

# WVDOH Welding Certification Test FAQ's

**Why do we certify welders?** Welders need to be certified so that we can identify and recognize those individuals who possess the knowledge and ability to produce quality welds.

**Which welders need to be certified?** Any welder who will be welding on any WVDOH project or at any WVDOH maintenance facility needs to be certified.

**Who do I contact to schedule testing?** Contact Mark Ball at (304)414-6606 or by email at [Mark.E.Ball@wv.gov](mailto:Mark.E.Ball@wv.gov)

**Where do I go to be certified?** 190 Dry Branch Drive, Charleston, WV 25306

**What do I need to bring with me?** Each welder is required to bring a welding helmet, welding jacket, and welding gloves.

**What does DOH provide?** The DOH provides the test plates, welding rods, chipping hammer, wire brush, and grinders.

**What time should I show up?** Mark will meet you in our lobby at 8:00 a.m.

**How much time am I allowed?** There is no time limit.

**What welds am I required to perform?** Vertical groove and overhead groove.

**How is my weld tested?** Your weld will be bend tested on our Watts Weld Tensile Tester W50 bend machine.

**What determines if my weld passes or fails?** If your weld is bent and there are no signs of any cracks or other discontinuities your weld will pass.

**When will I be notified if I pass or fail?** You will be notified within 2 to 3 business days.

**Do I get a certification card if I pass? If so, how long will it take to receive it?** Yes, you will receive a certification card in the mail. Typically, you will receive your card within two weeks.

**How long is my certification card good for?** Your card will be valid for 4 years.

**How long do I have to wait until I can re-test?** If you do not pass on your first attempt, you must wait 30 days before you can re-test. If on your second attempt you do not pass, you will have to wait one year before you can re-test.

**How much does it cost?** The cost is \$120.00 per welder.

**How can I make the payment?** Check or money order only made out to WVDOH.

**How many people can take the test at one time?** We will test one welder at a time.