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Proof on paper that you know your stuff

The CPCS Trained Operator Card (commonly known as the Red Card) can contribute to a more secure future in the plant industry. The Red Card is valid for two years. The move onto your Blue Card you must have completed your NVQ or SVQ in the appropriate category.



How to get your Blue Card

You need to achieve a plant-based NVQ or SVQ. These qualifications have been developed with industry to measure your competence against national standards in the workplace. A qualified assessor will guide you through the process of attaining your qualification. This is achieved through generating evidence of your skills and competence. Evidence may include On Site Assessment, reviews of our CPCS logbook and customer timesheets and statements from your employer, manager or client. The qualifications can be achieved during normal working hours without having to attend college or take final exams.



Do you have a relevant NVQ or SVQ in Plant Operations?

NO

STEP 1

You need to have achieved the CITB Health, Safety and Environment test within the last two years.
Available from Civil Skills Plus, visit our Health & Safety Screen Tests page.

STEP 2

If you have already completed training and/or have the required experience, you may proceed directly to the test. See Step 3.

Experienced operators may need familiarisation training as bad habits may have accumulated over the years which need to be corrected.

Inexperienced operators will need a comprehensive training package. Contact Civil Skills Plus to arrange.

STEP 3

Book your theory and practical tests with Civil Skills Plus

STEP 4

Undertake and achieve the theory and practical elements of the CPCS Technical Test for the relevant category of plant.

**RED CPCS
TRAINED PLANT
OPERATOR CARD
AUTOMATICALLY
AWARDED**

STEP 5

Register for and achieve the relevant NVQ or SVQ for the category of plant you operate. This needs to be achieved within two years of the issue of your Red Card.

**APPLY FOR
BLUE
COMPETENT
OPERATOR CARD**

THE NEXT STEP

Have five years passed since you gained your Blue Card?

To renew your Card you will need to:

- Pass the Health, Safety and Environment (HS&E) test (within the last two years)
- Pass the relevant renewal test modules for the categories you wish to renew (see Module Matcher cpcsr.citb.co.uk).

You will also need to achieve one of the following:

- Record at least 300 hours per category in your logbook
- On Site Assessment
- A practical test
- A relevant NVQ/SVQ in the last two years.

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