

Quarries Skills Certification Scheme

Candidate Pack for the Training and Assessment Programme – QSCS Slinger Signaller for CSCS card holder

Please read this document carefully. Further information and clarification may be obtained from the SOLAS QSCS Unit phone 01 607 0500

Guidance Notes for Candidates

The following documents are also attached:

- Part 1 – Application
- Part 2 – Endorsement of Operating Competence

Aim of Programme

The plant training and assessment short course programme enables trained quarry plant operators who have achieved a CSCS Slinger Signaller FETAC certificate to gain recognition for their achievements and provide an opportunity for participants to demonstrate their knowledge and attitudes associated with Slinger Signaller quarry operations.

Learner Profile

Learners for this programme must:

- Have at least six months full time experience in a quarry operating as a trainee Slinger Signaller in accordance with the 1st Schedule – of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Quarries) Regulations 2008 – S.I. No. 28 of 2008. The six months experience must be within the last two years.
- Have undertaken Quarry Safety Awareness Training including the following: Employees duties/responsibilities, Health and Hygiene, traffic management, site specific hazards / safety
- Be in possession of a valid Experienced SOLAS CSCS Slinger Signaller registration card and FETAC certificate
- Be at least 18 years of age

Note: The above items must be verified by the current or previous employer (Part 1 of this pack)

Application Requirements

- Sections A, B and E of Part 1 need to be completed by the applicant with sections C and D completed by the employer.
- Section E must list at least six months full time experience operating as a Trainee Slinger Signaller.
- Part 2 - Endorsement of Operating Competence must be completed and submitted along with Part 1 to the chosen SOLAS Approved Training Organisation prior to attending the one-day training and assessment programme. Failure to do so will result in the learner being unable to complete the programme.
- **Learners must bring with them on the day:- a passport sized photograph and Experienced SOLAS CSCS Slinger Signaller registration card.**

Programme Content

Induction

Registration and induction will be undertaken at the start of the day. Candidates **must** present to the course instructor, a photograph and CSCS Slinger Signaller registration card. Parts 1 and 2 of the Candidate Pack must be already submitted.

Underpinning knowledge Training

Learners will undertake a minimum of 3 hours underpinning knowledge training session with the course instructor.

Subjects that the questions will be based on will be covered during the underpinning knowledge training.

Theory Test

On completion of the underpinning knowledge training session, Learners are allowed 45 minutes to undertake a multi-choice question paper. Questions will be based on subjects about:

- Legislation and regulations
- Employer and employee responsibilities
- Safe working practices
- Equipment, components and functions
- Correct slinging techniques
- Pre-use checks and basic maintenance
- Communications procedures
- Types and characteristics of materials and loads
- Site safety
- Completion of work procedures

To be successful on the theory test, Learners must achieve a minimum of 70% of the total available marks. Learners who achieve a minimum of 85% will be awarded a credit.

Registration

If a candidate meets the required standard, the approved training organisation will make an application to SOLAS for a QSCS registration card. The SOLAS QSCS card is printed and posted to the Authorised Training Organisation for distribution to Learners.

Assessment Requirements

Should a Learner have any particular assessment requirements i.e. need a translator or reader/writer or any other form of special needs, the approved training organisation **must** be informed well in advance of attending the one day programme so that the appropriate help may be sourced.

Information regarding a Learner's particular requirements will be treated with the strictest confidence by the approved training organisation.

Part 1

**Quarries Skills Certification Scheme
QSCS Slinger Signaller (CSCS card holders)
Application Details**

Section A **Applicant Details**

Surname Forenames.....
Address
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..... Date of Birth:
Tel: PPS Number
SOLAS CSCS Card Number

Section B **Applicant Declaration**

I confirm that the information detailed in this application, and any submitted information is valid, genuine and correct.

Please sign

Section C **Employer Details**

Employer/Company Name.....
Address
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..... Postcode.....
Tel:

Section D **Employer Confirmation (including self-employed)**

The named individual signing this section must be in a supervisory or managerial position, nominated by the employer organisation.

We/I the employer confirm that:

- the applicant has at least six months full time quarry experience operating as a trainee Slinger Signaller within the last two years
- The applicant is in possession of a valid SOLAS CSCS Slinger Signaller card and FETAC certificate
- the applicant has undertaken Quarry Safety Awareness Training including the following: Employees duties/responsibilities, Health and Hygiene, traffic management, site specific hazards / safety
- the information detailed in this application, and any submitted information is valid, genuine and correct.

Please sign

NamePosition

Section E

Applicant Experience

Please briefly list work carried out with the Slinger Signaller for at least six months, including dates and location of work.

Dates from/to	Crane Type	Location and brief details of work done
<i>Example</i> <i>9 Jan 14 - 22 May 14</i>	<i>Potain Tower crane</i>	<i>Barron Quarries Newcastle, Co. Dublin. Attaching and guiding loads</i>
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Part 2

Quarries Skills Certification Scheme

Endorsement of Operating Competence QSCS Slinger Signaller

Applicant Name.....

This endorsement of operating competence must be completed by an existing or previous employer. This part can only be completed by a supervisor or line manager of the employer.

The endorsing individual should only initial the statements where they can confirm that the applicant can carry out the work. Some endorsements may require the initials of more than one endorser. Copies of this form may be made if there are more than two endorsers signing.

Each statement must be initialled by the endorser. The applicant can only be considered competent providing **all** statements are signed by one or more endorsers in the Endorsers details section.

I consider that the above named applicant is able to competently:	Initials
1. Identify, check, select and attach suitable and serviceable lifting gear for different types of loads	
2. Recognise and use approved hand signals and two way radio communication	
3. Estimate / establish the weight of loads for lifting	
4. Protect loads, lifting gear and lifting points from damage	
5. Attach and detach lifting gear to and from the load and crane hook	
6. Direct, control and guide a variety of loads (including off-set loads) to the required location	
7. Attach and use tag lines to control the movement of loads	
8. Follow given instructions and manufacturers requirements when working with lifting gear	

Endorsers Details

Full Name: Date:.....

Company name and address:

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..... Postcode: Contact Tel no:

Position: Signature.....