



The CLC Requirements state that 'any new card schemes must occupy a distinct and separate footprint from those currently in operation or be of a higher standard and must demonstrate support from both the relevant sector and the wider industry'.

In situations whereby;

1. A new scheme is applying for CSCS Alliance membership for an occupation(s) already included within an existing Alliance member footprint or

2. An existing Alliance member wishes to extend their footprint to include an occupation(s) already included within another members footprint.

The process will be as follows:

- The Independent Auditor advises the organisation that it must gain the formal support of the recognised Standard Setting Body (SSB) and relevant Sector Representative Organisation(s) (SRO) who are responsible for the overlapping occupation(s) before the full application process can commence.
- If the organisation cannot, for whatever reason gain the support of a relevant organisation or organisations, then there are two recommended routes for resolution:
 - 2a. The Plant Sector Representative Organisation (PRSO) model of the formalisation of the SRO is considered and implemented if practicable. Details of this can be seen at About the PSRO psro.org.uk
 - 2b. The Independent Auditor assists by facilitating a meeting between employer representatives from the relevant SSBs and SROs to try and resolve matters.

- In the event of the organisation failing to gain the necessary support then it may appeal against the said decision to an independent appeals body pursuant to and in accordance with the Terms of Reference for the resolution of appeals from disputes relating to United Kingdom Certification Mark 00003442193 CSCS in Classes 37 and 41 (cscs.uk.com/TOR), whose ruling shall be final.
- If, following the independent appeals body decision in support of the application, the application process set out in the main flow chart commences at Step 4. If after the independent appeals body decision not to support the application the application is rejected, this is the final stage.