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INDUSTRY ACCREDITATION EXTENDED FOR SUPERVISORS AND MANAGERS

For Supervisory and Managerial personnel, Industry Accreditation (through an employer's endorsement) was provisionally due to come to an end on 31 October 2005.

It has recently been decided that this closure date should be extended to **31 October 2006 (provisional)** — owing to a delay in the development and accreditation of new higher-level NVQ's/SVQ's. In line with this extension, the implementation of mandatory health and safety testing for supervisors and managers has also been extended to 31 October 2006 (provisional).

It is expected that all SKILLcard applications received after 31 October 2006 from supervisors and managers will need to demonstrate that they have registered for a relevant industry NVQ/SVQ — although this date will depend upon the availability of the planned, new higher-level NVQ's/SVQ's. An update will be published in due course, together with further details of how supervisors and managers will be able to obtain a SKILLcard by this entry route.

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