

NHSS 30 – The National Highways Sector Scheme for the Installation, Maintenance and Repair of Modular Paving.

Modular paving includes paving blocks, flags, slabs, kerbs setts and accessories, manufactured in precast concrete, natural stone or clay. Highways Sector Schemes have been set up to improve skills and knowledge related to work associated with highway construction and maintenance. Competency is demonstrated by a combination of knowledge and assessed installation techniques.



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This new scheme will improve the installed quality of all types of modular paving products by:

- Providing an industry benchmark
- Ensuring that all processes are planned
- Providing a basis for continuous improvement
- Focusing on quality as an objective
- Reducing overall costs for the client and supplier
- Providing and maintaining a properly trained and competent workforce
- Involving all sides of the industry in scheme ownership within a partnership framework
- Ensuring that Certification Bodies are used whose auditors with technical knowledge and experience of the sector concerned
- Promoting confidence in quality management systems by provision of a robust, transparent system.

About the National Highways Sector Scheme:

National Highways Sector Schemes are bespoke integrated management schemes within an ISO 9001 framework. They are written by technical advisory committee. The NHSS30 technical advisory committee is made up of representatives from across the paving sector, including clients, contractors, suppliers, trade associations, training organisations and certification bodies.

The NHSS 30 document, among other matters, gives details of training requirements for operatives and supervisors, and information on the contents the quality plan, an essential requirement of ISO 9001.



A list of registered organisations is maintained by the Secretary of the Sector Scheme technical advisory committee, Interlay.

The database of suppliers for the National Highways Sector Schemes is maintained by Lantra Awards www.lantra-awards.co.uk/NHSS-Schedule-of-Suppliers.aspx. This will contain details of all certificated companies and the areas where they operate. It can be used by potential customers to create public sector tender lists or for persons to select competent companies.



These requirements are based upon National Occupational Standards that must be achieved. Transitional arrangements have been made for experienced personnel.

Sector Schemes are included in the procurement process through reference in the Specification for Highway Works (SHW). For Highways Agency contracts their use is a mandatory requirement of SHW. All Sector Scheme Documents are published by UKAS (United Kingdom Accreditation Service) on behalf of the technical advisory committees. They can be downloaded from their web site www.ukas.com.