



# American Welding Society

550 NW LeJeune Rd Miami, FL 33126  
FAXED APPLICATIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTED

## Reciprocity Program Information

### Canadian Welding Inspectors (CWB)

Canadian Welding Inspectors and who have successfully completed the Canadian Standard CSA W178.2 examination and is currently holding a valid Canadian Welding Bureau (CWB) card may apply for the AWS CWI certification through the Reciprocity Program. The Canadian Welding Bureau level II is equivalent to the AWS Certified Welding Inspector (CWI) and level I is equivalent to the Certified Associate Welding Inspector (CAWI). Under the **Reciprocity Program**, these individuals are eligible for the **Certified Welding Inspector** or **Certified Associate Welding Inspector** certification.

To apply for Reciprocity, please complete the **Reciprocity Application** (Be sure to check the "1<sup>st</sup> Time Reciprocity" box in the upper left hand corner of the application). Attach a copy of the front and back of your CWB certificate card that confirms you are certified to the Canadian Standard CSA W178.2 and shows a current expiration date.

### Israeli Welding Inspectors (INWC)

Israeli Welding Inspectors who have successfully completed the INWC certification examination and currently holding a valid INWC certification certificate are eligible to apply for the AWS CWI certification through the Reciprocity Program. Inspectors holding AWS CWI certification may also apply to INWC to gain ICWI certification.

AWS will solely be responsible for issuing CWI certification materials. If the INWC welding inspector wishes to maintain their AWS certification independently, they must apply as a new candidate to AWS, pay full fees, and submit to the full requirements of certification (QC1: *Standard for AWS Certification of Welding Inspectors*).

To apply for Reciprocity, please complete the **Reciprocity Application** (Be sure to check the "1<sup>st</sup> Time Reciprocity" box in the upper left hand corner of the application). Attach a copy of the front and back of your ICWI certificate card that confirms you are ICWI certified and shows a current expiration date.

### RECIPROCITY RENEWAL:

The renewal of your certification is part of the process of maintaining your certification in accordance with AWS QC1, *Standard for AWS Certification of Welding Inspectors*. For your convenience, you can download and print AWS QC1 by visiting our website at: <http://files.aws.org/certification/docs/QC1-2007.pdf> . In order to maintain your certification status with AWS, you **must** submit a CWI Renewal Application [http://files.aws.org/certification/CWI/CWI\\_SCWI\\_renewal\\_pkg.pdf](http://files.aws.org/certification/CWI/CWI_SCWI_renewal_pkg.pdf) with proof of continued CWB certification **prior to your AWS CWI expiration date**.

Please allow adequate time for your application to be processed. You will be notified via email or mail once your application has been processed. To verify delivery and receipt of your application, we recommend using priority mail with tracking option, please mail directly to:

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Please retain a copy of your completed application for your records.

Please refer to the **AWS Price List** and **the AWS Policies and Fees** for all applicable fees. All checks and money orders must be in U.S. currency and made payable to AWS. Payment **must** accompany your application.

If there any questions or concerns regarding the Reciprocity process, please feel free to contact the AWS Certification Department at: 1-305-443-9353, ext. #273. Our Certification Coordinators are available to assist you Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.





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# VISUAL ACUITY RECORD

LAST NAME : \_\_\_\_\_ Certification # (if applicable) : \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME : \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBER # (if applicable) : \_\_\_\_\_

If scheduled to take an AWS certification exam, site location: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### TO APPLICANTS:

This form must be submitted for all Welding Inspector and Radiographic Interpreter applications. Applicants for the Certified Welding Educator only are not required to complete this form.

Before submitting this form with your application to AWS, be sure to keep a copy for your records. If you're unable to supply a completed Visual Acuity Record with your application prior to submission deadline, you may forward this form to the Certification Department separately. Exam applicants may submit completed Visual Acuity Records on exam day. AWS will not release exam results and/or certification renewal without a completed Visual Acuity Record on file.

You must use the services of an Ophthalmologist, Optometrist, Medical Doctor, Registered Nurse or Certified Physician's Assistant to administer your required eye examination. The examination must occur within the seven months prior to the scheduled date of the applicant's examination and/or certification expiration date.

All applicants must pass an eye examination, with or without corrective lenses, to prove near vision acuity on Jaeger J2 at 12 in. or greater (≥30.5 cm). All applicants shall take a color perception test. Eye examination results must be documented on this visual acuity form supplied by the AWS Certification Department. No other forms will be accepted.

AWS will not accept visual acuity test results that are incomplete or do not comply with regulations.

### THE FOLLOWING THREE SECTIONS ARE TO BE COMPLETED BY THE EYE EXAMINER

1. Please verify the customer's close vision acuity to Jaeger J2 specifications at a distance of 12 inches or greater (≥30.5 cm): (please check one of the following)		AWS use only
<input type="checkbox"/>	Both eyes require corrected vision to J2	W
<input type="checkbox"/>	Only one eye needs corrected vision to J2	W
<input type="checkbox"/>	No correction is required.	O

2. Through a color perception examination, is the applicant colorblind? (please check one of the following)		AWS use only
<input type="checkbox"/>	No, customer is not colorblind	C
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, customer is colorblind.	B

### 3. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

CUSTOMER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF EYE EXAMINATION: \_\_\_\_\_

EXAMINER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EXAMINER ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ST/PROVINCE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTRY: \_\_\_\_\_

EXAMINER PROFESSIONAL STATUS BY (please check only one):

Ophthalmologist     Optometrist     Medical Doctor     Registered Nurse     Certified Physician's Assistant

EXAMINER SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE/PROV. LICENSE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_



## AWS Policies and Fees

### IMPORTANT NOTICE!!

#### "No Show" Penalty

IF A CANDIDATE FAILS TO CANCEL, RESCHEDULE OR SHOW UP TO THE SEMINAR/EXAM OR EXAM ALL FEES ARE FORFEIT.

#### Seminar and/or Exam Cancellation

THE CERTIFICATION DEPARTMENT MUST RECEIVE A [CHANGE OF SITE/CANCELLATION](#) FORM VIA EMAIL OR FAX NO LATER THAN TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE WEEK OF THE CONFIRMED SEMINAR/EXAM OR EXAM START DATE. A REFUND IS ISSUED MINUS THE CANCELLATION FEE. THE FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SEMINAR ONLY	- \$550
EXAM ONLY	- \$200
SEMINAR AND EXAM	- \$750

#### Seminar/Exam or Exam Rescheduling

THE CERTIFICATION DEPARTMENT MUST RECEIVE A [CHANGE OF SITE/CANCELLATION](#) FORM VIA EMAIL OR FAX. IF NOT RECEIVED, THE "NO SHOW" PENALTY WILL APPLY. ONLY THE 1<sup>ST</sup> TWO (2) RESCHEDULING REQUESTS RECEIVED ARE PROCESSED WITHOUT CHARGE. ANY ADDITIONAL RESCHEDULING REQUESTS RECEIVED ARE CHARGED A RESCHEDULING FEE AND MUST BE PAID IN FULL PRIOR TO YOUR RESCHEDULING REQUEST BEING PROCESSED. THE RESCHEDULING FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SEMINAR ONLY	- \$350
EXAM ONLY	- \$200
SEMINAR AND EXAM	- \$550

#### Reschedule/Cancellation Requests

RESCHEDULE/CANCELLATION REQUESTS **ARE NOT** ACCEPTED THE WEEK OF THE CONFIRMED EVENT. FAILING TO SHOW UP ("NO SHOW") FOR YOUR SCHEDULED SEMINAR/EXAM OR EXAM RESULTS IN FORFEIT OF ALL FEES.

#### Fast Track

THE APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS SIX (6) WEEKS PRIOR TO THE WEEK OF THE SCHEDULED SEMINAR/EXAM OR EXAM DATE. PLEASE REFER TO THE SEMINAR/EXAM SCHEDULE TO CONFIRM THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE DATE. AN APPLICATION RECEIVED AFTER THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE AND/OR FEES PAID IN FULL AFTER THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE DATE, BUT NO LATER THAN THREE WEEKS PRIOR TO THE WEEK OF THE EVENT IS PROCESSED FOR THE REQUESTED TEST SITE IF SPACE IS AVAILABLE. \$250 FAST TRACK FEE IS CHARGED FOR THIS SERVICE. FULL PAYMENT FOR THE APPLICATION AND FAST TRACK FEE IS REQUIRED IN ORDER FOR TO BE PROCESSED AND COMPLETE REGISTRATION. PLEASE DO NOT MAKE TRAVEL OR HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS PRIOR TO RECEIVING A CONFIRMATION LETTER FOR THE SEMINAR/EXAM OR EXAM.

#### Processing Fee

THE PROCESSING FEE IS INCLUDED IN ALL CERTIFICATION PRICE LIST FEES. IF A CANDIDATE DOES NOT MEET THE QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, A REFUND IS ISSUED MINUS \$75 PROCESSING FEE.

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**ALL FEES ARE NONTRANSFERABLE. FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE. AWS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL ANY SEMINAR AND/OR EXAM IF THERE ARE AN INSUFFICIENT NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS. IN THE EVENT OF CANCELLATION BY AWS, ALL SEMINAR/EXAM FEES WILL BE REFUNDED IN FULL, OR THE PARTICIPANT MAY TRANSFER TO THE NEXT AVAILABLE SEMINAR AND/EXAM OR EXAM. IN EITHER CASE, AWS SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER LIABILITY.**