

# Gaining your S/NVQ in timber frame erection and CSCS blue skilled worker card

## Pathway 2

More and more sites around the UK are requiring timber frame erectors to demonstrate their competence by working towards and gaining the S/NVQ in Timber Frame Erection. This is the **ONLY** route to gaining the Blue Skilled Worker Card.

The STA have developed a section on their website:

>> **TRAINING** tab

>> **Route to S/NVQ & Skilled Worker CSCS Card**

Here you will find all the information relating to getting signed up on the NVQ and gaining a temporary CSCS card which lasts for **1 YEAR only**, whilst you complete the NVQ. You will still be allowed onsite to erect timber frame buildings with the temporary CSCS Red Card. Coleg Sir Gâr will provide evidence of your registration so that you can submit it to CSCS directly.

Follow the process laid out on the web page:



### Route to S/NVQ & skilled worker CSCS card



Complete the initial contact form and submit to the training provider (Coleg Sir Gâr)



You will be contacted within five working days. An enrolment form will be attached for you to complete. Scan/photograph and send back to **dave.howells@colegsirgar.ac.uk**



An invoice will be raised for the payee, whether an individual or your company is paying for the qualification. Once the payment has cleared, you will be registered for the NVQ and your e-Portfolio set up.



A login is automatically emailed to you once the e-Portfolio is set up and an assessor will contact you to undertake the initial visit.



If your employer is the payee, they will have access to your e-Portfolio to provide local support and monitor your progress.



You will then work with your assessor to complete the qualification.



Once completed and signed off by the assessor and internal quality assurer, we will email you with an e-Certificate within 24 hours\* to upgrade to the blue skilled workers card.

\* The paper certificates normally take up to six weeks from the awarding body, hence why e-Certificate are sent out to avoid delays.

**NOTE:** If your current CSCS card is no longer valid (i.e. green labourers card), we will issue you, on request, evidence of your registration to send to CSCS, enabling you to gain a temporary red card (assuming you have already completed the Operatives H&S Test).



As learners are across the UK and Ireland, Coleg Sir Gâr uses an e-Portfolio for learners to work through the NVQ (depending on experience, this can be a couple of months) supported by an experienced assessor from the sector.

Please note that learners will communicate through the ePortfolio messaging system, email, Skype, Facetime and an observation on site when good progress is being made.



There is  
**NO ATTENDANCE**  
at any college

# CSCS enquiry

Simply fill in the enquiry form and submit. The form is directed to Coleg Sir Gâr who will manage the process on behalf of the STA.

**CSCS Enquiry**

Name \*

Company \*

E-mail Address \*

Tel Number \*

Comment \*

**SUBMIT**

## Additional information

**NOTE:** The apprenticeship is currently only available in Wales.

There are a number of documents that can be accessed below the CSCS Enquiry form on the website under

### >> DOWNLOADS

Each document provides additional information regarding different pathways to gain the Blue Card, depending on experience and if you have an existing NVQ in Site Carpentry.

The document **What's in the Level 2 NVQ** identifies the unit structure of the Timber Frame NVQ.

The **Learner Support Package (LSP)** outlines how the qualification works and what type of evidence you will need to submit.

If you have any further queries regarding delivery of the qualification please contact:

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### Downloads

> Pathways to gaining the S/NVQ/CSCS

> What's in the Level 2 NVQ?

### Further Information

> L2 Diploma in Site Carpentry

> LSP L2 Wood (PowerPoint)

> Coleg Sir Gâr NVQ Enrolment Process (Word Document)

The STA is dedicated to supporting the construction industry with a range of training programmes designed to create an increasingly skilled workforce. The STA Assure programme validates the existing knowledge and expertise of experienced professionals and raises the standard of young entrants to the industry.

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