

**Compressed air SKILLcards (Construction sector)**

Three SKILLcards for compressed air personnel are available from January 2006. They are Construction Related Occupation (CRO) cards and are dark green. Three skill sets were identified and agreed by BCAS members. SKILLcard will only issue one card per person, so if an individual is competent in more than one area, he/she will be able to note these on the back of the card.

- Compressed Air Installer
- Compressed Air Maintainer
- Compressed Air (Commissioning) Engineer

**Experienced workers already in the compressed air industry**

Experienced workers without the required NVQ units, can obtain their card(s) under the two year "Industry accreditation" route whereby the employer must take responsibility for the individual by signing him/her off against agreed competences that are based on the relevant NVQ unit. When a SKILLcard is issued on the basis of Industry Accreditation, the cardholder is able to keep his/her industry accreditation membership of SKILLcard for life (subject to renewal rules).

**Application forms** - Download from the SKILLcard website at :[www.skillcard.org.uk](http://www.skillcard.org.uk) or Call the Engineering Services SKILLcard Helpdesk on 01768 860406

**How much?** - £20 per card, payable directly to SKILLcard (NB BCAS can provide guidance on the cards but is NOT involved in the issue of the SKILLcards)

**Qualifications required post January 2008**

After the end of the two-year period of Industry Accreditation, i.e.. from January 2008, first-time applicants will need to possess or be working towards the relevant compressed air NVQ units.

Card	NVQ Unit Ref	Unit Title
<b>Installer</b>	A/102/7336 U1053583	Assisting in the installation of compressed air equipment Forming and assembling pipework systems
<b>Maintainer</b>	A/102/7305 M/102/1727	Carrying out maintenance on compressed air equipment Carry out Servicing and Maintenance of Plant & Equipment
<b>Commissioning Engineer</b>	A/102/5439 Unit 31 R/102/5429 Unit 21	Commissioning compressed air equipment and systems Commissioning electrical / electronic equipment and systems

See QCA website: [www.openquals.org.uk](http://www.openquals.org.uk) for more detail on each of the above units.

All these units are available via awarding bodies City & Guilds and EAL Ltd who will be able to advise your local training provider and assessor information.

For compressed air specific training courses visit our website: [www.bcas.org.uk](http://www.bcas.org.uk)