

Appendix A – CHAS and equivalent accreditations

CHAS – The Contractors Health and Safety Assessment Scheme

'Principles and Purpose

Each month thousands of contractors and consultants (suppliers) apply for work with public and private sector organisations (buyers). To win work, they must meet the buyer's health and safety standards.

Assessing supplier's health and safety competence is usually a lengthy and time consuming process. Suppliers can sometimes meet one buyer's Health and Safety standards but not another. Being CHAS approved reduces duplication as suppliers compliance is accepted by all CHAS buyers.

CHAS assesses applicants:

- 1. Health and safety policy statement;*
- 2. Their organisation for health and safety;*
- 3. Their specific health and safety arrangements to a standard acceptable to our buyers and to others.'*

Information above sourced directly from CHAS website. For more information, visit:

<http://www.chas.co.uk/>

Alternative Accreditations (trade relevant)

Other recognised accreditations that are accepted include:

CSCS	Construction skills certification scheme H&S test and appropriate trade competence (<i>right card right job</i>).
Gas Safe	Legal requirement for people working on gas fittings or appliances.
IPAF	For users of all forms of powered access equipment.
IRATA	Industrial Rope Access Trade Association training and certification in industrial rope access.
NASC	National Access and Scaffolding Confederation.
NICEIC	National Inspection Council for Electrical Installation Contractors. The UK's leading voluntary regulatory body for the electrical contracting industry.
PASMA	Tower scaffold erection and use.
PMES (JIB)	The JIB Plumbers, Mechanical Engineering Services (PMES) scheme is the standard measure of skills, knowledge and competency for the UK Plumbing industry.