

Awarding Credits Toward Professional Development Hours (PDHs)

Professional Development Hours (PDHs) may be earned by attending local Section meetings of a professional society (AWS or other) where technical presentations that cover one or more of the areas indicated in AWS B5.1, *Specification for the Qualification of Welding Inspectors*, are given. Currently, a maximum of 20 PDHs may be accepted for 9-year CWI and SCWI recertifications. *Note: The maximum number of accepted hours will increase from 20 to 40 upon publication of the next edition of QC1, scheduled for release in late 2009 or early 2010.*

Sections are encouraged to include this information in their newsletters and other communications to Section members, as it may prove to be a great way to increase attendance at Section meetings. An example of what could be included in your Section newsletter or posted on your Section website would be:

Certificates of attendance will be issued to all interested parties requiring proof of continuing education or professional development hours (PDHs) at the next Section meeting where the technical topic will be _____.

How to award PDHs for attendance at your Section's meetings

- * PDHs will be credited based upon each contact hour of activity. A contact hour shall consist of not less than 50 minutes of instruction.
- * PDHs may be earned for attendance at Section meetings where technical presentations are given that cover one or more of the areas indicated AWS B5.1, *Specification for the Qualification of Welding Inspectors* .
- * A maximum of 20 PDHs may be accepted for attendance at Section meetings, and must be accompanied by the Section meeting announcement and certificate of completion indicating the number of contact hours for the activity and signed by the Section Chairman or designated representative. *Note: The maximum number of accepted hours will increase from 20 to 40 upon publication of the next edition of QC1, scheduled for release in late 2009 or early 2010.*
- * A form may be substituted in lieu of a certificate of completion. The form must also be accompanied by the Section meeting announcement and include the following information:
 - * Attendee name
 - * CWI/SCWI number
 - * Section name
 - * Meeting date
 - * Meeting time
 - * Title of technical presentation
 - * Presentation category
 - * Length of presentation (including discussion)
 - * Number of PDHs earned
 - * Signature of Section Chairman or designated representative

Attached is a sample form which may be customized, within reason, for individual Section use.

Further information on PDHs may be found in Section 16 of QC1, or contact the AWS Certification Department at 800-443-9353 x 273.

