

FeRFA E-Newsletter



November 2020

CORONAVIRUS (Covid-19)

Construction Industry Recognition

Earlier in November, Secretary of State for Business, Industry, Energy & Industrial Strategy, Alok Sharma wrote an open letter to those in the construction sector, thanking them for their contribution during the Coronavirus pandemic. Read the letter [here](#).

Self-Employment Income Support Scheme

Applications have now opened for the third grant under the [Self-Employment Income Support Scheme](#). A business must have experienced a negative impact from coronavirus between 1 November 2020 and 31 January 2021 in order to submit a claim before the deadline of Friday 29 January.

Changes to Safe Travel Guidance

From Wednesday 2 December, [new local restriction tiers](#) will apply in England, and the Government has updated its [Safer travel guidance](#) accordingly. Across all tiers, people should walk or cycle if they can, avoid the busiest routes and peak travel times, and avoid [car sharing](#) with anyone outside their household or support bubble.

People living in a [High](#) or [Very High](#) tier should reduce the number of journeys they make,

and travel into and out of Very High areas should be avoided other than where necessary, such as for work. In the event of construction workers being stopped on journeys to and from sites, Build UK has produced an [authorisation letter template](#) which employers can use.

Keep up to date with the latest Coronavirus news via [our dedicated webpage](#) and on our social media channels (@FeRFAResin). Keep an eye out for these updates, and if we can be of any assistance please [contact the FeRFA office](#).

BREXIT

Open Letter to Construction Sector

Secretary of State for Business, Industry, Energy & Industrial Strategy, Alok Sharma has written an open letter to those in the construction sector regarding the actions businesses are required to take from 1 January 2021. Read the letter [here](#).

A reminder that the Government's dedicated [transition website](#) provides you with a handy [checker tool](#) to detail actions your business may need to take. It also provides links to all transition information.

We will be providing members with guidance on Brexit via [our dedicated webpage](#) and by email over the coming weeks. Keep an eye out for these updates, and if we can be of any assistance please [contact the FeRFA office](#).

TRAINING NEWS

We have been working closely with our members, partners and CITB to get our training programme safely back on track as quickly as possible. However, due to the current restrictions we are postponing our newest course groups.

Contact the [FeRFA office](#) for more information.

ASSOCIATE SPOTLIGHT

This month, FeRFA are highlighting three more of our Associate members. Associate members are companies who are involved indirectly with the manufacture, application and maintenance of resin flooring such as Surface Preparation Plant Suppliers, Chemical Suppliers to Manufacturer members, floor cleaning machinery suppliers, test houses etc.



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INDUSTRY NEWS



Free e-Course: Setting Up & Operating a Safe Construction Site

As the second national lockdown in England was announced, CITB launched a free Covid-19 e-Course. Already, in just four weeks, more than 1,400 people have completed the training. It covers topics such as current legislation; how a virus spreads; social distancing and risk management. The course can be taken at any time, and you can find out more [here](#).

Construction Skills Network: Industry Outlook 2021-2025 Report

In partnership with Experian, CITB have released their Industry Outlook for 2021-2025. The summary document presents three scenarios about how the economy will recover, and what they mean for construction. All suggest that a recovery will not be as rapid as initially hoped for, but that by working together, we can address the key skill challenges. Read the report [here](#).

Help Shape the Levy

This year, after speaking to the Prescribed Organisations and some employers, CITB decided that it was inappropriate to run the Consensus process when the external environment was so unstable and uncertain. Their expectation is that, although some Covid-related uncertainty will remain, the external environment will be sufficiently stable to run the Consensus process next year. The final decision will be taken by the CITB Board in February and before doing so CITB will seek views from the [Prescribed Organisations](#), which are made up of several trade federations, as well as analysing other economic and industry insights to inform our recommendations to the Board.

In the meantime, CITB have been setting up the Levy Strategy Committee of employers and experts to recommend new Levy Proposals and support a longer term review of the

Levy. The committee met for the first time in November, but they have one vacancy for an independent member that isn't employed by a Levy-registered employer. If you have extensive experience of the industry and you work in an organisation that isn't a CITB registered employer, [please consider joining](#).



Materials Supply Report

Build UK has worked with the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply (CIPS) to publish a detailed report on the supply of construction materials after the end of the Brexit transition period. The report, which will be regularly updated, identifies which materials may be in short supply or have longer lead times.

[Read the report](#)

CLC Updates Card Schemes Recommendation

Following Build UK's [Smartcard Audit 2019](#), which identified the need for more cards carrying the CSCS logo to go smart, the Construction Leadership Council (CLC) has [updated](#) its Industry Card Schemes Recommendation. From 31 March 2022, all card schemes will be required to use smart technology, which has the capability to electronically check agreed information relevant to a cardholder, using a common interface, without the need to manually enter data.

Sites are asked to use the technology available to ensure cards are genuine and that workers have the appropriate qualifications and training for the occupation they are undertaking.

[Read more updates on Build UK's website](#)

MEMBER BENEFITS

COBRA Become PIB Insurance Brokers



From 1st October COBRA insurance Brokers changed their name to PIB Insurance Brokers, reflecting their move in 2019 to become part of PIB Group, a leading insurance intermediary group.

PIB Insurance Brokers will continue to have access to a wider range of experts across many different industry sectors and insurance types. They'll also be able to draw on the

skills of colleagues in PIB Risk Management and PIB Employee Benefits to provide you with important services beyond your insurance needs, should you need them. If you would like to speak to Howard about your company insurance needs and organize a **free insurance health check** please don't hesitate to contact him at howard.collins@pib-insurance.com or call him on 07775 888933.

FeRFA and PIB Insurance Brokers are excited to offer a facility which gives all your resin floor protection with an **INSURANCE BACKED WARRANTY**. The scheme has been set up so that **all your customers** benefit from the **security** of an **Insurance backed warranty** once you are signed up. You pay an upfront premium based on your annual turnover and then simply register each resin contract online when completed.

[Read more.](#)

CONTRACT REVIEW SERVICE



CONTRACT AND LEGAL SERVICES

FeRFA have partnered with BEB Contract & Legal Services so that as a member of FeRFA, you will get 10% off their Bronze, Silver and Gold packages for bespoke, robust contracts.

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Stallard Kane Associates Ltd provide a support service to SMEs for both Health & Safety and Employment Law. FeRFA members can access its services for free via the Business Shield. All FeRFA members have FREE access to the Business Shield service giving you:

- **FREE** access to the FeRFA Business Shield online portal
- **FREE** and unlimited use of the 24hr hotline
- **FREE** one hour review of your daily activity and associated risks
- **FREE** one hour review of your existing employment contracts.

The dedicated FeRFA Business Shield Account Manager is Barry Nicol, please call him on 07854 938693 for more details.

Read more about Stallard Kane [here](#).

FeRFA Recycling Scheme - are you taking part?



FeRFA partners **Reconomy** can assist you to reduce your total waste management costs, increase your landfill diversion, ensure compliance, under current Environmental Agency legislation, maintain consistency and best practice across all sites and back-office functions. Contact Reconomy on 0800 834 133/01952 211790.

If you are not already submitting your recycling data to FeRFA please start doing this now to qualify for the recycling logo within your FeRFA website entry.

It is easy to do using the datasheet (if not using Reconomy) - only two figures are needed per month - total weight collected and total weight recycled or recovered. This is information that should be provided by your waste collector. If it isn't then ask them why not. The spreadsheet includes a graph, automatically generated from your figures - which you can show to prospective clients

More details on the recycling initiative are [here](#).

You can also read Reconomy's brochure [here](#).

MEMBERS' NEWS

Ryebrook Becomes Employee Owned Company

Ryebrook Resins Flooring Ltd, who were a pioneer in the installation of resin floors to industrial, institutional and educational clients became an “Employee Owned Company” on the 6th October 2020. Along with two other companies’ who together form a holdings group, founded in 1989.

[Read more](#)



Husqvarna Launches All-New Range of Floor Grinders

Equipment manufacturer Husqvarna Construction Products further strengthens its position on the global floor grinding market by launching not one, but a complete range of no less than eight new floor grinders. The machines have been developed with the user in focus—ensuring a smarter way of working.

[Read more](#)



MEETINGS & EVENTS

Technical Meeting: 10th December, to be held via Zoom

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