





## The Storage Equipment Installers Registration Scheme Meeting High Standards

In today's fast paced warehouse environment, the need to improve standards is more important than ever, especially at the point of installation.

If your installers aren't working to the specified criteria, it can impact your warehouse on multiple levels. Firstly, the integrity of your equipment may be affected which results in it not meeting its expected lifespan. Secondly, it could leave you at risk of failing to meet regulations. Did you know that under the Health & Safety Executive's (HSE) Construction Design & Management Regulations 2015, there is a legal obligation for you to check your racking supplier's quality credentials, ensure they meet health and safety requirements and use correctly trained labour.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, safety. Never underestimate the critical job your storage equipment plays in safely storing tonnes of product above your employees' heads. Installing racking is a highly skilled job and the approach requires a significant level of both practical and technical knowledge at each intricate stage to deliver on maximum safety.

Racking is covered by HSE guideline HSG76 Warehousing and Storage: A Guide to Health and Safety. It is not a legal requirement to follow this best practice document but adhering to the advice given is normally enough to comply with legislation. When it comes to the installation HSG76 states that it should only be installed by 'competent people in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and references SEIRS.

## What is SEIRS?

SEIRS stands for the Storage Equipment Installers Registration Scheme. This national registration scheme has been established in consultation with the HSE to improve safety standards at the point of installation. It is recognised as a best practice example of the industry regulating itself.

SEIRS is based on three key components: an installation Code of Practice, training courses and an ID card and registration system. Installers can become SEIRS registered by successfully completing an appropriate SEIRS training course.

### Installation Code of Practice

The SEMA Guide to Method Statements for the Installation of Storage Equipment is integral to the SEIRS programme and sets out the safe way to assemble the storage equipment. Manufacturers and installers can use the guidelines as a basis to prepare detailed method statements tailored to the specific needs of the contractor or project. Installers must adhere to this safe way of working and the guide forms an integral part of the SEIRS training courses.





## Know Your SEIRS Cards

In addition to the individual installer's name and photograph the SEIRS identification card carries an ID number unique to that person. The expiry date of the SEIRS ID card is clearly shown.

As one of the CSCS's 38 partner schemes our SEIRS CSCS Cards are SmartCards and can be scanned to instantly verify that individuals have the appropriate installation qualifications for the work they are to be engaged in. Always check for a valid in-date ID card.

- **SEIRS Trainee Card**

Issued to any installer who has completed the SEIRS Foundation – Part 1 training course. Trainee cards are only valid for 6 months.

- **SEIRS Card**

A full SEIRS card is issued to installers who have successfully passed the SEIRS Diploma – Part 2 training course. It is valid for five years.

- **SEIRS CSCS Cards**

Issued to installers who have completed SEIRS Foundation Part 1 and to those who have successfully passed the SEIRS Diploma -Part 2. In both cases, installers must also achieve a pass in the CITB Health, Safety and Environment test.

*"When working in the warehouse industry the priority must be on safety in everything we do – from the design all the way through to the point of installation. We know that SEIRS is a demonstrable stamp of quality. Through our SEIRS qualified installers we can clearly show that we are properly trained using the correct processes and systems, working at the very highest levels of safety."*

## SEIRS Qualification

SEIRS offers five courses which build a solid foundation of industry specific issues to cover Health & Safety, practical instruction on installing storage equipment and a methodical assessment process.

SEIRS Courses include:

- Foundation Course - Part 1
- Diploma Course – Part 2
- Refresher Course
- Supervisors Course
- Installation Managers Course

## Benefits of SEIRS

### For the Customer

- National installer safety scheme
- Recognised qualifications that demonstrate installation by professionals
- Installers trained to deliver on SEMA Codes and guidelines
- Check the validity of an installer's credentials

### For the Installer

- Fully supported part of the SEMA group
- Storage industry qualification
- Health and safety updates through SEMA
- Demonstrate your professionalism to site officials, SEMA members, suppliers of storage equipment and end users



## Three ways to check the credentials of your installer:

- 01 Ask to see an in-date SEIRS card
- 02 Scan their SEIRS/CSCS Smart Card using the CSCS Smart Check app
- 03 Contact the SEMA offices

For more information on SEIRS or to find how you can become a member, contact the SEMA office by emailing [enquiry@sema.org.uk](mailto:enquiry@sema.org.uk) or visit [www.sema.org.uk](http://www.sema.org.uk)



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