

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

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.

Do we accept any other certification cards? Yes, we accept certification cards from the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental & Reinforcing Ironworkers Union.