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ECS – What's it all about?

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What is the ECS all about?

- The Electrotechnical Certification Scheme (ECS) is all about recognising the electrical industry qualifications
- Raising qualification standards and maintaining their relevancy for the industry
- Issuing the most appropriate ECS card based on the qualifications presented when an application is made

See “card types” at www.ecscard.org.uk



Standards set by industry for industry

- The scheme standards that are recognised by ECS are set by industry employers and industry bodies
- The apprenticeship standard is required for and ECS gold card (equivalent qualifications recognised)
- New industry qualifications are recognised as they are developed
- BS7671 changes to new apprenticeship standards are reflected in the scheme

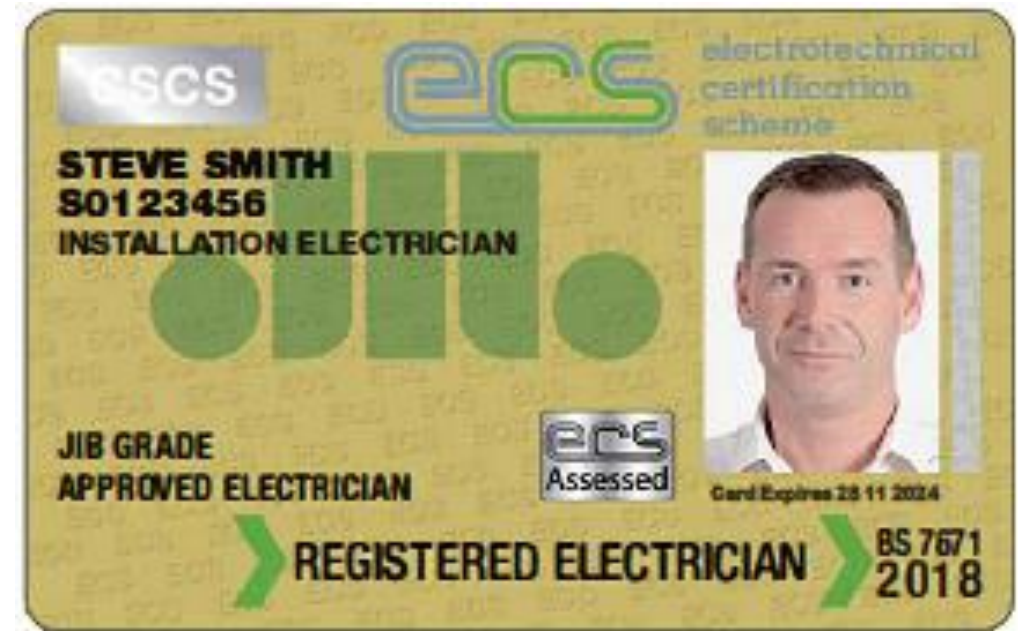


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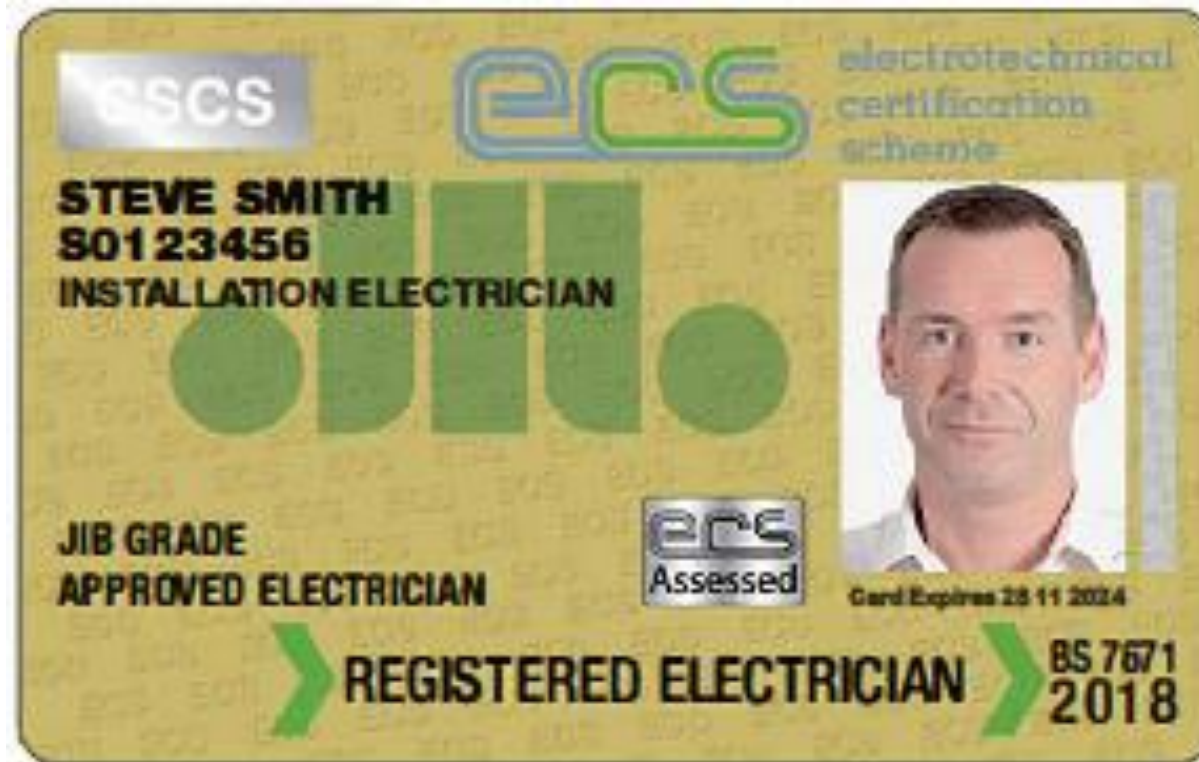


UK register of Electricians

Compulsory requirement =
Industry level 3 apprenticeship Standard



ECS Card



ECS Occupation


- ECS occupation dependent on qualifications held
- Since 1999 Level 3 apprenticeship standard minimum for gold card



ECS Occupation

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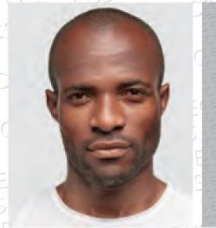
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The registered holder of this card holds the qualifications listed on the reverse



JIB Grade

- JIB Grade used by JIB members for Pay, Terms and conditions of employment
- Dates back to original JIB card



Partnered to CSCS

- CSCS affiliated (more recently partnered) 2002
- ECS Assessed shows the requirement for Health, Safety and Environmental awareness assessment has been met



ECS Registered Electrician

- Additional recognition for Installation and Maintenance Electricians that meet the requirements have signed up to code of professional conduct and undertake to carryout CPD (including BS7671)



Confidence for Main Contractors and Clients

- It is important that the right qualifications are held and maintained for the job role undertaken
- ECS Check provides an easy way for main contractors and clients to see the qualification level of people working on their sites
- Employer Portal is an easy way for employers to manage ECS card applications for their workforce



Scheme Qualification Requirement

- CLC 2020 requirement for all CSCS partnered cards
- Being implemented as cards are applied for at renewal as well as for initial (new) applications
 - New FESS and Network Infrastructure
- Some cards are being withdrawn!
 - Site visitor now has gone
 - Cards without qualifications are being removed



Scheme Qualification Requirement

- Must have the qualification needed for the card held/ being applied for
- The right qualifications for the right card
- Auditable documented evidence must be provided with application
- ECS cannot accept self-declaration from applicant - certificates must be provided



Additional Assessment

- The ECS recognises that there are different ways that people enter the industry not just via an Apprenticeship
- Applicants must show the same approved qualification scope for an ECS occupation via a JIB recognised assessment route
- The industry has an experienced worker assessment available to validate existing qualifications and experience



FAQ's

- I have been working in the industry for a number of years. Why won't you recognise me?
- Why can't I get the card I applied for?

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- Must hold full industry qualifications for card applied for
- Straightforward ways to show industry experience to an independent industry professional assessor



FAQ's

- My certification body says I'm qualified
- I'm the Qualifying Supervisor for my company

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- This is all about company registration under a company certification scheme such as for part p of the building regulations
- Qualifications still needed to meet ECS card requirements



FAQ's

- What do I need to get a card?

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- It depends on the card being applied for...
- Typically it will be the industry apprenticeship standard or the JIB recognised equivalent
- Full details of all cards and requirements available from “card types” on www.ecscard.org.uk



Applying for an ECS card

- The easiest way to apply for an ECS card is through the online MyECS Portal or the ECS Employer Portal
- There is also a free MyECS phone app that will display an image of your ECS card



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Thank you for your attention

For more information about:

- The ECS Scheme
- MyECS
- The Employer Portal
- ECS Check

Please see:

www.ecscard.org.uk



Any Questions?

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