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***AWS adjunct instructor Ken Coryell shares his thoughts about this program's value to CWI's and SCWI's...***

**Besides saving time, what are some of the other advantages gained by welding inspectors who take this course?**

I don't know of any other forum or opportunity where experienced CWI's and SCWI's—most of whom have a minimum of 14 years of experience—can come together. We go far beyond the fundamentals and get into issues that really aren't covered in other CWI/SCWI preparatory programs. You have a lot of senior, knowledgeable people focusing on welding inspection issues for a week. The issues that come up just aren't covered in the textbooks.

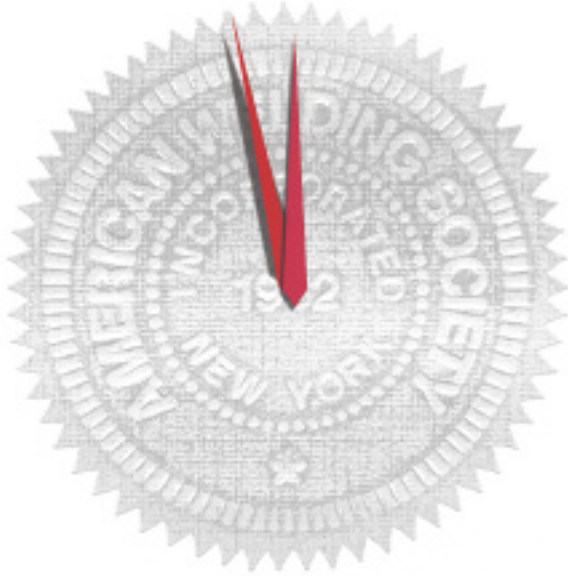
**So participants must come away from this course with more than just information...**

A lot of the students keep in touch by e-mail after the course. Many have become friends and call each other up; the course helped them to really connect. With this nine-year group, there's a special bonding that seems to happen. A couple of weeks ago, I was in a shop in Cleveland with a guy who was in an earlier program. He had a problem and was communicating with some of the other guys who had been in his group to help find a solution.

**That's a nice unexpected benefit.**

Yes, and I don't think that was foreseen when the course was originally conceived. Interaction is encouraged; we built in "break-out" times with smaller groups to get acquainted and discuss inspection issues — and because it was helpful to talk problems through. In doing so, though, people came to realize they weren't just "Moses in the wilderness," and they could connect with others who had been in similar situations.

# Are Your Nine Years Up?



**You Worked Hard  
to Become an AWS  
Certified Welding  
Inspector**

**Don't Let Your  
Certification Expire!**



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For information regarding exams, call 800-443-9353, ext. 273  
(outside the U.S. 305-443-9353)

# Renew Your CWI/SCWI Credentials *without* the Practical Exam!

As an AWS Certified Welding Inspector or Senior Certified Welding Inspector, you must recertify every three years to renew your certification. Every nine years, you must recertify by examination, obtaining approved endorsements, or by demonstrating 80 hours of continuing education.

Through concentrated instruction, the AWS 9-Year Recertification Course supplies the required continuing education. In six days, you can meet your recertification requirements and avoid retesting – plus a have rare opportunity to meet and share experiences with a diverse assemblage of seasoned welding inspection professionals.

If your certification expires within the next year and you haven't decided to recertify through an endorsement, or haven't accumulated 80 contact hours of continuing education in the past nine years (including 20 contact hours in the past three years), the AWS 9-Year Recertification Course is for you.

## The AWS 9-Year Recertification Course includes:

- A pre-seminar reading assignment for you to complete 30 days prior to the course, which counts toward the 80-hour requirement.
- An informal skills assessment to guide your instructor in tailoring the course material to meet your needs.
- An interactive format that allows you to share with and learn from your peers, gaining synergy from the entire group's collective experience.
- The opportunity to discuss technical and administrative problems you've encountered while on the job with other experienced welding inspectors, and to benefit from their perspectives.
- A field trip to a local plant or testing laboratory for an insightful behind-the-scenes tour.
- Upon completion of the course, you will be sent an AWS Certificate of Completion for the course, a new wallet card, and wall certification. Your certification renewal month will not change.

## Course Locations

AWS offers the 9-Year Recertification Course several times a year in different cities. To select the dates and location most convenient for you, please consult the current Certification course schedule.

## Course Fees

The AWS 9-Year Recertification Course costs \$1,445 for AWS members and \$1,660 for nonmembers. This price includes all course textbooks, the recertification fee, and a three-year membership in the American Welding Society for nonmembers. You may pay by credit card, check, money order, or (if you are an AWS member) by purchase order. Course prices are subject to change. Current prices can be confirmed by visiting the AWS website at [www.aws.org/certification/docs](http://www.aws.org/certification/docs)

**Note:** Once you have successfully completed the AWS 9-Year Recertification Course, your CWI/SCWI status will be renewed for an additional three years. Neglecting to recertify prior to your expiration will result in the loss of your certification status and will require you to retest on all parts of the original exam to regain your certification.

## Hotel Accommodations and Travel

Hotel accommodations, travel, and meals are your responsibility. Before making non-refundable travel arrangements, please contact AWS to confirm your seminar and/or exam.

## How to Enroll – Completing Your Application

To enroll in the course or to submit documentation demonstrating 80 hours of continuing education, complete the AWS Welding Inspector 9-Year Recertification **Exempt** Application.

To recertify through exam only, or by obtaining endorsements, complete the AWS Welding Inspector 9-Year Recertification **Exam** Application.

Applicants should obtain the current version of ANSI/AWS QC1, *Standard for AWS Certification of Welding Inspectors*, which defines the requirements for recertification. The QC1 standard and recertification applications are available from the AWS Certification Department at 800-443-9353, ext. 273, or from the AWS website at [www.aws.org/certification/docs](http://www.aws.org/certification/docs)

## SCWI Upgrade

If you are interested in obtaining SCWI status at the time of your 9-Year Recertification, call the AWS Certification Department so a Certification Coordinator can explain your options.

## Questions or More Information on Nine-Year Recertification

For questions or information pertaining to the AWS 9-Year Recertification program, call 800-443-9353 and select one of the following extensions:

Course only: ext. 449      Certification Requirements: ext. 273

# Endorsement Option for Your Recertification

With the revision to the QC1 standard in 2006, an additional option is available for obtaining your nine-year recertification. CWI's and SCWI's can satisfy their recertification requirements by passing the Recertification Exam and obtaining an endorsement to their AWS certification. The endorsement exam may be taken at any time during the nine-year period to count towards fulfilling this requirement. Current endorsements include:

- D1.1/D1.1M:2006, *Structural Welding Code—Steel*
- D1.5M/D1.5:2002, *Bridge Welding Code*
- D15.1-93, *Railroad Welding Specification—Cars and Locomotives*
- API-1104, *Welding of Pipelines and Related Facilities* – 20th edition
- ASME Section IX, *Welding Qualifications*; B31.1-2004 *Power Piping*; B31.3-2004 *Process Piping*

The endorsement option allows you to demonstrate your specific expertise, and although recertification requires only one endorsement, you can also test for additional endorsements to be recognized. All endorsements will be added to the front of your new certification card.

Additional endorsements are currently under development. Please check the AWS website or call the AWS Certification Department for the latest endorsements available.

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If you have changed your address since certifying — please call us!**