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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 2006. (See SKILLcard *News and Information Bulletin* 19, dated 14 November 2005).

It has recently been decided that this closure date should be extended to **31 October 2007 (provisional)** — owing to a delay in the implementation and roll-out of the newly developed higher-level NVQ's/SVQ's.

Health and Safety Training Course for Supervisors and Managers

In line with this extension, the implementation of mandatory health and safety testing for supervisors and managers has also been extended to 31 October 2007 (provisional). This means that, to qualify for a SKILLcard, Supervisory and Managerial personnel may continue to satisfy the health and safety criteria of SKILLcard by undertaking a SKILLcard/CITB-ConstructionSkills health and safety test or a designated health and safety training course, as follows:

| SKILLcard Colour | SKILLcard/CITB health and safety test | HVCA health and safety awareness training course | CSCS approved course |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Gold (Supervisory) | Supervisor's test ⁽¹⁾ | EITHER: <i>Working Safely in M&E plus Managing M&E Safety</i> ⁽²⁾ OR: <i>Managing Safety in Mechanical Engineering Services</i> ⁽³⁾ | EITHER: CITB SMSTS course OR: NEBOSH Construction Certificate |
| Platinum | Manager's test ⁽¹⁾ | Ditto | Ditto |
| Black | Ditto | Ditto | Ditto |

Notes:

⁽¹⁾Test not HVACR sector-specific. If/when this test is made compulsory, this will be subject to a separate announcement.

⁽²⁾*Managing M&E Safety* aimed at those Supervisors and Managers who have already completed *Working Safely in M&E* course

⁽³⁾*Managing Safety in Mechanical Engineering Services* course is designed for experienced Supervisors and Managers. The course involves some pre-course work and preparation

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