

CITB HEALTH, SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT TEST GUIDE

Everything you need to know about the CITB HS&E Test and which test is required for CPCS A40, A60, A61, A62, A64 and A66 categories.



WHAT IS THE CITB HS&E TEST?

The CITB Health, Safety & Environment Test (often called the CITB Touch Screen Test) is a computer-based multiple-choice exam used across the construction industry.

It assesses your knowledge of health and safety legislation, safe working practices and environmental awareness. You must pass the correct test before a CPCS card can be issued.



WHY IS IT REQUIRED?

The construction industry places significant emphasis on health and safety competence. A valid CITB HS&E Test pass demonstrates that you have the essential knowledge to work safely and responsibly on site.



WHEN SHOULD I TAKE THE TEST?

Your CITB HS&E Test pass must be valid when you apply for your CPCS card. As a general rule, the test is valid for two years.

If you are upgrading from a Red Trained Operator card to a Blue Competent Operator card through an NVQ, you will also need a valid pass.

Always check the latest CPCS requirements before applying for your card.



HOW DO I BOOK THE TEST?

You can book the CITB Health, Safety & Environment Test directly through CITB.

Make sure you select the correct test type for your CPCS category.

Book your test here:

citb.co.uk/courses-tests



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can RELO Training book my CITB HS&E Test?

No. The test is booked directly through CITB.

How long is the test valid for?

Typically two years from the date of passing.

Do I need the test before attending a CPCS course?

Not always, but you will need a valid pass before a CPCS card can be issued.

What happens if my test expires?

You will need to retake and pass the relevant test before your CPCS application can proceed.

Is the Operatives Test suitable for all CPCS categories?

No. Supervisory and management roles require higher-level tests.

WHICH CITB TEST DO I NEED?

Different CPCS categories require different versions of the CITB HS&E Test.

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



HOW SHOULD I REVISE?

Use official CITB revision materials, including:

- CITB revision books
- CITB revision apps
- Online mock tests
- Practice question banks

Make sure you revise for the correct test type. The Operatives, Specialist Supervisory and Managers & Professionals tests contain different question sets.



COMMON MISTAKES

- Booking the wrong test type
- Allowing the test to expire
- Assuming all CPCS categories require the same test
- Leaving the test until after completing your CPCS course
- Applying for a CPCS card with an expired HS&E Test pass