

CPCS BLUE CARD RENEWAL GUIDE

UNDERSTANDING THE CPCS RENEWAL CPD PROCESS

Everything you need to know about the CPCS Renewal CPD and how to successfully renew your CPCS Blue Competent Operator Card.



WHAT IS THE CPCS RENEWAL CPD?

The CPCS Renewal CPD is an online learning programme designed to ensure operators remain up to date with current industry knowledge, legislation and best practice. It replaces the traditional CPCS Renewal Test and focuses on continuing professional development.



WHY WAS IT INTRODUCED?

The construction and lifting industry continues to evolve. The Renewal CPD ensures operators stay current with changes in legislation, technology and working practices, helping to maintain high standards and promote safer, more efficient operations.



WHO NEEDS TO COMPLETE IT?

All holders of CPCS Blue Competent Operator Cards must complete the Renewal CPD before renewing their card. This includes categories such as A40, A60, A61, A62, A64, A66 and many other CPCS categories.



WHERE DO I COMPLETE THE RENEWAL CPD?

The CPCS Renewal CPD is completed online via the official CPCS renewal portal.

ACCESS THE CPCS RENEWAL CPD PORTAL

nocn.cpcs-card.co.uk/#2

CPCS BLUE CARD RENEWAL PROCESS

01 CHECK YOUR EXPIRY DATE



Check your card expiry date and start the renewal process early to avoid any disruption to your site access.

02 COMPLETE THE RENEWAL CPD



Complete all required CPCS Renewal CPD modules and assessments online. **Valid for 2 years.**

03 PASS THE RELEVANT HS&E TEST



Pass the appropriate CITB Health, Safety & Environment Test for your category.

04 MEET ANY CATEGORY REQUIREMENTS



Provide any additional evidence of competence or operating experience required for your category.

05 SUBMIT YOUR RENEWAL APPLICATION



Submit your renewal application and required documents through the CPCS system.

06 NEW BLUE CARD ISSUED



Once approved, your new CPCS Blue Card will be issued and valid for 5 years.

WHAT DOES THE RENEWAL CPD COVER?

- Health & Safety Updates**
Stay up to date with the latest legislation, site safety requirements and industry expectations.
- Environmental Awareness**
Understand environmental responsibilities and how to support sustainable construction.
- People & Plant Interface**
Manage risks associated with plant movements and people working nearby.
- Technology & Innovation**
Learn about new technologies, equipment developments and modern safety systems.
- Industry Best Practice**
Promote efficient, compliant and safe working methods across the industry.
- Professional Responsibility**
Maintain the standards expected of competent operators and supervisors.

HOW TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE CPD

- Read all learning materials thoroughly
- Take your time through each module
- Understand why procedures and standards exist
- Refresh your knowledge of current legislation
- Review LOLER and BS7121 requirements where relevant
- Complete the programme without rushing

The Renewal CPD is designed to support learning and professional development. Engage fully with the content and you will find the process straightforward.

REQUIRED HS&E TESTS

CPCS CATEGORY	HS&E TEST REQUIRED
A40 Slinger/Signaller	Operatives Test
A60 Mobile Crane	Operatives Test
A64 Overhead Travelling Crane	Operatives Test
A66 Compact Crane	Operatives Test
A62 Crane / Lifting Operations Supervisor	Specialist Supervisory Test (SPEC-SUP)
A61 Appointed Person (Lift Planner)	Managers & Professionals Test (MAP)

Always check the latest requirements before booking your test.

COMMON MISTAKES

- Leaving renewal too late
- Rushing through the CPD modules
- Assuming experience alone is enough
- Forgetting the HS&E test
- Applying with an expired HS&E Test pass

The Renewal CPD does not replace the Health, Safety & Environment Test. Both are required for renewal.

BENEFITS OF COMPLETING THE RENEWAL CPD

- Remains up to date with industry changes
- Demonstrates commitment to professional development
- Supports safer working practices
- Helps maintain high industry standards
- Improves knowledge and confidence
- Helps ensure continued site access and employability

Investing time in your CPD today protects your competence tomorrow.

USEFUL LINKS

- CPCS Renewal CPD Portal nocn.cpcs-card.co.uk/#2
- Book Your HS&E Test citb.co.uk/book-a-test
- CPCS Information cpcs.nocn.org.uk

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Do I still need a HS&E Test?**
Yes. The relevant CITB HS&E Test is a mandatory requirement for Blue Card renewal.
- How long is the Renewal CPD valid for?**
The completed Renewal CPD remains valid for two years.
- Is the Renewal CPD difficult?**
Most experienced operators find the programme straightforward when they take their time.
- Can I renew before my card expires?**
Yes. It is strongly recommended to renew before your card expires to avoid any disruption.
- What if my card has already expired?**
You may still be able to renew within certain timeframes. Check the latest CPCS guidance or contact us for advice.
- What happens after I submit my application?**
Once approved, your new CPCS Blue Card will be issued and valid for 5 years.