

### **Why and how?**

Your assessment is to renew an existing CSCS safety net rigger card. You will probably pass this assessment if you and your employer prepare before meeting your assessor on site. It is important you are relaxed and understand what's involved. The assessor is not trying to catch you out or trick you! It is simply to make sure you are rigging safety nets to BSEN 1263/2 and BS 8411 and that you know the most up to date information about rigging safety nets.

There are two parts to your assessment;

**Theory**, where you will be asked questions. You need 10/12 correct questions to pass.

**Practical**, where the assessor will watch you rigging safety nets & measure your skills against set standards. *You need 100% to pass the practical.*

### **Theory**

The assessor will ask you questions and help you as much as possible by re-phrasing the question or perhaps drawing a sketch to clarify the question. If you're unsure, you can return to the question later. The assessor is not allowed to give you the answer!

Your answer will be recorded on a form and be marked either pass or fail. It is black and white-you either answer the questions right or wrong.

As long as you look at your training manual and visit the FASET website ([www.faset.org.uk](http://www.faset.org.uk) latest news, FAQ's and bulletins) before the assessment starts, you should pass the theory part. Cheating or the use of notes will result in an immediate fail.

### **Practical**

You need to show your assessor that you can rig safety nets properly in a construction environment by demonstrating your practical skills on site or an approved venue. The assessor needs to be "impressed" and you need to think carefully what you do, before you do it! You must work safely at all times-if you don't you fail. This includes checking the area where you are about to work, the PPE you wear, the equipment you use and the way in which you use it. You must also prove you are competent to use this equipment (IPAF card etc.).

Your FASET GSA 1 Assessment.....*ctd*

You can rig safety nets using ropes or attachment systems referred to in the training manual or Standards and you can use a combination of ropes and attachment systems.

This includes tying knots (riggers knots, figure of 8 stop knots, joining knots and lacing).

You will need to create an eaves bags. Again, it is black and white, the assessor is not allowed to make exceptions or deviate from the form. This makes it fair for everyone who does this GSA1 assessment. The assessor will record parts of your practical performance using the GSA1 form.

**At the end**

At the end of the assessment, your assessor will go through the form with you and give you feedback on how you did. If you have failed the theory, but passed the practical, you need to attend a FASET Safety Nets for Managers course *or* the theory part of the Riggers course. You'll then need to answer the GSA1 questions again.

If you fail the practical, you need to attend a one-day FASET safety net riggers course before organising another GSA1 assessment (new course certificate will be needed).

Hopefully, if you pass, the assessor will say well done, *sign you off* and forward confirmation of your result to FASET. YOU do not receive any paperwork to confirm this.

You/your employer will have to apply for your new CSCS card through CSCS direct. They will then issue your renewed card.

Please note: For any card application, you will need to have completed the Construction Skills touch screen test (work at height version) within the last two years.

Good Luck!

I have read or been told everything above and understood what is involved: -

Name(candidate): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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The candidate has read and/or I have explained everything above.

Name(assessor): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

# Additional Practical Guidance for Riggers

## Compliant Net System

Net must have 5 parts in place. In Test, with label or paperwork. The net must be in good condition. Any repairs must be compliant and suitably labelled.

## Rigged Level

The net must be as close as possible to the *faller's* feet.

## Anchorage Point

Will it take 6kN @ 45°. If the assessor is unsure, written evidence must be made available.

## Attachment Spacings

There should be **NO** areas where the maximum tie rope spacing is exceeded or when using attachment systems, the manufacturer's guidance must be followed.

## Knot Skills

The candidate **MUST** demonstrate each knot correctly.

## Net Dressing/Under roll

The candidate must avoid reliance on mesh. Gather is unacceptable "unless working from ladders".

## Joining Knot

Candidate must demonstrate the FASET joining knot. (Toolbox Talk is allowed prior).

## Temporary Repair

Candidate must complete a temporary repair in line with FASET guidance. (Toolbox Talk is allowed prior).

## Gaps

No more than 3 gaps/net should be visible, unless exceptional circumstances apply. A gap > 225mm is unacceptable.

## Eaves Bag

Candidate must rig an eaves bag. Simulation is acceptable. Bag should have tear drops closed off and the border rope must be taught. No reliance upon mesh.

## Lacing

Must show lacing including.

## Correct Sag

Measured from the border rope to the lowest point of the mesh at the middle of the net.

## Clearance Distance

Measured from the border rope to the nearest obstacle. Must meet the requirements of the clearance chart. If obstacles are unavoidable, they **MUST** be pointed out by the candidate *before* rigging starts.