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INTRODUCTION

The Construction Industry Scaffolders Record Scheme (CISRS) has been operating within the UK for over 50 years. It is the industry recognised qualification for those working within the scaffolding and access sector.

The scheme provides a comprehensive range of courses for scaffolding operatives, supervisors and managers and scaffold inspectors. These courses incorporate both practical and theoretical elements and assessment.

CISRS ensures that the scheme remains current, valid and robust by incorporating all relevant legislative, technical and health & safety changes.

The scheme was originally introduced in the late 1960's but training began in earnest after 1979, following the development of formal Part 1, Part 2 and Advanced courses. Since then, tens of thousands of scaffolders have undertaken CISRS training.

The scheme is highly respected not only in the UK but worldwide. Lots of UK/European large clients and scaffolding contractors work globally and word of the CISRS scheme has spread far and wide.

Following a period of CISRS training centres offering 'in-house' training to international clients, it became apparent that a standardised CISRS approved scheme was in high demand and work began on developing a CISRS training programme. In 2013 CISRS launched the Overseas Scaffolders Training Scheme (OSTS).

The OSTs scheme mirrors the UK scheme in programme content and practical training delivery. The same stringent auditing standards and criteria apply to CISRS OSTs centres.

Whilst regulations may differ from country to country, all employers have legal duties to ensure that scaffolders are adequately trained in the work equipment they use. The training provided by the CISRS Overseas Scaffolders Training Scheme (OSTS), is based directly on the CISRS UK Scheme, but has been tailored to suit the specific needs and requirements of the overseas scaffolding and access industry.

SCOPE OF THE OSTs SCHEME

There are four categories of CISRS OSTs courses

1. Scaffolding Operative Training
2. Scaffold Inspector Training
3. Scaffolding Management and Supervisory Training
4. Scaffolding Awareness Training

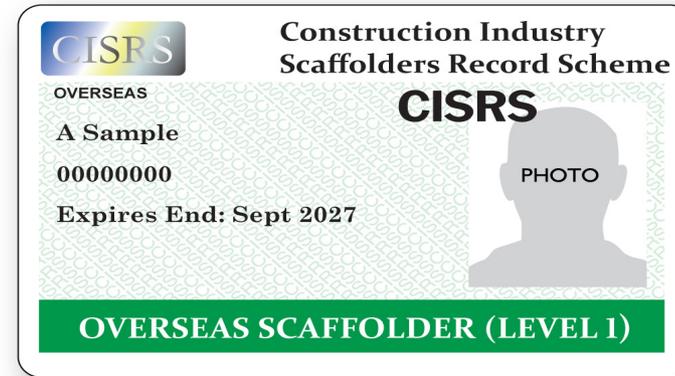
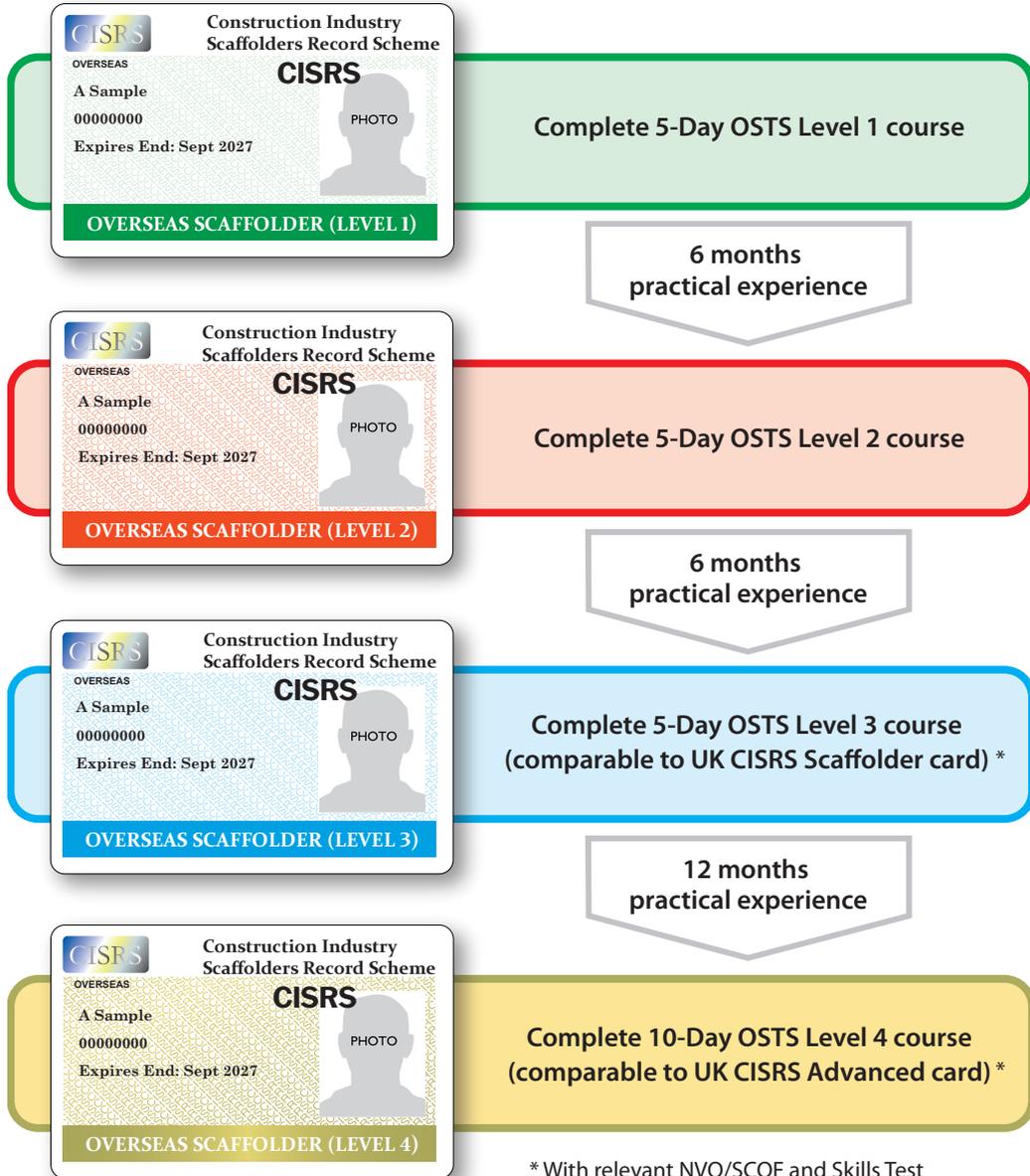
CISRS OSTs courses can only be delivered by CISRS OSTs accredited centres which have been audited and approved by CISRS.

To ensure the quality of the training to be provided, accreditation is restricted to existing UK CISRS accredited centres or companies working in partnership with an existing UK CISRS accredited centre.

The OSTs scheme is now in its tenth year and has grown into an internationally recognised qualification. It has approved training centres in 20 worldwide locations and there are now over 20,000 CISRS OSTs card holders who have successfully completed training.

The work of CISRS has made a significant contribution to reducing the number of accidents associated with scaffolding, by continuing to deliver training that reflects best practice and industry guidance. CISRS OSTs cardholders benefit from the proper recognition of their skills and abilities by being able to show, that by completing CISRS OSTs training and assessment, they have achieved the standards recognised and desired by industry.

CISRS OSTS Scaffolding Operative Training – Progression Chart



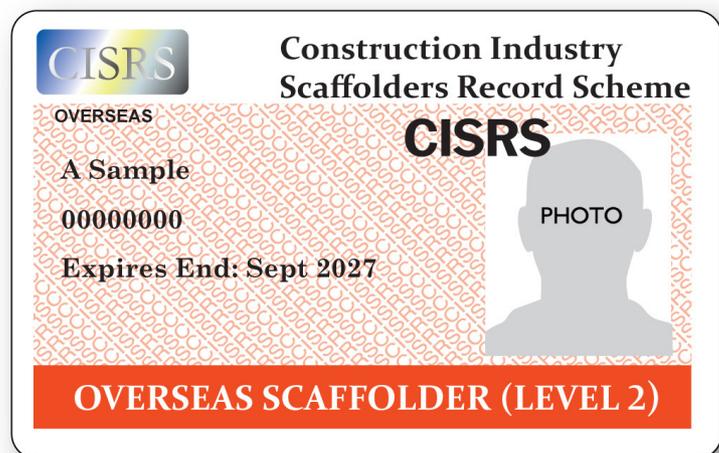
1. OSTS SCAFFOLDING OPERATIVE TRAINING

The CISRS Overseas Scaffolder - operative training programme is divided into four levels:

CISRS OSTS SCAFFOLDER LEVEL 1

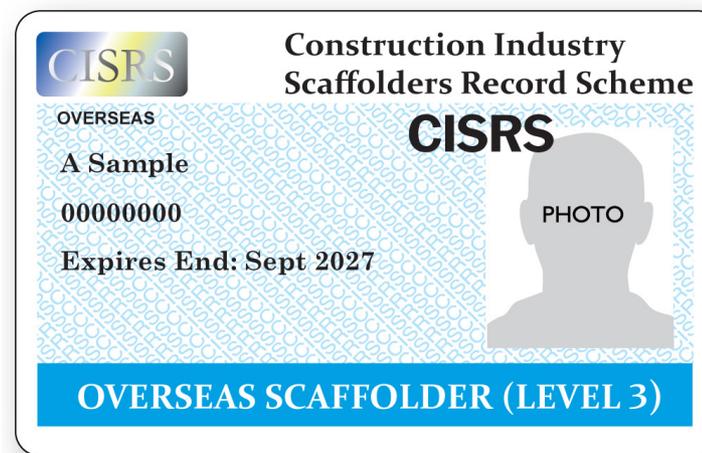
- Prior to attending a Level 1 course delegates are required to have a minimum of 6 months experience working with scaffolding and has been provided with suitable H&S Induction Training.
- Delegates must attend a 5-day Level 1 course.
- Delegates must successfully complete theory tests and practical assessments.
- Delegates will then have achieved Overseas Scaffolder Level 1 status and will be issued with certificate and record card, which will be valid for 5 years.
- This card cannot be renewed and the holder should progress to OSTS Level 2 at this point to receive a CISRS OSTS Level 2 card.
- The card holder will be eligible to attend Overseas Scaffolder Level 2 training upon completion of 6 months practical experience.





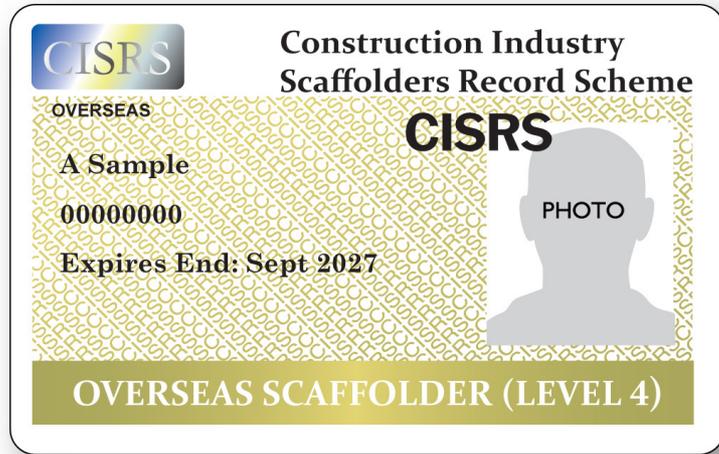
CISRS OSTS SCAFFOLDER LEVEL 2

- Prior to attending a Level 2 course delegates are required to have a minimum of 6 months relevant scaffolding experience and to have held their CISRS OSTs Level 1 card for a minimum of 6 months.
- Delegates must attend a 5-day Level 2 course.
- Delegates must successfully complete theory tests and practical assessments.
- Delegates will then have achieved Overseas Scaffolders Level 2 status and will be issued with certificate and record card, which will be valid for 5 years.
- This card cannot be renewed and the holder should progress to OSTs Level 3 at this point to receive a CISRS OSTs Level 3 card.
- The card holder will be eligible to attend Overseas Scaffolders Level 3 training upon completion of 6 months practical experience.



CISRS OSTS SCAFFOLDER LEVEL 3

- Prior to attending a Level 3 course, delegates are required to have a minimum of 6 months relevant scaffolding experience and to have held their CISRS OSTs Level 2 card for a minimum of 6 months.
- Delegates must attend a 5-day Level 3 course.
- Delegates must successfully complete theory tests and practical assessments.
- Delegates will then have achieved Overseas Scaffolders Level 3 status and will be issued with certificate and record card, which will be valid for 5 years.
- The card holder will be eligible to attend Overseas Scaffolders Level 4 training upon completion of 12 months practical experience.
- To renew this card, delegate must attend a Level 3 CPD Refresher Course. More information about CPD can be found in Section 1.2.
- Those delegates who have successfully achieved Overseas Scaffolders Level 3 status, have completed the same practical course content as a UK CISRS Scaffolders card holder.



CISRS OSTS SCAFFOLDER LEVEL 4

- Prior to attending a Level 4 course, delegates are required to have a minimum of 12 months relevant scaffolding experience and to have held their CISRS OSTS Level 3 card for a minimum of 12 months.
- Delegate must attend a 10-day Level 4 course.
- Delegate must successfully complete theory tests and practical assessments.
- Delegate will then have achieved Overseas Scaffolder Level 4 status and will be issued with certificate and record card, which will be valid for 5 years.
- To renew this card, delegate must attend a Level 4 CPD Refresher Course. More information about CPD can be found in Section 1.2.
- Those delegates who have successfully achieved Overseas Scaffolder Level 3 status, have completed the same practical course content as a UK CISRS Advanced card holder.



1.2 CPD

OSTS CPD was introduced to the scheme in 2018. This training is available for Level 3 and Level 4 card renewals. The 2-day training course aims to update card holders' knowledge and skills required to enable them to continue, to erect, alter and dismantle scaffolding structures up to the level of training achieved.

2. CISRS OSTS SCAFFOLD INSPECTION TRAINING

CISRS OSTS Scaffold Inspection training is aimed at individuals looking to acquire the skills and knowledge to carry out statutory scaffold inspections in accordance with local regulations and international good practice.

- Individuals who meet at least one of the following, will be deemed to have met the entry criteria:
 - Holds a current OSTS Level 3 card or above
 - Holds a current OSTS Supervisor card
 - Holds a current or expired OSTS Basic Scaffold Inspection card

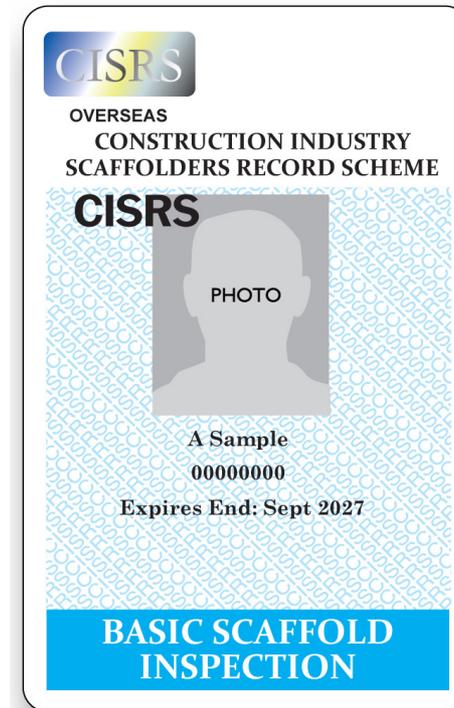
Individuals not holding one of these CISRS cards will be required to submit a CISRS Basic Scaffold Inspection Delegate Check Form with contactable references and or/certificates. This form will need to include confirmation from an employer that the delegate has awareness and experience of scaffolding structures gained via their role within industry and confirmation that the delegate has had a minimum of 2 years of experience in this role. Examples of acceptable roles are – Scaffold Designer, Contracts Manager, Engineer, Site Agent/Manager, H&S Manager, HSE Inspector.

- Delegates must attend a 3 Day training course.

- Delegates must complete theory and practical tests.

- Delegates who successfully complete the course will be issued with a certificate and a record card which will be valid for 5 years.

- CISRS Course to be repeated after 5 years to renew card.



2.1 CISRS OSTS BASIC SCAFFOLD INSPECTION

- This course is aimed at those who are required to carry out inspections of basic scaffold structures – structures as defined in Level 1, 2 and 3 courses.

2.2 CISRS OSTs ADVANCED SCAFFOLD INSPECTION

■ Aimed at experienced scaffolders who have held a CISRS OSTs Basic Inspectors Card for at least 2 years, who are required to carry out inspections of complex scaffold structures.

■ Delegates wishing to attend this course must meet at least one of the following criteria:

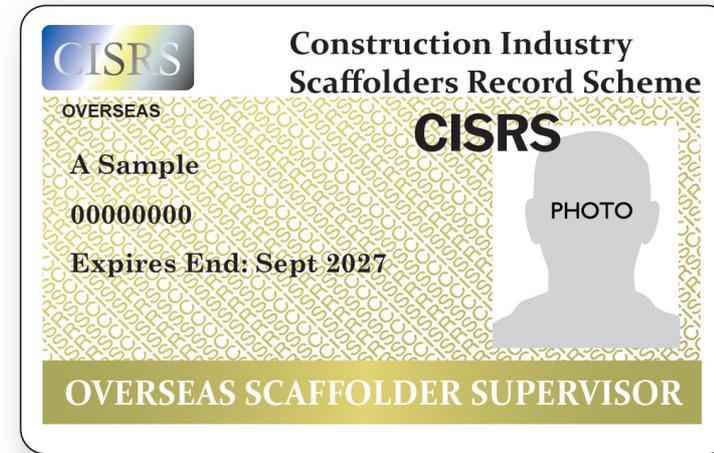
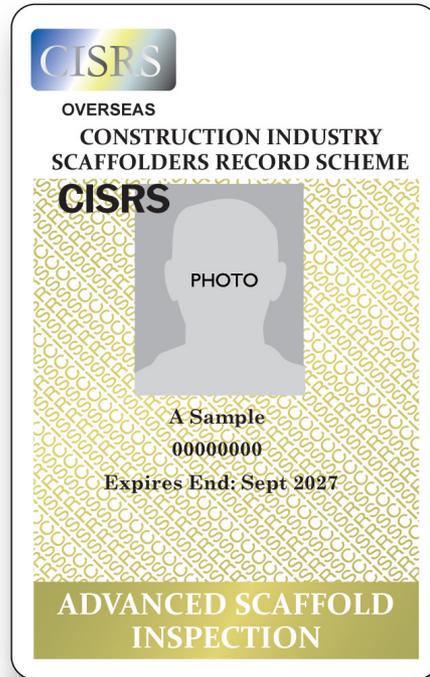
- Have held a CISRS OSTs Basic Scaffold Inspection card for at least 2 years
- Has held a CISRS OSTs Level 3 card for at least 2 years
- Holds a current CISRS OSTs Level 4 card
- Have held a relevant UK CISRS card for the required time

■ Delegates must attend a 2 Day training course

■ Delegates must complete theory and practical tests

■ Successful delegates receive an Advanced Scaffold Inspector Certificate and Advanced Scaffold Inspector Record Card (Valid for 5 Years)

■ CISRS Course to be repeated after 5 years to renew card



3. CISRS OSTs SUPERVISOR

■ OSTs Supervisor training has been developed to meet sector requirements and satisfy local regulations. This 3-day course is designed specifically for people responsible for the supervision and management of scaffolding operatives e.g Charge-hands, Foremen, Supervisors and Managers.

■ To be able to attend this course, delegates require 5 years scaffolding industry experience and should ideally hold a CISRS Scaffolder Level 3 or 4 qualifications (or comparable certification). Employers will be required to complete a CISRS Supervisor Delegate Check Form with contactable references and or/certificates. This form will need to include confirmation from an employer that the delegate has awareness and experience of scaffolding structures gained via their role within industry and confirmation that the delegate has had a minimum of 5 years of experience in this role.

■ Delegates who successfully complete the course will be issued with a certificate a record card, which will be valid for 5 years.

■ Delegates are required to repeat the course to renew their card.

4. SYSTEM SCAFFOLDING PRODUCT TRAINING SCHEME (SSPTS)

The 2-Day CISRS OSTs System Scaffolding Product Training Scheme (SSPTS) recognises the significant differences between the various system scaffold products covered by CISRS. It provides structured training in system scaffold products for operatives who had previously only received training in tube and fittings. The scheme provides scaffolders with the skills and knowledge required for the safe use of the system scaffold product, in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Operatives who successfully complete the SSPTS course will have their CISRS OSTs card endorsed with the system scaffold product in which they have received training.

A list of the system scaffold products in each category can be found at www.cisrs.org.uk

5. CISRS OSTs SCAFFOLDING AWARENESS

The CISRS OSTs 1-Day Scaffolding Awareness course is aimed at NON-SCAFFOLDERS who uses scaffolding as part of their work or has responsibilities for managing site scaffolding operations.

It will provide attendees with a greater understanding and appreciation of the potential dangers of working at height on scaffolds and enable them to identify the core components of a safe scaffold.

This course will also provide the delegate with an insight into scaffold best practice and what they should expect from their scaffold contractor.

The CISRS OSTs Scaffolding Awareness Course will not provide the delegate with any competence relating to scaffold erection, dismantle or inspection.

CISRS does NOT issue a Scaffolding Awareness card, delegates will receive a CISRS certificate upon successful completion of the course.

6. CISRS OSTs CARDS

CISRS OSTs cards display the operative's name, unique card number and photograph, together with the card category. Each card will also show an expiry date.

The rear of the card will repeat the card category and display any additional endorsements the card holder may have achieved.

A CISRS OSTs card should be checked as evidence of completion of training and assessment. CISRS OSTs cards can be checked and verified at –
<https://cardchecker.nocn.org/>

CISRS OSTs cards remain the property of CISRS and can be cancelled or withdrawn if it becomes apparent it was issued under false pretenses.

CISRS reserves the right to take legal action against any person involved in the production of fraudulent copies of CISRS cards.

7. CISRS OSTs ACCREDITED TRAINING CENTRES

This list of CISRS Accredited Training Providers is current at the time of publishing.

Some centres do not operate the full range of CISRS courses, please consult www.cisrs.org.uk or contact the centre directly to confirm what courses are offered.

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