

# ARCA continues to support competency in the industry



## Development – Delivery – Quality – Standards – Regulated

**ARCA provides the most comprehensive and quality assured routes to qualifications, and CSCS cards, for the licensed asbestos removal industry.**

*Qualifications leading to CSCS cards must be an NVQ, if an NVQ for the occupation exists, was the decision of the Construction Leadership Council (CLC) in 2015.*

*Since then ARCA has been working tirelessly to put qualifications in place in order for members to be able to continue to obtain CSCS cards, which are necessary to work on many construction sites in the UK.*

*After looking at the available routes to NVQ options, we knew we could better serve our members by giving them more choice and more efficient means of achieving them.*

*So, we have worked with our long-term partner the Royal Society for Public Health (RSPH) to develop a range of qualifications. The RSPH has supported us and provided expert guidance in relation to the development of qualifications.*

### Asbestos Removal Operatives

We offer the traditional On-Site Assessment and Training (OSAT) route, for operatives, and we offer this via CITB or RSPH.

In order to give ARCA members a range of options and assessment methods, we have developed a route for experienced operatives. For this NVQ option the operative attends a one-day assessment which covers professional discussion and a practical demonstration of skills.

**ARCA is the only NVQ provider offering the RSPH route for experienced operatives.**

### Asbestos Removal Supervisors

Prior to ARCA reviewing NVQ routes for supervisors, the only route that existed necessitated supervisors completing two NVQs, the Level 2 Qualification for Operatives and the Level 3 Occupational Work Supervisors NVQ.

ARCA approached the Sector Skills Council (SSC/CITB) with a view to creating a single NVQ for supervisors, and by reframing the existing qualification units created the Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Supervision of Licensed Asbestos Removal (Construction).

**‘developed one NVQ for Supervisors’**

Currently this qualification is only offered by RSPH and **ARCA is the only provider of the Level 3 NVQ assessments.**



### Asbestos Removal Contract Managers

As there is no NVQ for asbestos removal contract managers, the Sector Representative Organisation (SRO) and the Standard Setting Body (SSB) needed to agree on the appropriate qualification for the occupation.

The only qualification in existence is the RSPH Level 4 Certificate in Asbestos Removal for Contract Managers, and therefore this qualification is recognised for CSCS cards for Asbestos Contract Managers.

**ARCA provides this qualification and is also the only CSCS partner scheme offering the CSCS Black Managers Card for Asbestos Removal Contracts Managers.**

**‘team of qualified assessors’**

### ARCA provides the most comprehensive range of qualifications

ARCA operates as an RPSH and CITB qualification centre, employing a team of experienced and qualified NVQ assessors.

- Delivers NVQs for Asbestos Removal Operatives via On-Site Assessment and Training (OSAT) and Experienced Worker routes
- Operates as assessor through the NSAC qualification centre aligned with the National Open College Network (NOCN) for delivery of qualifications

- Developed a Level 3 NVQ qualification for Asbestos Removal Supervisors, avoiding the need to complete 2 NVQs as with other providers
- Only provider of the RSPH Level 4 Certificate in Asbestos Removal for Contracts Managers, recognised for obtaining a Black Managers CSCS card

### Quality assured and externally regulated

ARCA is committed to providing quality assured training and qualifications which is demonstrated by:

- All of ARCA's training processes and procedures are independently verified to ISO 9001 by NQA
- All of ARCA's qualification processes and procedures are regulated via Ofqual regulated Awarding Organisations
- All trainers have extensive industry experience and hold the Level 4 Certificate in Learning and Development or are working towards it
- Two trainers hold the Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) - the fully qualified teacher qualification
- Two trainers hold the National Examination Board in Occupational Safety and Health Diploma (NEBOSH)
- All ARCA assessors hold the Training and Qualification Quality Assurance (TAQA) qualification

### CITB Approved Training Organisation scheme

The CITB has begun a programme of reform, as part of this they are ceasing providing training themselves and establishing a network of training providers to deliver CITB approved training across the construction industry. This scheme is known as the CITB Approved Training Organisation (ATO) scheme and will include asbestos training.

All CITB ATOs will have to meet CITB requirements for the training courses they offer. The training requirements will be defined in the training standard for the particular course.

ARCA is currently involved in defining the training standards for the asbestos industry and is already registered as a CITB ATO.

We are fully supportive of CITB in the establishment of the ATO scheme and welcome independent third party verification of asbestos training as we feel this is long overdue for our industry.

**No organisation has invested as much resource as ARCA into developing quality qualifications and a choice of qualification routes for the licensed asbestos removal industry.**

**Information on all qualifications can be found at [www.arca.org.uk](http://www.arca.org.uk)**