Proof on paper that you know your stuff

The CPCS Trained Operator Card (commonly known as the Red Card) can contribute to a more secure future in the plant industry. The Red Card is valid for two years. To move on to your Blue Card you must have completed your NVQ or SVQ in the appropriate category.
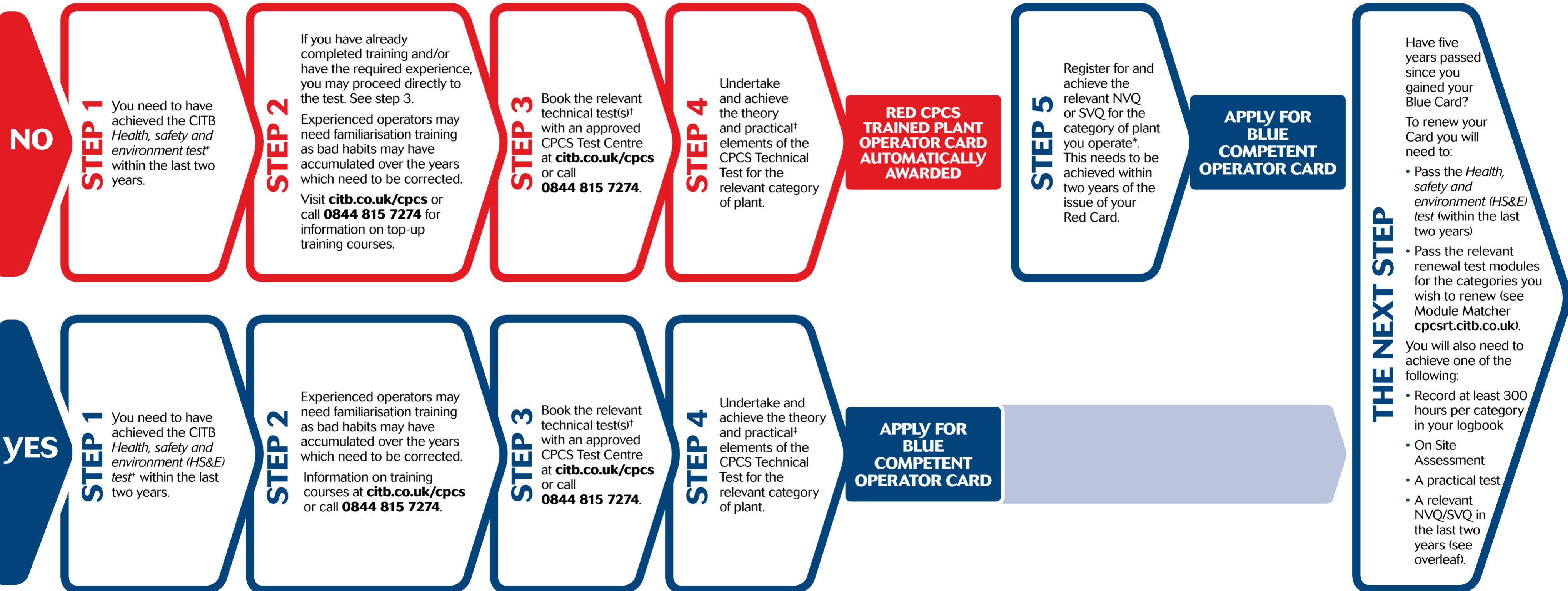
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How to get your Blue Card

You need to achieve a plant-based NVQ or SVQ. These qualifications have been developed with industry to measure your competence against national standards in the workplace. A qualified assessor will guide you through the process of attaining your qualification. This is achieved through generating evidence of your skills and competence. Evidence may include On Site Assessment, reviews of your CPCS logbook and customer timesheets and statements from your employer, manager or client. The qualifications can be achieved during normal working hours without having to attend college or take final exams.

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Do you have a relevant NVQ or SVQ in Plant Operations*?

NO

STEP 1 You need to have achieved the CITB *Health, safety and environment test+* within the last two years.

STEP 2 If you have already completed training and/or have the required experience, you may proceed directly to the test. See step 3.

Experienced operators may need familiarisation training as bad habits may have accumulated over the years which need to be corrected.

Visit **citb.co.uk/cpcs** or call **0844 815 7274** for information on top-up training courses.

STEP 3 Book the relevant technical test(s)† with an approved CPCS Test Centre at **citb.co.uk/cpcs** or call **0844 815 7274**.

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RED CPCS TRAINED PLANT OPERATOR CARD AUTOMATICALLY AWARDED

STEP 5 Register for and achieve the relevant NVQ or SVQ for the category of plant you operate#. This needs to be achieved within two years of the issue of your Red Card.

APPLY FOR BLUE COMPETENT OPERATOR CARD

THE NEXT STEP

Have five years passed since you gained your Blue Card?

To renew your Card you will need to:
• Pass the *Health, safety and environment (HS&E) test* (within the last two years)
• Pass the relevant renewal test modules for the categories you wish to renew (see Module Matcher **cpcsrt.citb.co.uk**).

You will also need to achieve one of the following:
• Record at least 300 hours per category in your logbook
• On Site Assessment
• A practical test
• A relevant NVQ/SVQ in the last two years (see overleaf).

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+ CITB charge only £17.50 for the test and it's available to take outside of normal working hours.

† The maximum fee for the Theory Test is £100. Grant eligible £60.

‡ There is a maximum fee set for the Practical Test dependent on the category group. You can find this within the Scheme Booklet for Test Centres or by calling **0844 815 7274**.

Grant eligible £610.

Grant eligible for in-scope, registered employers. See **citb.co.uk/levy-grant**

*See CPCS Scheme Booklet for full details – **citb.co.uk/cpcs**

Download the free training and test material from **citb.co.uk/cpcs** for your chosen category of plant and check your own skills and knowledge against our standards.

Our downloadable material comprehensively outlines the skills and knowledge you need for any training required against each category of plant.

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