

# NVQs for Asbestos Removal Operatives

Qualification options to gain CSCS card



## Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Removal of Hazardous Waste (Construction) – Licensed Asbestos

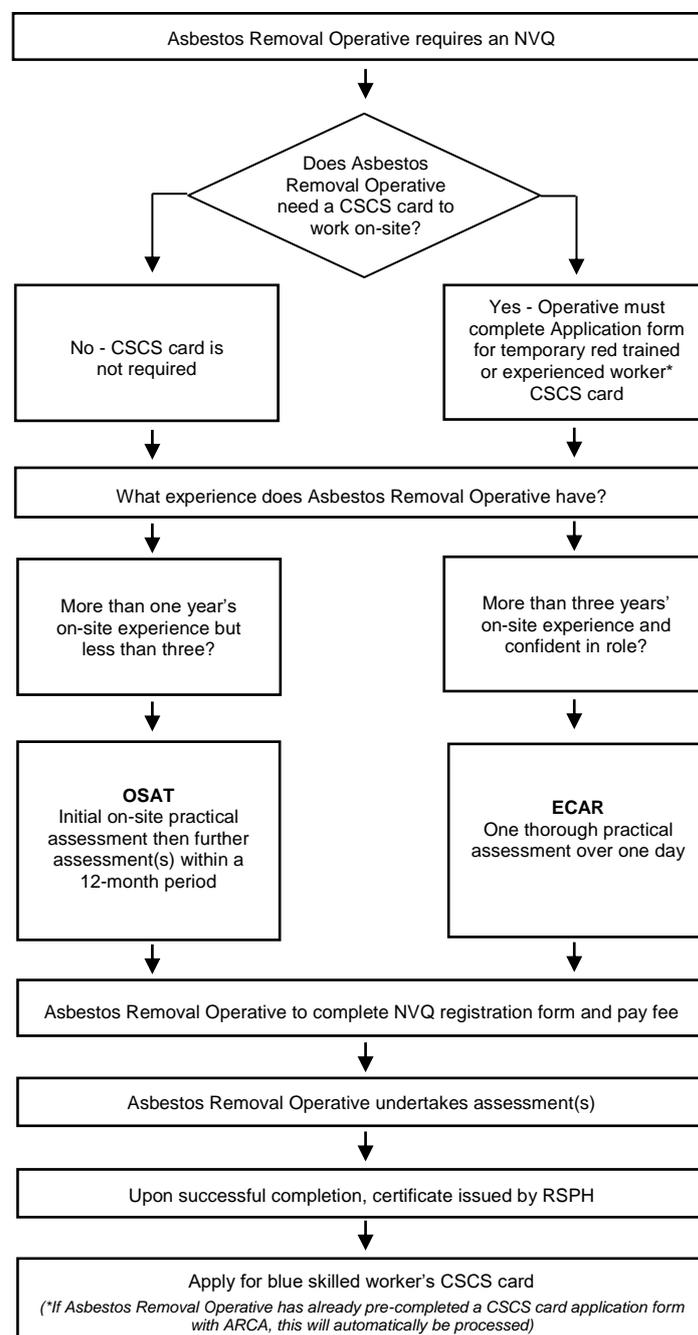
### Qualification options for Asbestos Removal Operatives

ARCA provides two options for asbestos removal operatives to gain a Level 2 NVQ Diploma and thereby a CSCS card.

The two options available are On-Site Assessment and Training (OSAT) and Experienced Candidate Assessment Route (ECAR).

The option chosen depends on two elements; the level of experience the operative has on-site and how comfortable the operative is with the assessment process. An operative can gain an NVQ via either option but the experience requirements and assessment processes differ for each option.

The flowchart below will help employers and operatives understand which is the best option for them.



## On-Site Assessment and Training (OSAT)

The OSAT option is for asbestos removal operatives with more than a years' experience, but less than three years' experience, working in the role. This option is ideal for individuals who want to continue in an asbestos operative role and require a CSCS card.

This qualification requires the operative to complete five units; following an initial induction and assessment; within a 12-month period. An ARCA assessor will assess the operative's abilities in the workplace and construct a portfolio of evidence. The number of assessments will depend on the skills of, and preparation by, the operative. If the operative does not meet some criteria, the assessor may suggest some further assistance or training, which the employer will need to arrange.

Once the ARCA assessor is satisfied that the operative's portfolio of evidence meets the NVQ standard, it will then be verified, and following successful verification an NVQ certificate will be issued to the successful operative.

This qualification will support a blue skilled worker's CSCS card application.

However, if a CSCS card is needed while undertaking the NVQ assessment, the operative can apply for a temporary red trained CSCS card which is valid for three years (touch screen test required).

### Content

The Level 2 NVQ Diploma consists of five units, each containing practical and theoretical criteria:

- Conforming to General Health, Safety & Welfare in the Workplace
- Conforming to Productive Working Practices in the Workplace
- Moving, Handling and Storing Resources in the Workplace
- Installing and Removing Enclosure or Containment Areas for the Removal of Licensed Asbestos Materials in the Workplace
- Stripping and Removing Licensed Asbestos Materials in the Workplace

### Process

Six steps to gaining an NVQ through OSAT:

1. Apply for a temporary red trained CSCS card (if required).
2. Enrol onto the Level 2 NVQ Diploma.
3. Receive an induction and initial practical assessment on-site. This will be arranged between the operative, employer and ARCA assessor.
4. Undertake a further assessment(s) at an ARCA Centre.
5. When the ARCA assessor is satisfied with the operative's portfolio of evidence (covering all five units), it will then be verified.
6. Following successful verification an NVQ certificate will be issued and can be used to apply for a blue skilled worker's CSCS card (touch screen test not required).

### Fees

Fees are based on an operative having sufficient knowledge and experience to complete the on-site assessment within TWO days. Additional assessment dates will attract additional fees.

	ARCA Members		Non ARCA Members	
	<i>Assessment*</i>	<i>Registration*</i>	<i>Assessment*</i>	<i>Registration*</i>
Based on assessing two candidates on the two same days	£799.00 (per candidate)	£75.00	£849.00 (per candidate)	£75.00
Based on assessing one candidate over two days	£924.00	£75.00	£974.00	£75.00
If required, additional assessment days per candidate	£440.00		£490.00	

+ Assessment fees are ex VAT. \* VAT Exemption on the registration fee. Employers that are registered with the CITB for levy purposes can claim grants from the CITB and may be eligible for up to £600.00 per operative. Information is available at [www.citb.co.uk](http://www.citb.co.uk)

## Experienced Candidate Assessment Route (ECAR)

The ECAR option is for experienced asbestos removal operatives who require an NVQ qualification to gain a CSCS card.

It is unlikely that an operative with fewer than three years' on-site experience will have the skills, knowledge and experience necessary for this method of assessment.

Following a successful assessment and verification, an NVQ certificate will be issued to the operative and this will support a blue skilled worker's CSCS card application (touch screen test not required).

However, if a CSCS card is needed while undertaking the NVQ assessment, the operative can apply for a temporary red experienced worker's CSCS card which is valid for 12-months (touch screen test required).

*Please note: an operative does need to be experienced, confident and well prepared, because if an operative does not achieve the ECAR assessment they will not be allowed a second attempt and will have to undertake the OSAT option to gain an NVQ.*

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As the operative is experienced, no training will be required, therefore the operative will undertake a thorough practical assessment, over one day, at an ARCA centre. This will enable the operative to demonstrate practical skills across the requirements within the Level 2 NVQ Diploma criteria.

### Process

Five steps to gaining an NVQ through ECAR:

1. Apply for a temporary red experienced worker's CSCS card (if required).
2. Enrol onto the Level 2 NVQ Diploma.
3. Receive an induction and thorough practical assessment at an ARCA centre.
4. If the ARCA assessor is satisfied with the operative's assessment, it will then be verified.
5. Following successful verification an NVQ certificate will be issued and can be used to apply for a blue skilled worker's CSCS card.

### Fees

As this option is for experienced operatives, fees are based on the operative being able to complete the assessment within ONE day.

ARCA Members		Non ARCA Members	
Assessment <sup>†</sup>	Registration <sup>*</sup>	Assessment <sup>†</sup>	Registration <sup>*</sup>
£715.00 <sup>#</sup>	£75.00	£765.00 <sup>#</sup>	£75.00

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<sup>#</sup>Assessment fees are based on assessing two operatives at a centre on the same day. Assessing one operative at a centre will incur additional costs.

## Enrolment Process

The first step is to complete an ARCA booking form. On receipt of this ARCA will request information from both the employer and operative. On verification of this information the assessment process can begin.

## CITB Grants

Employers that are registered with the CITB for levy purposes can claim grants from the CITB and may be eligible to claim a grant of up to £600.00 per operative on achievement of the NVQ. Further information is available at [www.citb.co.uk](http://www.citb.co.uk).

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