

23 November 2020

Covid-19 Road and Street Works Bulletin 005.3: Training & Accreditation.

Dear Colleagues,

We are aware of some difficulties that street works operatives and supervisors are continuing to experience in renewing street works cards owing to reduced capacity of assessment centres as a result of Covid-19 restrictions and other parts of the street works accreditation system.

The Streetworks Qualifications Register (SWQR) has confirmed the dispensation end date was 17 September 2020.

SWQR have shared the following with the HAUC community;

“SWQR continues to be guided by Government on the provision of our services and must be able to respond to any changes or application of any restrictions at short notice.

To ensure we are operating within the existing standards, and that we continue to support our Centres and Candidates, we are offering the following services:

- *Telephones – Open 10:00am – 4pm, Monday to Friday for urgent enquiries, 0345 702720*
- *Mailing applications – Please continue to submit applications as normal*
- *Application processing – Application processing has returned to normal*
- *Candidate telephone payments – Please contact us during our opening times*
- *Card production – Card production has returned to normal, however there may be some slight delays in despatch.*
- *E-mail – Please email us at swqr@sqa.org.uk*
- *Website – our website is kept up to date with the latest news affecting our services www.swqr.org.uk.”*

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.”

Current Bulletins during Covid-19, 001.3 essential works, 002.1 defects, 004 Section 81 defective apparatus, 005.3 Streetworks ticket, 006 charges and permits, 007.1 Green Transport Restart, 008.2 Good practice during the Covid-19 recovery, 009 Street Manager and new legislation 1 July 2020, 010 local Covid hotspots

However, it is essential that street works do not stop entirely, and some cards will lapse, or replacement cards may not be available through no fault of the holders. We are therefore writing regarding card enforcement policy to ask that street authorities bear this in mind up until March 2021.

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 or not been replaced 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, RAUC Scotland & DCMS. For Wales and Northern Ireland see advice in italics below provided by them.

Update for Re-registration candidates operating in Wales and Northern Ireland

Card holders will be aware of the various updates on our website, with regards to renewal of Re-assessment cards.

Please note, that as Re-registration does not require any assessment you should continue to renew your cards even if you have been furloughed, cannot obtain a new passport photograph, or your employer / manager has instructed you not to, as there is an 'extension' in place.

Card renewal is the responsibility of the individual who holds it, and unless instructed by SWQR you should renew your card within the card validity date, or as a last resort within the three month run-out period for your card.

*If you are unclear how to act, or require advice please contact the Street Works Team on:
Email - swqr@sqa.org.uk, Tel - 0345 270 2720
or via the contact form on our website <https://www.swqr.org.uk/SWQR/Contact>*