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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 2007. (See SKILLcard *News and Information Bulletin 22*, dated 1 November 2006).

It has recently been decided that this closure date should be extended to **31 October 2009 (provisional)** — whilst the newly developed higher-level NVQ's/SVQ's become established.

Employer's Endorsement — Statements of Competences

The statements of competences for the supervisory and managerial occupations are being revised to bring them more closely into line with the competences within the new, higher-level NVQ's/SVQ's. A further SKILLcard *News and Information Bulletin* will be distributed as soon as this work is completed.

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 deferred. This means that, to qualify for a SKILLcard, *Supervisory and Managerial personnel* may continue — until further notice — 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^(2,4)</i> OR: <i>Managing Safety in Mechanical Engineering Services^(3,4)</i>	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.
- ⁽⁴⁾The course titles for the HVCA health and safety awareness training courses referred to above are shortly to be changed by the HVCA Education and Training Department – watch out for further details.

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