



**CARES SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTIONAL STEEL (SCS) SCHEME
SUMMARY OF ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENTS & SCHEME AUDITS IN 2019**

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Summary of Accreditation Assessments

CARES is accredited by 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 on the following UKAS webpage

https://www.ukas.com/wp-content/uploads/schedule_uploads/00011/00295/0002Product%20Certification.pdf

The last SCS Scheme accreditation assessment was conducted by UKAS assessor in 9 May 2018 (Head office 4-yearly re-assessment). There were no mandatory findings or recommendations raised at the end of the assessment. UKAS did not carry out witness assessment for SCS Scheme in 2019. CARES' accreditation to ISO/IEC 17065:2012 including SCS Scheme is dated 25 September 2019 (see the link above).

Summary of SCS Scheme Audits in 2019

CARES completed all scheduled SCS scheme audits in 2019. The audit type breakdown is provided in Table 1, and the type and amount of non-conformities is provided in Table 2.

Table 1. Type and number of CARES SCS scheme certification audits in 2019

Type of Audit	Number of Audits
MS Manual Review	-
Stage 1	1
Stage 2	3
Surveillance	42
Re-assessment	2
Follow-up	1
Total number of Audits	49

Table 2. Summary of the NCRs raised by CARES Auditors in 2019

Type and number of NCR		Note
Major	1	The root cause analysis and actions to the NCRs were reviewed by CARES and verified and closed during organised follow up audit.
Minor	17	The root cause analysis and actions to the NCRs were reviewed by CARES and found satisfactory, but to be verified during following CARES audits in 2020.



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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 certified in 2019.

New applicants have successfully completed their certification assessments in 2019 and achieved CARES SCS certificates.

Considering OH&S management system certification is one of the prerequisites for the SCS certification, CARES has closely followed the developments of the first international OH&S management system standard ISO 45001, which was issued in 12 March 2018 and has taken actions to start the accreditation process before the issue date. As a result of this effort, CARES became one of the first Certification Bodies in the country to successfully achieve accreditation for certification to the new ISO 45001:2018 management system on 29 June 2018.

According to IAF MD 21:2018 (International Accreditation Forum Mandatory Document) requirements, OHSAS 18001 will be withdrawn on publication of ISO 45001 and organizations currently certified to OHSAS 18001 will have a three-year period to migrate to ISO 45001. CARES has issued a transition plan on its website for guidance to all its certified companies and to companies who may wish to be certified by CARES.

There were total of 51 companies certified for OH&S management systems by the end of 2019, from which 19 of those have already been certified to ISO 45001. The remaining 32 companies should complete their migration to ISO 45001 before 30 September 2021, as the transition period of 3-year was postponed for 6 months by the IAF due to the Covid-19 crisis.

Rosette Ratings

The CARES SCS Scheme incorporates the Rosette Rating System (RRS) which enables applicant companies to demonstrate additional levels of 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 credit scores exceeding thresholds specified for each section are awarded with 1 to 3 CARES Rosettes, based on the obtained credit score.

The number of companies reporting their sustainability performance internally and to the public increased in 2019 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, 6 companies achieved 1 CARES Rosette. Overall, the number of company's receiving Rosettes in 2019 remained the same as in 2018. There are 23 SCS re-certification audits planned for 2020, and as a result, we anticipate the number of companies achieving CARES Rosettes is expected to increase.

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