

Certified Welding Fabricator (CWF) Program Information



(The enclosed documents provide information about the
AWS / AISC Certified Welding Fabricator Program.)

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AWS/AISC Certified Welding Fabricator

General Program Information

The American Institute of Steel Construction and the American Welding Society by an agreement, AISC Certified Fabricators are eligible to also receive certification as AWS Certified Welding Fabricator. The AISC certification program criteria fully satisfy the AWS Welding Fabricator Certification program criteria. AISC Fabricators holding current building structures and/or bridge certification may apply to AWS to attain the AWS Certified Welding Fabricator certification.

AWS certification is contingent upon current validity in the AISC program and will not require an additional on-site audit or documentation review. Should a company fail to maintain their AISC certification, they will also lose their AWS status and must apply to AWS as a new applicant and meet all the requirements of the AWS program to regain their status as AWS Certified Welding Fabricator (CWF).

Program Requirements

- Submission of a copy of a valid AISC Certificate.
- Submitting a CWF renewal application and program fee.

AWS program requirements for audit and quality manual submission will be waived.

Getting Started and the Renewal Application Process

In order to re-apply to the AWS Certified Welding Fabricator (CWF) program you should carefully review all documents included in the CWF packet. The next step is to:

- Fill out the AWS/AISC Renewal Application
- Submit all the required documents for review to:

Applications must be submitted via email to accreditation@aws.org using the below payment methods. Mailed applications and checks will no longer be accepted.

- **Credit card** (entered directly on the application)
- **Wire transfer**
- **Purchase order**

After the renewal application, a copy of the AISC Certificate and the program fee are received by the Accreditation Department and following a satisfactory review and approval of these documents, a certificate of conformance will be issued by AWS. The certificate verifies that your facility meets the requirements to operate in accordance with the AWS QC17:2015, *Specification for AWS Accreditation of Certified Welding Fabricators*.

Certified Welding Fabricator (CWF) Price Schedule*

North American Price Schedule

Initial Audit Fees	AWS Price	Auditor Fee Included in AWS Price?
Document review	\$840	
Initial On-site Audit**	\$2,365	Yes
Total	\$3,205	
<u>Additional Facilities</u>		
Document review	\$695	
Initial On-site Audit**	\$2,080	Yes
Total	\$2,775	
<u>Re-Audit</u>		
Auditor's Fees	\$1,350	No
Auditor's travel Expenses**	TBD	No
<u>3rd Year Recertification Audit Fee</u>		
Document review	\$695	
On-site Audit**	\$2,080	Yes
Total	\$2,775	
<u>AWS Certification for AISC Accredited Fabricators</u>		
Initial Application	\$495	
Renewal Application	\$170 (paid annually)	

International Price Schedule

Initial Audit Fees	AWS Price	Auditor Fee Included in AWS Price?
Document review	\$840	
Initial On-site Audit**	\$980	No***
Total	\$1,820	
<u>Additional Facilities</u>		
Document review	\$695	
Initial On-site Audit**	\$695	No***
Total	\$1,390	
<u>Re-Audit</u>		
Auditor's Fees***	TBD	No***
Auditor's travel Expenses**	TBD	No***
<u>3rd Year Recertification Audit Fee</u>		
Document review	\$695	
On-site Audit**	\$695	No***
Total	\$1,390	
<u>AWS Certification for AISC Accredited Fabricators</u>		
Initial Application	\$560	
Renewal Application	\$235 (paid annually)	

*Fees are subject to change due to individual circumstances for each facility.

**Applicants are directly responsible for the auditor's travel expenses.

***Auditor fees for international CWFs are as follows:

Each Travel Day	\$430
On-site Audit Fee	\$900
Total Fee	(dependent on # of audit and travel days required)