SJIB Circular 04/2021

26 March 2021

**To all SJIB and SELECT Members**

Dear Sir/Madam,

**New ECS Cards - New Health and Safety Requirements**

The SJIB has introduced new ECS cards (see the table below) to replace cards which can no longer be renewed. The SJIB will honour any old card until it expires.

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| **New Cards** | **Old Cards** |
| Electrical Labourer | Labourer |
| Operative | Operative |
| ECS Related Discipline | ECS Related Discipline |
| ECS Manager | Site Manager, Contract Manager, Senior Manager |
| ECS Site Support Occupation | Office Staff, Visitor |

The criteria for each of the new cards has changed, most significantly the Health and Safety requirement.

Applicants applying for any of the new cards will be required to provide the SJIB with evidence that they have completed the appropriate health and safety training. The ECS Health, Safety and Environmental Assessment will **not** be accepted when applying for any of these cards for the first time.

Applicants applying for the new **Electrical Labourer** or **Operative** card must have completed one of the following Health and Safety courses within the last three years:

* SELECT Electrotechnical Site Safety Assessment (TESSA) course; or
* CCNSG Safety Passport – National or Renewal course; or
* CITB Health and Safety Awareness: Site Safety Plus; or
* IOSH Working Safely (IOSH Approved Centre Classroom Invigilated exam only); or
* IOSH Safety, Health & Environmental for Construction Site Workers (IOSH Approved Centre Classroom Invigilated exam only); or
* Safety Passport Alliance (SPA) Core Health and Safety course.

Applicants applying for the new **ECS Related Discipline** card must have completed one of the following Health and Safety courses within the last three years:

* SELECT Electrotechnical Site Safety Assessment (TESSA) course; or
* [ECS Electrical Safety Unit Assessment](https://www.ecscard.org.uk/content/Electrical-Safety-Unit-Assessment) (available through the JIB) plus the ECS Health, Safety and Environmental Assessment or hold a valid approved exemption.

Applicants applying for the new **Site Support** card must have completed one of the following Health and Safety courses within the last three years:

* SELECT Electrotechnical Site Safety Assessment (TESSA) course; or
* CCNSG Safety Passport – National or Renewal course; or
* CITB Health and Safety Awareness: Site Safety Plus; or
* IOSH Working Safely (IOSH Approved Centre Classroom Invigilated exam only); or
* IOSH Safety, Health and Environmental for Construction Site Managers (IOSH Approved Centre Classroom Invigilated exam only); or
* Safety Passport Alliance (SPA) Core Health and Safety course.

Applicants applying for the new **ECS Manager** card must have completed one of the following Health and Safety courses within the last three years:

* CCNSG Safety Passport – Supervising/Leading a Team Safety course
* CITB Site Management Safety Training Scheme (SMSTS)
* CITB Site Supervisor Safety Training Scheme (SSSTS)
* IOSH Safety for Directors
* IOSH Safety, Health and Environmental for Construction Site Managers
* NEBOSH Diploma in Occupational Safety
* UK Degree level Health and Safety qualification

Having met the new health and safety requirements, Applicants renewing these cards may complete the ECS Health, Safety and Environmental Assessment or one of the approved exemptions.

Application forms for the new cards are available from [www.sjib.org.uk](http://www.sjib.org.uk)

Yours faithfully,



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