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Certificating Body Application for PSRO Support

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APPLICATION FOR GAINING THE SUPPORT OF THE PSRO FOR BECOMING A CSCS PARTNER CARD SCHEME

A. OVERVIEW

1. It is a requirement of the Construction Leadership Council's (CLC) Specification and Promotion of Industry Card Schemes strategy that any plant-based certification body wishing to become a CSCS Plant Partner Card Scheme must first demonstrate that it has the support of industry. For plant occupations, this will be the Plant Sector Representative Organisation (PSRO) for providing such a service to the plant sector. This is because the CLC has agreed that the PSRO is the Sector Representative Organisation (SRO) for the construction plant sector and as such, its collective membership is representative of both the construction plant sector and the wider industry.

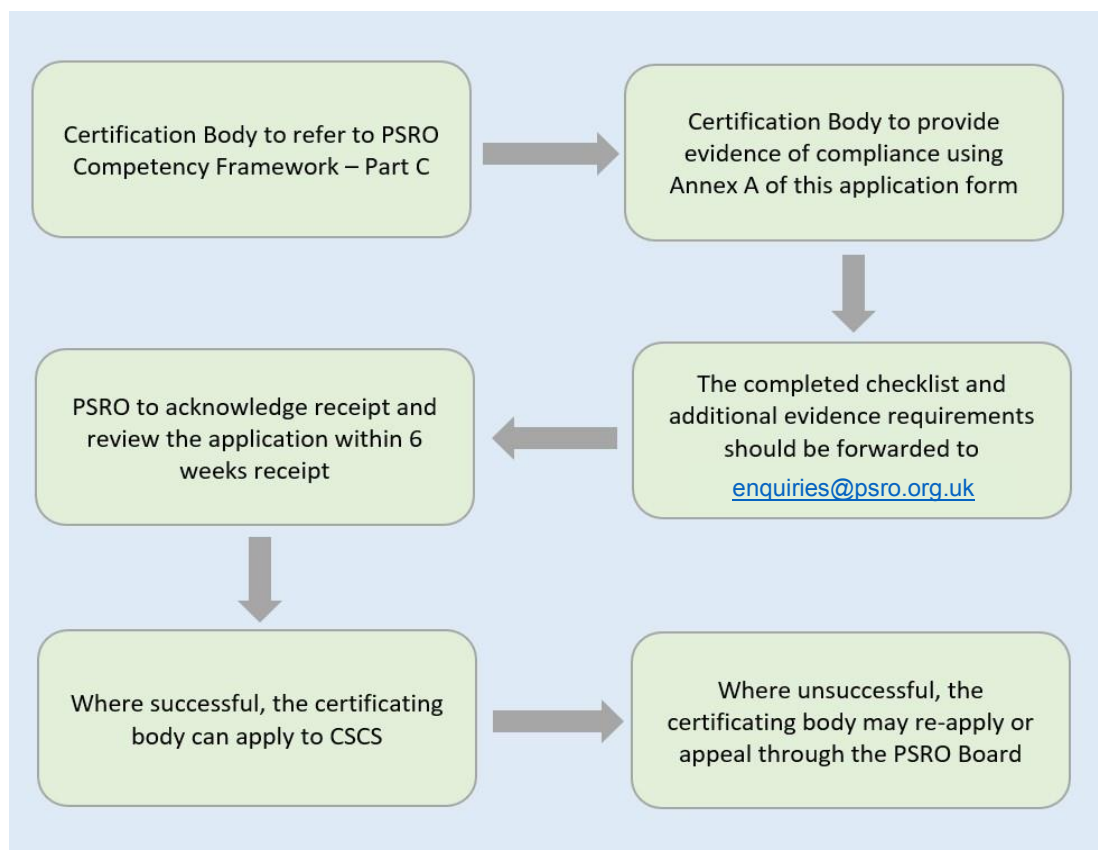
2. Once a plant certification body is successful in gaining the support of the PSRO, it can subsequently proceed with an application to become a CSCS Plant Partner Card Scheme. The CSCS Plant Partner Card Scheme application is a separate process to gaining PSRO support.

B. PSRO ROLE AND OBJECTIVES

3. The PSRO) is an employer-led body comprising of representatives from construction-focussed Federations, Associations and other bodies that have a valid interest in plant-based certification.

4. The principal aim of the PSRO is to act as the SRO for the construction plant sector and advise industry, relevant authoritative bodies including the CLC and other relevant parties over the necessary standards required for plant occupational-related training, assessment and certification activities.

C. SUPPORT APPLICATION PROCESS



5. The PSRO will determine whether to provide its support to the certifying body by referring to the requirements of the **PSRO's Plant Occupations Competency Framework**, hosted by and downloadable from:

<https://www.cpa.uk.net/skills-training/plant-sector-representative-organisation>

6. The certification body should refer, in the first instance, to the framework document, particularly **Part C: Competency Framework Plant Occupations – Certification Body Specification**, which details the compliance requirements set by industry for plant card schemes operating within the construction and allied sector.

7. The certifying body will be required to demonstrate how they comply with the Part C framework requirements by completion of **Annex A: Competency Framework Plant Occupations - Evidence Checklist**. This can be found in Part B of this application form.

8. Upon completion of **Annex A: Competency Framework Plant Occupations - Evidence Checklist**, the certifying body should email the completed form and accompanying evidence to the PSRO administration at:

enquiries@psro.org.uk

9. The PSRO administration will confirm receipt of the application and aim to make its decision within six weeks of receipt. The period may be extended where the technical review group require further evidence from the certifying body.

10. The application and supporting evidence will be reviewed by the PSRO Technical Review Group and advise the PSRO Board of their recommendation with the stated time.

11. If unsuccessful, the certifying body will be informed of the reasons why and allowed time to address any items of non-compliance with the PSRO Competency Framework and resubmit their application should they wish.

12. Any certifying body who fails to gain the support of the PSRO but considers it does meet the requirements of the PSRO Competency Framework, can make an appeal to the PSRO Board at enquiries@psro.org.uk setting out the reasons why. The appeal must be made within two weeks of the scheme receiving formal and final notification by the PSRO of it not being able to provide its support. The PSRO Board will consider the appeal at their next scheduled meeting. Their appeal decision will be final.

D. CSCS APPLICATION

13. Following confirmation from the PSRO Board of its support, certifying bodies should contact CSCS and begin their formal application to become a CSCS Plant Partner Card Scheme. CSCS will then provide information over their application process and which will include the scheme having to demonstrate how they meet the Construction Leadership Council's (CLC) 'One Industry Logo' initiative requirements which can be seen at: <https://www.cscs.uk.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/CLC-decision-on-card-scheme-logo-01.12.20.pdf>

More information can be found at:

<https://www.cscs.uk.com/contact/>

<https://www.cscs.uk.com/about/plant-partner-card-schemes>