

Catch up with Competency Event

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Catch up with Competency

Agenda

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- What's involved – ACE Process
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- Additional ACE information (2010 Priorities/Challenges)



- CCNSG Safety Passport

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- CCNSG Supervising Safety Course
- Updates/Changes



- Questions



ACE – Assuring Competence in Engineering

What is ACE?

- ACE is an initiative that assesses the competence of the entire skilled ECI on-site onshore workforce against National Occupational Standards (Level 3)
- Industry scheme that is supported by all areas of Engineering Construction in the country
 - ECITB
 - ECIA
 - NJC
 - Unite
 - GMB
- ACE Industry Steering Group
- Flexible, Cost Effective and Minimum disruption to productivity



ACE – Assuring Competence in Engineering

Why ACE?

- Legislation requires Contractors to demonstrate competence
- Clients require a proven, competent workforce and are beginning to write ACE into SPA's and contract tender documents
- Cost-effective proven industry assessment model
- Raise market position of UK Engineering Construction Industry



ACE – Assuring Competence in Engineering

What's Involved – ACE Process

- Contact your local ECITB representative
- Select ACE Approved Assessment Centre
- Registration of Employees
- Employee Induction
- On-Site Assessment
- Completion of N/SVQ and Certification
- The ACE Card



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ACE Card Disciplines

All ECITB qualifications now included in ACE except for:

- NVQ 3 Management
- NVQ 4 Project Control
- NVQ 2 Project Control Support
- NVQ 2 Supporting Engineering Activities
- NVQ 2 Constructional Steelwork Site Operations

Proposal put forward to include these in ACE – to be discussed at the next Industry Steering Group meeting



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Funding

- ACE funding available via Train to Gain in England. Discussions ongoing in Wales & Scotland
- Train to Gain
 - Higher and lower levels of funding (approx £1600 & £2500)
 - Employer contribution is now “expected/assumed” not mandatory
 - All ECITB qualifications can now be funded as repeat/2nd qualifications
- ECITB additional discretionary funding



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Benefits for Employees/Employers/Clients

- **Employees**
 - Validation of existing skills
 - Top-up training if required (TECSkills)
- **Employers**
 - Increased efficiency
 - Enhanced safety awareness
 - Funding available
 - ACE accredited = Competitive edge
- **Clients**
 - A recognised National Standard of competence for all
 - Competent identifiable Industry Workforce
 - ACE is a cost-effective national assessment process that successfully meets the high standards demanded by the Clients from the HSE



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Additional ACE Information (Priorities/Challenges for 2010)

- Achieve 2010 targets/Maximise all funding available
- Continual promotion across all regions (Clients, PJC, Competence Assurance Events etc)
- Refine automatic issue of ACE cards on achievement of ECITB NVQ Level 3
- Possible inclusion of non-ECITB qualifications
- Inclusion of all ECITB qualifications – at all levels
- Finalise ACE Renewal Process
- 2010 Targets -1230 Registrations/1000 completions



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Funding now available: USE IT – DON'T
LOSE IT!

www.ace.uk.net

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CCNSG Safety Passport

CCNSG Background

- In the early 1990s a consortium of major industrialists from the power generation, steel, oil, gas and chemical industries recognised the need to train their contractors in basic site safety
- The Client Contractor National Safety Group (CCNSG) was formed
- The CCNSG safety passport is monitored and controlled by a national steering group
- The CCNSG is made up from clients, contractors, representation from training providers and trade unions
- The CCNSG safety passport scheme is administered by the Engineering Construction Industry Training Board (ECITB)



CCNSG Safety Passport

New Logo

- New Logo same essential Safety Passport
- Launched in January 2009
- The old style Passport will still be valid until its expiry date



CCNSG Safety Passport

CCNSG National Course

- Two day course
- Updated in January 2009 into Flash media format with embedded DVDs
- Available in English and Polish
- Valid for three years



CCNSG Safety Passport

CCNSG Renewal Course

- One day course
- Updated in January 2009 into Flash media format with embedded videos/DVDs
- Available in English
- Coming soon in Polish
- Valid for three years
- Work ongoing to revise the content of this



CCNSG Safety Passport

CCNSG Supervisory Safety Course

- One day course
- Updated in May 2008 into Flash media format
- Available in English
- Delegates must have completed a recent National or Renewal course to be eligible to attend this course
- Valid for three years



CCNSG Safety Passport

CCNSG Additional Information/Updates

- Interpreters available upon request through a CCNSG training provider
- Courses have recently taken place in the following languages: Italian, Portuguese, Czech, Hungarian, Bangladesh, Norwegian and Spanish
- The new CCNSG SOPs (Standard Operating Procedures) were launched in May 2008
 - National course – over 2 days/minimum 11hrs taught time
 - Renewal Course – minimum 6hrs taught time
 - Supervising Safety course – minimum 6hrs taught time
 - New lesson plans etc
- Each Training Provider receives an annual audit along with a minimum of two monitoring visits/plus two unannounced audits per month
- Any organisation meeting the CCNSG approval criteria can apply to become a CCNSG provider (Client and Contractor organisations)



CCNSG Safety Passport

CCNSG Website

www.ccnsq.com

or

www.ccnsq.co.uk

- Launched in October 2007
- Specific to the CCNSG Safety Passport
- Can be accessed through the main ECITB website



Other Competency Schemes

CSCS – Construction Skills Certification Scheme www.cscs.uk.com
Blue card – NVQ2 Gold card – NVQ 3 Red card - Trainee

Other Construction Skills (CITB) Affiliated Schemes:

CPCS - Construction Plant Competence Scheme Tel. 0870 417 3366
CISRS - Construction Industry Scaffolders Record Scheme Tel. 0844 815 7223
CCDO - Demolition Operatives Tel. 0870 417 3366
CSR - Northern Ireland Workers Tel. 0289 087 7150
ECS - Electricians Tel. 0208 302 0031
EUSR - Electricity, Gas, Water Industry Tel. 0845 077 9922
JIB–PMES - Plumbers (England & Wales) Tel. 01480 476925
SkillCard - Heating, Ventilation, Air Con. Refrigeration Tel. 01768 860406
SNIJIB - Plumbers (Scotland & NI) Tel. 0131 225 2255

For more information visit: www.cskills.org



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Thank you and Questions?

