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Covid-19 Road and Street Works Bulletin 005: Training & Accreditation.

Dear Colleagues,

We are aware of the increasing difficulties street works operatives and supervisors are experiencing in renewing street works cards owing to Covid-19 related closures of assessment centres and other parts of the street works accreditation system.

The Streetworks Qualifications Register (SWQR) has communicated to centres and Awarding Organisations as follows

“SWQR will provide an exemption over the next 6 months to card holders where their card has expired between Tuesday 17 March 2020 and Thursday 17 September 2020.

Candidates in England and Scotland will have the opportunity to re-assess up to 5 years after their card expiry date. However, any candidate outside this period who have been unable to renew their card due to the assessment centre and/or Awarding Organisation’s closures during this period, must notify the SWQR in writing and undertake the relevant assessment to renew their card at the earliest possible opportunity.

Please note that we will be unable to consider any card renewal delays for expired cards after Thursday 17 September 2020.”

Essentially, this will only have an impact on those candidates who were certificated 10 years ago and been unable to undertake a re-assessment due to centre and/or Awarding Organisation closures.”

In essence any person whose card has expired since 17th March or is due to expire before 17th September should notify SWQR and arrange to undertake the relevant assessment at the earliest opportunity

However, it is essential that street works do not stop entirely, and some cards will lapse through no fault of the holders. We are therefore writing regarding card enforcement policy to ask that street authorities bear this in mind for the next 6 months or so.



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Please remember that competent staff are essential to safe sites and this advice does not mean that the requirements for qualified staff on sites has been waived. They should still be able to evidence their card even if it has expired within the terms of this advice.

Best Regards

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Agreed by all parties including the DfT, HAUC UK, JAG, Street Works UK & DCMS