



**CARES SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTIONAL STEEL (SCS) SCHEME  
SUMMARY OF ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENTS & SCHEME AUDITS IN 2018**

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**Summary of Accreditation Assessments**

CARES hold the official UK accreditation status from The United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) for the BS 8902:2009 Responsible sourcing sector certification schemes for construction products - Specification. The details of the CARES accreditation status can be found in the following UKAS website

[https://www.ukas.com/wp-content/uploads/schedule\\_uploads/00011/00295/0002Product%20Certification\\_.pdf](https://www.ukas.com/wp-content/uploads/schedule_uploads/00011/00295/0002Product%20Certification_.pdf)

The last accreditation audit (Head office 4-yearly re-assessment) was completed by UKAS assessor in 09 May 2018. UKAS assessor did not raise any mandatory finding or recommendation at the end of the audit. UKAS did not carry out witness assessment for SCS Scheme in 2018. CARES' accreditation to ISO/IEC 17065:2012 including SCS Scheme was renewed by 05 June 2018 (see the link above).

**Summary of SCS Scheme Audits in 2018**

CARES completed all scheduled SCS scheme audits in 2018. The type of the audits is given in Table 1.

Table 1. Type and number of CARES SCS scheme certification audits in 2018

Type of Audit	Number of Audits
MS Manual Review	5
Stage 1	4
Stage 2	4
Surveillance	22
Follow-up	1
Re-assessment	13
<b>Total number of Audits</b>	<b>49</b>

Table 2. Summary of the NCRs raised by CARES Auditors in 2018

Type and number of NCR		Note
Major	3	The root cause analysis and actions to the NCRs were reviewed by CARES and verified during organised follow up audit.
Minor	21	The root cause analysis and actions to the NCRs were reviewed by CARES and found satisfactory, but to be verified at the first CARES audits in 2019.



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The majority of the NCRs were raised to improve the performance of the sustainability management systems of certified companies and also raised during the certification assessments of new clients in 2018.

New applicants have successfully completed their certification assessments in 2018 and achieved CARES SCS certificates. Certified organisations have also satisfactorily completed their ISO 14001:2015 transition assessments before due date. SCS certified companies who haven't been certified to OHSAS 18001:2007 until 2018, completed their certification assessments satisfactorily and certified in order to fulfil the requirements of SCS Scheme.

### **Additional Comments**

CARES SCS Scheme incorporated with rosette rating system enables applicant companies to demonstrate their performance across the full range of sustainability aspects and to better differentiate themselves from their competitors. Beyond fulfilling mandatory requirements in all sections -Sustainability Management, Environment, Economic and Social-; voluntary performance score exceeding thresholds specified for each section is awarded with 1 to 3 CARES Rosettes, based on obtained credit score.

SCS management systems performance of certified companies were increased in 2018 as compared to previous years. Number of companies reported their performance internally and to the public increased in 2018 as compared to previous period. Performance reporting also covered more sustainability aspects as compared to previous periods. The efforts to improve stakeholder engagement processes helped to demonstrate enhanced social performance of the organisations, as well as an increased transparency. As a result, 1 company achieved 2 and 6 companies achieved 1 CARES Rosette.

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