



## **Fabricator Program Information**

An appropriate welding quality system is the foundation of delivering a quality welded product or service. When designed for the welding fabricator's unique products and suitably committed to paper and practice, the daily manufacturing operations of the welding fabricator are more consistent and traceable when problems arise. It is an increasing trend that customers want to see that a welding quality assurance system is documented and demonstrated. They are concerned that the welding fabricator and that fabricator's subcontractors are capable of welding products that meet specifications.

The core of a welding quality system is a quality manual that will identify the duties and responsibilities of management, supervisors, and welders, and will provide the customer with better information about who is responsible to ensure that the welding meets specifications. Companies of all sizes can benefit substantially through the systematic improvements encouraged by state-of-the-art quality systems.

### **Items for your review:**

[Application to Become an AWS Accredited Welding Fabricator](#)

[The Audit Process](#)

[Fee Schedule](#)

[B5.17 Standard](#)

[QC17 Standard](#)

[Fabricator QC Manual & Audit Checklist](#)

### **FABRICATOR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:**

Responding to industry demand, AWS provides a welding certification program for companies that use welding as a joining process. The requirements for this program are set forth in an American National Standard, [AWS B5.17](#) Specification for the Qualification of Welding Fabricators. This specification defines the requirement for a company's compliance with welding-related functions and assures, through third party assessment, that the Welding Fabricator has the personnel, organization, experience, procedures, knowledge, equipment, capability, and commitment to conduct proper weldments. This standard was developed through an ANSI accredited consensus process by the AWS B5 Committee on Qualification. The B5 Committee is composed of representatives throughout industry and academia who have interests and experience in the qualification of welding personnel and facilities.

### **BENEFIT OF CERTIFICATION:**

The benefit of certification includes a three-year Affiliate Company Membership, which was designed exclusively for independent welding and fabricating shops and developed to meet specific needs.



# Certified Welding Fabricator

## Initial On-site Audit Application

American Welding Society  
550 NW LeJeune Road  
Miami, FL 33126  
(800 or 305) 443- 9353, Ext 448  
Fax (305) 443- 6445

We request the American Welding Society (AWS) accredit the following facility as a participant in the AWS Certified Welding Fabricator Program in accordance with provisions of AWS QC17 Standard for Accreditation of Welding Fabricators for AWS Certified Welding Fabricator Program.

Name of Facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact persons email address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Initial On-site Audit (Domestic)\***      **Fee: \$2,300 USD\*\***  
\* Requires QAM and, a CWF Quality Manual & Audit Checklist.  
\*\* Auditor's travel, lodging and meal expenses will be invoiced to the ATF after the audit

\_\_\_\_\_ **Initial On-site Audit (International)\***      **Fee: \$2,100 USD\*\***  
\* Requires QAM and, a CWF Quality Manual & Audit Checklist.  
\*\* Auditor's fees and travel, lodging and meal expenses will be invoiced to the ATF after the audit

**Quality Assurance Manual:**      Enclosed

**CWF Quality Manual & Audit Checklist:**      Enclosed

Please allow 6-8 weeks for On Site Audit scheduling.

Preferred Audit Dates: (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Which code(s) used by fabricator: \_\_\_\_\_

Any past or present certifications: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_



# CERTIFIED WELDING FABRICATOR (CWF)

| <b>Domestic Fee Schedule</b>                                    |            |
|---|------------|
| <b>Initial On-Site Audit</b>                                    |            |
| Initial Application   | \$600.00   |
| Initial Facility On-Site Audit                                  | \$1,700.00 |
| Total (plus direct travel expenses)                             | \$2,300.00 |
| <b>Third Year On-Site Audit</b>                                 |            |
| <b>Recertification (3<sup>rd</sup> Year)</b>                    |            |
| Third Year Application:   | \$500.00   |
| Third Year Facility On-Site Audit                               | \$1,500.00 |
| TOTAL (plus direct travel expenses)                             | \$2,100.00 |
| <b>Additional Facilities On-Site Audits</b>                     |            |
| Additional Facility: (Plus direct travel expenses)              | \$1,500.00 |
| <b>AISC/AWS Fabricator Reciprocity Agreement</b>                |            |
| Initial Application (with AISC Certification)                   | \$350.00   |
| Renewal Application (Yearly renewal with AISC Certification)    | \$100.00   |
| <b>International Fee Schedule</b>                               |            |
| <b>Initial On-Site Audit</b>                                    |            |
| Initial Application   | \$600.00   |
| Initial Facility On-Site Audit                                  | \$1,500.00 |
| Total (Plus Auditor's Fees and direct travel expenses)          | \$2,100.00 |
| <b>Third Year On-Site Audit</b>                                 |            |
| <b>Recertification (3<sup>rd</sup> Year)</b>                    |            |
| Third Year Application:   | \$500.00   |
| Third Year Facility On-Site Audit                               | \$1,500.00 |
| Total (Plus Auditor's Fees and direct travel expenses)          | \$2,000.00 |
| <b>Additional Facilities On-Site Audits</b>                     |            |
| Each Facility: (Plus Auditor's Fees and direct travel expenses) | \$1,700.00 |
| <b>AISC/AWS Fabricator Reciprocity Agreement</b>                |            |
| Initial Application (with AISC Certification)                   | \$400.00   |
| Renewal Application (Yearly renewal with AISC Certification)    | \$150.00   |