



Construction Safety Partnership (CSP) Policy Statement Safe Pass & Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS)

The Construction Safety Partnership (CSP) is an alliance of the main stakeholders involved in the Construction Industry in Ireland. The CSP has played a leading role in many successful initiatives aimed at improving safety and health in the construction industry. The CSP led the way in ensuring that the requirements for Safe Pass and Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) were brought into statutory provision in the *Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations*.

Recent developments impacting these schemes include the forthcoming dissolution of FAS and the notification by FETAC that their current award system will not apply to the CSCS scheme with effect from January 1, 2013.

The CSP sets out its policy below in regard to the future of these schemes:

- Safe Pass and CSCS are essentially about ensuring the safety of workers. In CSCS this is achieved through developing and assessing competence to carry out construction related activities safely. In the case of SafePass, it is achieved through raising safety awareness amongst participants.
- Safe Pass and CSCS to continue to place duties on employers and workers as set out in the *Safety Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2006-2010* and Schedules 3 and 4 thereof, until amendments to these Regulations by the Minister set out different arrangements.
- That new arrangements for the provision of Certification and Awards under the National Framework of Qualifications, post FETAC, should be put in place for high risk activities/skills as in Schedule 4 of the Regulations.
- That new arrangements should be put in place as a matter of urgency for the control and issuing of Safe Pass and CSCS Cards.
- That transitional arrangements should be put in place which will ensure continuity in the provision of Safe Pass and CSCS Cards.
- That proposed new arrangements for training, for awards to participants, for the issue of cards and for scheme management and development, takes account of previous reviews and recommendations and current views of employers and workers in regard to the operation of these schemes. New arrangements should bring about as far as possible improvements that result in better safety and efficiency.

The CSP wishes to remain at the forefront of these highly successful schemes and is available to assist Government Departments in establishing new viable arrangements.

The CSP proposes that it will be the principal consultative forum for future proposals.

Signed by the Core Management Group ,on behalf of CSP

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