

## **Annex A - Overlapping Scheme Footprints**



The current (March 2024) CLC Recommendations state that 'any new card schemes applying to CSCS to become an Alliance member must occupy a distinct and separate footprint from those currently in operation and have the support of the Sector Representative Organisation, the Standard Setting Body and the wider industry'.

In situations whereby;

1. A new scheme is applying to CSCS for CSCS Alliance membership for an occupation(s) already included within an existing Alliance member footprint

or

2. An existing Alliance member wishes to extend their footprint to include an occupation(s) already included within another members footprint.

## The process will be as follows:

- The Independent Auditor advises the organisation that it must gain the formal support of the recognised Standard Setting Body (SSB) and relevant Sector Representative Organisation(s) (SRO) who are responsible for the overlapping occupation(s) before the full application process can commence.
- If the organisation cannot, for whatever reason gain the support of a relevant organisation or organisations, then there are two routes for resolution:
  - 2a. The Plant Sector Representative Organisation (PRSO) model of the formalisation of the SRO(s) is considered and implemented if practicable. Details of this can be seen at About the PSRO psro.org.uk.
  - 2b. The Independent Auditor assists by facilitating a meeting between employer representatives from the relevant SSBs and SROs to try and resolve matters.

- In the event of the organisation failing to gain the necessary support then it may appeal against the said decision to an independent appeals body pursuant to and in accordance with the Service Rules for the resolution of appeals from disputes relating to United Kingdom Certification Mark 00003442193 CSCS in Classes 37 and 41 (the mark) (CSCS.uk.com/ServiceRules), whose ruling shall be final.
- If, following the independent appeals body decision in support of the application, the application process set out in the main flow chart commences at Step 4. If after the independent appeals body decision not to support the application the application is rejected, this is the final stage.

Note: CSCS is Construction Skills Certification Scheme Limited, the holder of the CSCS Certification Mark.