to apply for a temporary card. Within the 12 months this card lasts for they will need to achieve the following steps, before they can apply for a full CSCS Q-Card.

The route to apply for this card is as follows:

- Must have passed the GQA H&S Assessment test or have achieved the CITB Health, Safety and Environment test within the last 2 years
- Must be registered for the NVQ / SVQ Curtain Wall Installer qualification or a Fenestration Installation NVQ / SVQ Qualification with the Curtain Walling Endorsement.

During the 12 months' lifespan of this card, individuals:

- Must have attended the '*CAB 1-day Curtain Walling Essential Knowledge*' course within the past 12 months and successfully completed the end of course assessment
- Must have attended a *1-day 'Independently Assessed' System House Product Training Day* within the past 2 years and successfully completed the end of course test

**4.3. \_\_\_\_\_ Installer has the relevant NVQ/SVQ qualification – applying for 1st CSCS Q-card**

For those people who have already achieved their Level 2 Curtain Wall Installers qualification and want to apply for a Full card but have not completed the CAB course and the systems house product training day, a temporary CSCS Q-card will be issued. The route to apply for this card is as follows:

- Must have passed the GQA H&S Assessment test or have achieved the CITB Health, Safety and Environment test within the last 2 years
- Auditable and verifiable proof of achievement of relevant qualification either the Level 2 Curtain Wall Installer or the Level 3 Fenestration Qualification with the Curtain Walling Endorsement

During the 12 months' lifespan of the card, individuals:

- Must have attended the '*CAB 1-day Curtain Walling Essential Knowledge*' course within the past 12 months and successfully completed the end of course assessment
- Must have attended a *1-day 'Independently Assessed' System House Product Training Day* within the past 2 years and successfully completed the end of course test

**5.4. \_\_\_\_\_ Installer has the NVQ/SVQ Curtain Wall Installer qualification – applying for renewal CSCS Q-Card**

For those people who have already achieved their Level 2 Curtain Wall Installers qualification, hold a CSCS card, and want to apply for a renewal card, and have not completed the CAB Training course and the system's house training day, a temporary CSCS Q-card will be issued. The route to apply for this card is as follows:

- Must have passed the GQA H&S Assessment test or have achieved the CITB Health, Safety and Environment test within the last 2 years
- Must have achieved the Curtain Wall Installer Competency Update Qualification

During the 12 months' lifespan of the card, individuals:

- Must have attended the '*CAB 1-day Curtain Walling Essential Knowledge*' course within the past 12 months and successfully completed the end of course assessment
- Must have attended a *1-day 'Independently Assessed' System House Product Training Day* within the past 2 years and successfully completed the end of course test

#### **6.5. Industry Accreditation**

CSCS have taken the decision that for all CSCS card renewals, industry accreditation (grandfather rights) will no longer be a recognised route for card renewal. Anyone who currently has a CSCS card achieved through industry accreditation and wants to apply for a new card will be awarded a temporary CSCS Q-Card . The route to apply for this card is as follows:

- Must have passed the GQA H&S Assessment test or have achieved the CITB Health, Safety and Environment test within the last 2 years
- Must be registered for the NVQ / SVQ Curtain Wall Installer qualification or the Level 3 Fenestration Qualification with the Curtain Walling Endorsement

During the 12 months' lifespan of the card, individuals:

- Must have attended the '*CAB 1-day Curtain Walling Essential Knowledge*' course within the past 12 months and successfully completed the end of course assessment
- Must have attended a *1-day 'Independently Assessed' System House Product Training Day* within the past 2 years and successfully completed the end of course test