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## Warning: CSCS Card Profiling



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It has come to our attention that members are being approached by third parties to facilitate the reviewer role for the profiled route for supervisor and manager applications for gold and black CSCS cards.

StoneTrain's Mark Priestman has researched the claim that NVQ assessors can sign off these profiling applications and CSCS confirm that NVQ assessors or verifiers at Level 3 or above (A1/V1 in construction related occupations), as are some members of CSCS recognised Professional Bodies,

are indeed in a position to review the applicant evidence sheets.

But, the profiled route is only open to two occupations that fall within the route for the gold and black cards – highly experienced 'Construction Site Supervisors – Contracting' and 'Construction Site Managers – Contracting', 'Contracting' being the main, principal contractor. Sub-contractors and Residential Site Managers do not qualify for the profiled route.

Mark wanted clarification on whether a site supervisor or site manager in the stone sector would qualify if they were overseeing a restoration, cleaning or fixing project. CSCS have confirmed that this would not be the correct route for such applicants and that they should apply for an Occupational Works Supervisor card.

Apparently there are third parties actively targeting our sector, promising to deliver the CSCS cards via the profiled route. But, according to CSCS, "the

majority of applications are being sent back as they do not meet the criteria".

It is worth remembering that the fee for the profiled route is non-refundable.

Mark adds: "Accepting poor advice could be a costly affair and therefore we wanted to alert the membership – indeed, the whole sector – as soon as possible."

There are alternative routes to achieving the gold CSCS for Site Supervisors. StoneTrain offer the OSAT Level 3 NVQ in Occupational Work Supervision: Construction and the black CSCS card for Site Managers is also offered by StoneTrain through the OSAT Level 6 NVQ in Construction Site Management: Conservation.

Further information on CSCS cards can be obtained from the CSCS helpdesk. Tel: 0844 576 8777 or [www.cscs.uk.com](http://www.cscs.uk.com). To ask about StoneTrain's NVQ courses call StoneTrain. Tel: 01303 856123. Or email Mark. [mark.priestman@stonetrain.org.uk](mailto:mark.priestman@stonetrain.org.uk)