



SENIOR CERTIFIED and CERTIFIED WELDING INSPECTOR RENEWAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

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>.

Please complete the renewal application and submit it to AWS before your certification expiration date. The application may be submitted up to six months prior to the current expiration.

Please note that it is your responsibility to renew your certification before it expires. If you fail to renew before the expiration date, your certification is expired on your expiration date. If you exceed the 60-day administrative extension period (from your expiration date) to renew, you will not be allowed to renew your certification and you will be required to test on all three parts of the Welding Inspector examination to be recertified.

To qualify, renewal applicants must attest to having no period of continuous inactivity greater than two years in inspection activities as defined in AWS QC1, *Standard for AWS Certification of Welding Inspectors* and AWS B5.1, *Specification for the Qualification of Welding Inspectors*, during the previous three years of certification.

Additionally, you must also provide a current Visual Acuity Record with your application. The Visual Acuity Record cannot be dated more than seven months prior to the expiration date of your current certification.

NOTARIZATION

Please note that it is **MANDATORY** that all applications are notarized. There will be **NO EXCEPTIONS** to this rule. Applications without proper notarizations will not be processed.

CWI UPGRADE

Applicants whose scores on each part of the examination met the requirements of AWS QC1 for CWI level certification but did not meet the experience requirements of AWS B5.1 may request an upgrade from the Certified Associate Welding Inspector (CAWI) level to the Certified Welding Inspector (CWI) level once the experience requirements are met.

The CWI shall not upgrade to the Senior Certified Welding Inspector (SCWI) level without complying with the requirements of AWS B5.1 and QC1.

CAWI STATUS

AWS QC1:2007 has new provisions affecting CAWIs that became effective January 1, 2007. The new rules state that Certified Associate Welding Inspectors will no longer be allowed to renew or recertify at the CAWI level. CAWIs must retest and score at the certified welding inspector's cutoff of 72% to retain any certification.

RENEWAL AND UPGRADE FEES

Please refer to the AWS Certification Price List for all applicable fees. All checks and money orders should be made payable to AWS. Payment must accompany your application.

The standard application processing time is six weeks. Applications cannot be faxed in so please be prompt in submitting your application.

We recommend you use priority mail with tracking options when mailing your application. If you choose to apply, please send your application package to:

American Welding Society
550 NW LeJeune Road
Miami, Florida 33126

PLEASE RETAIN A COPY OF YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION FOR YOUR RECORDS.

If you have questions, give us a call at (800) 443-9353, extension 273.