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**To: All SJIB and SELECT Members**

Dear Sir/Madam,

### **Introduction of new Fire, Emergency and Security Systems (FESS) cards**

We are pleased to announce that the SJIB introduced new Fire, Emergency and Security Systems (FESS) cards in February 2024. These cards will replace the old Datacomms cards with the exception of the Advanced Datacomms Specialist card. Any existing Datacomms cards will be honoured until the expiry date.

Individuals can apply for the following cards:

- FESS Apprentice
- FESS Labourer
- FESS Systems Operative
- FESS Systems Technician (Gold Hatched)
- FESS Systems Technician (Gold)
- FESS Technical Manager
- FESS Technical Auditor

The criteria and requirements for these cards were developed by The Fire, Emergency and Security Systems (FESS) industry itself through a sector working group which included trade associations and employer representatives together with an industry consultation. The changes have been brought in to further the FESS industry's desire to professionalise and upskill the sector, and the Construction Leadership Council's move to ensure that all CSCS partnered cards are issued against an industry recognised qualification standard.

Anyone wishing to view the criteria and apply for a FESS card should visit the [ECS Card Portal](#), click on FESS, then select the relevant card from the drop down menu.

Yours faithfully,

Fiona Harper  
The Secretary

Derek Thomson  
For UNITE the Union

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