

2011-12 CSkills Grant Scheme

The new Grant Scheme came into effect as of 1st August 2011.

Extracts of the main relevant CSkills Grants for RSTA members are listed below. For full details of the scheme visit <http://www.cskills.org/levy-grant/index.aspx>

Important Notes:

The main changes from the 2010-11 Grant Scheme are:

- Number of training days per employee increased from 3 to 5 for both Training & Development Plans and Short Duration Training
- Supplementary payment increased to 22% (10 % standard plus 12% bonus)

The maximum number of VQ qualifications for which an individual will be eligible to claim grant support will be limited to two VQs at each level, per lifetime. VQ achievement grants which have already been paid to support an individual's training will be included within this limit.

Payments of grants will only be made if all outstanding Levy assessments are paid in full or a direct debit agreement is in place. Companies also need to have returned their Levy returns by the deadlines detailed on their Levy Return. Companies that have been registered with CSkills for less than 12 months are only eligible to claim for Apprenticeship Grants.

A full summary of all the changes for the 2011/2012 Grants Scheme is available to download at: http://www.cskills.org/uploads/comparison-20102011-and-20112012-Grants-Schemes_tcm17-26446.pdf

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2010/2011 Grants Scheme - important dates

The closing date for claims to be received for payment within the 2010/2011 Grants Scheme is the 31st October 2011, unless otherwise stated within the Grants Scheme rules for an individual grant.

2010/2011 claims received after 31st October 2011 will be rejected.

CITB LEVY

CITB-ConstructionSkills have produced 2011 Levy Return Guidance Notes – a step-by-step guide to completing your Levy return. Click on this link to download a copy: http://www.cskills.org/uploads/levy-guidance-notes-11-3-11_tcm17-25398.pdf

Grant Code	Training / Qualification	Amount	Notes
A31B	VQ Level 2 (A maximum of 2 VQs per level per lifetime)	£275	GC1/1 claim form sent automatically *
A32B	VQ Level 3 (A maximum of 2 VQs per level per lifetime)	£275	GC1/1 claim form sent automatically *
A33B	VQ Level 4 & 5 (A maximum of 2 VQs per level per lifetime)	£275	GC1/1 claim form sent automatically *
A29	CSkills Site Safety Plus (SSSTS & SMSTS) – (attendance only)	£17.50 per day	Employer provides CITB Reg No on registration and GC1/1 form sent automatically
A42	CPCS Theory Test	£60	GC1/1 claim form sent automatically *
A43A	CPCS Practical Test	£410	GC1/1 claim form sent automatically *
A43B	CPCS Practical Test	£240	GC1/1 claim form sent automatically *
A43C	CPCS Practical Test	£190	GC1/1 claim form sent automatically *
B102	Training & Development Plan (max 5 days per PAYE employee)	£17.50 per day	Paid in instalments as per plan
B201	Short duration off the job training (max of 6 hours construction related training and max of 5 days per employee)	£17.50 per day	Complete a GC3/1. Maximum claim of £2,500 per year.
Supplementary payment of 22% (subject to terms and conditions) available on all Grants above.			
* If form not automatically received claim should be made on a GC1.			

For help and advice in claiming Grants contact either CSkills direct or call Clive Mitchell on 07557 529410 (cmitchell@rsta-uk.org)