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NASC Compliance Sheets
What are they, and how do they improve the standards of scaffolding

NASC - short for the **N**ational **A**ccess & **S**caffolding **C**onfederation, is the UK's main scaffolding trade association, and act as the defacto governing body for the indutry in Britain, currently.

They produce the industry best practice **TG**, **SG** and the lesser known (but extremely handy **CG**) Technical Guidance, Safety Guidance and Contractural Guidance.
In the British Scaffolding industry, there are 2 types of scaffold-build classifications...
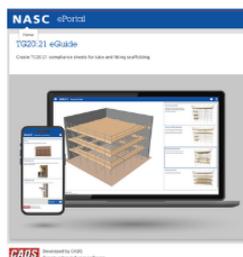Those built to within **TG Compliance** and those that fall outside of the (fairly flexible) TG parameters, being built to a Scaffold Design.

Any other scaffold-build types are neither compliant or considered industry best practice, nor would they be covered by company insurances should there be a serious issues cause because of said scaffold, as well as being outside of both Temporary Works, BS standards, and possibly even the Working at Height Regulations 2005 - which is law - and something to consider before building <u>ANY</u> scaffold that falls outside of TG, or Design specifications.

<u>So, what is a "**Compliance Sheet**"...?</u>

It's part of the **NASC**'s ePortal system, built into their website.

Once you navigate through to either the **TG20** (for Tube and Fitting) or **TG30** (for System Scaffold) part of the portal, and choose which ever you require, you will be directed to the beginning of the compliance sheet process.

Following the compliance process on screen will begin creating the compliance sheet, as well as a handy way to indicate if your planned scaffold falls under TG Compliance, or Design.
If it doesn't fit into the types of the scaffolds on the ePortal, then it will need to be Designed.
You can adjust and modifiy the specifics of the scaffold, using a 3D model, built into the program, to the exact TG compliant scaffold type you need - with safety critical elements like wind factors, and tie patterns also allowed for, as well as cladding.

Essentially, a **TG Compliance Sheet** is a very basic scaffold design, that can be modified by the user to suit a series of scaffold scenarios that your clients require, and gives additional safety and technical information, that can be then given to both client, their management, and the scaffolders themselves, to aid them in the build process.

It's also another layer of protection, that as long as the deviations are not too extreme during the build process, would keep you legally - in a very good position, should serious incident occur, with **ULTRA ACCESS** always recommending that all scaffolding contractors, large or small, to subscribe and use this software whenever needed.

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