

# **Examination User Guide**

Certified Welding Inspector (CWI) Exam

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## **American Welding Society**



#### www.AWS.org

- Office Hours: Monday Friday
   8:00 am 7:00 pm EST
- Phone: 1-800-443-9353, Option 3Email: customercare@aws.org

- General information on the certification process
- Qualifications for certification
- Registration/application process
- Application <u>status</u>
- Scheduling/Rescheduling your paperbased exam appointment or test location.
- Exam Scoring
- Exam accommodations
- FAQs

#### **Prometric**



#### www. Prometric.com

- Phone: for US, US Territories and Canada 1-800-864-5257
- International phone numbers: See website.

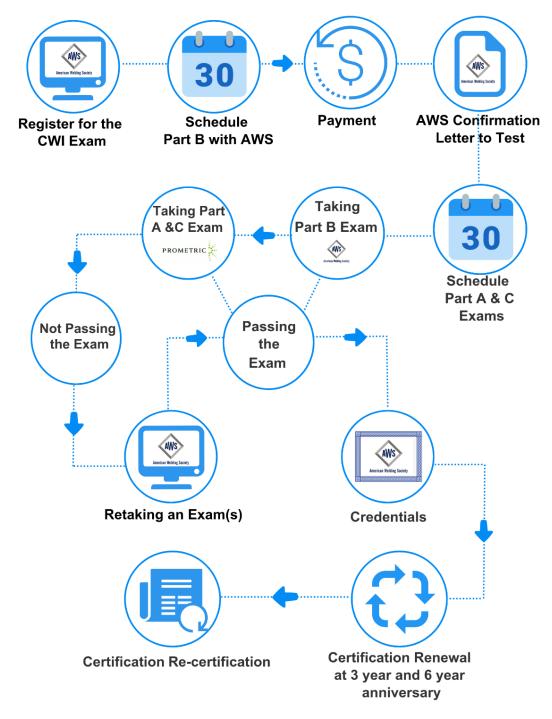
- General information on computer-based testing
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- Agent Schedule and Contact Information, please click <u>HERE</u>
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## **CWI EXAM PROCESS**





#### **OVERVIEW**

Welding inspectors are integral to the safety and quality of daily life, assuring welding integrity and protecting the businesses and consumers who use those products. The Certified Welding Inspector (CWI) Program was developed by the American Welding Society (AWS) to authenticate that the bearer has certain minimum knowledge, skills, and abilities in welding, and conforms to technical requirements and ethical principles. Recognized both domestically and internationally, the CWI credential is synonymous with competence in quality and workmanship. For more information, please review the following governing Standards:

- AWS QC1:2016-AMD1 Specification for AWS Certification of Welding Inspectors
- AWS B5.1:2025 Specification for the Qualification of Welding Inspectors

This Examination Guide contains important information on the rules, policies, procedures, and exam content for candidates seeking to take the CWI exams. This User Guide is subject to change.

#### THE CWI CREDENTIAL

AWS recognizes three certification levels for welding inspectors:

- Certified Welding Inspector (CWI): The Certified Welding Inspector has basic knowledge
  of welding, understands welding inspection concepts and principles, and can locate and
  understand information within the specific code book.
- Certified Associate Welding Inspector (CAWI): The Certified Associate Welding Inspector
  has met the same criteria as the CWI but has not yet obtained the required amount of field
  experience.
- Senior Certified Welding Inspector (SCWI): The Senior Certified Welding Inspector expands on the education, knowledge and experience of the CWI and can solve more complicated weldment issues. Please refer to the SCWI Examination Guide for its structure and content.

**IMPORTANT**: Exam structure and content are the same for both CAWI and CWI certifications. For the remainder of this Guide, unless otherwise stated, it may be assumed that the term "CWI" refers to both the CAWI and CWI exams.

## THE CWI EXAMS

According to QC1:2016 -AMD 1, Clause 6, candidates seeking to become CWIs must pass three exams to obtain their credential:

**Part A (Fundamentals)** A closed-book, computer-based test (CBT) exam that tests the candidate's knowledge of fundamental welding principles. Complete information about the Part A English exam and Language-Assisted exam can be found in the Exam Content documentation, which are located online at <a href="HERE">HERE</a>.

**Part B (Practical)** A hands-on and written exam that assesses the candidate's ability to evaluate a physical characteristic against a given acceptance criteria or code requirement and make the correct decision. Complete information about Part B exam and its content can be found in the Exam Content documentation, which are located online at <a href="HERE">HERE</a>.

**Part C (Codebook)** An open book, CBT exam that tests the candidate's ability to understand and apply requirements of a code, standard, or specification. Complete information about Part C exam and its content can be found in the Exam Content documentation, which are located online at HERE.

**PLEASE NOTE**: Candidates are required to take Part B of the exam prior to taking Part A and Part C.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Candidates must provide complete documentation at time of application confirming that they meet all eligibility requirements, including proof of visual acuity and minimum experience and/or education completion. Based on application types (e.g., initial, retest, or renewal/recertification), specific information may also be required.

#### APPLYING TO TAKE THE CWI EXAMS

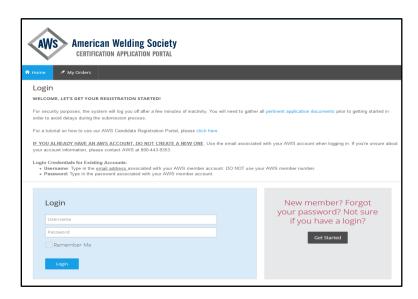
Applying for the CWI exams is different for Domestic (US and Canada) and international (outside of the US and Canada) candidates. Please use the requirements below depending on your location.

#### **Domestic (US and Canada)**

#### **Application Instructions**

Applicants located in the United States or Canada apply directly via the <u>Certification Application Portal</u>.

- AWS encourages candidates to complete all sections of the online application and to have ALL pertinent documentation available for digital upload. Nonetheless, candidates can click "save" and come back to complete the application later. For each individual file upload, the maximum file size is 5 MB. A complete list of required application documents can be found HERE.
- The first and last names on the application must match what is listed on the governmentissued ID presented as proof of identity at all exam sites and test centers.
- New users will be asked to create a username and password to log into the AWS Certification Application Portal.
- The Certification Application Portal will guide applicants step-by-step to complete the exam application.



 Candidates can update and change their profile and contact information by accessing the Member profile via the <u>AWS Member Portal</u>.



 Candidates can view the online status of an application, order, or membership via the <u>AWS Member Portal</u>.



 Approximately 4-6 weeks after the application submission, a Confirmation Letter will be emailed from the AWS Certification Department. The Confirmation Letter contains examination details. (Appendix B shows a sample Confirmation Letter.)



AWS recommends that candidates **DO NOT** make travel arrangements until after a Confirmation Letter is received.

#### **Exam Fees**

Exam fees are due at time of registration and are paid directly to AWS. AWS accepts payments via MasterCard, VISA, and American Express. The CWI exam price list is <u>available online</u>. Domestic applicants choosing to send their application to AWS headquarters via email (pdf) or mail carrier (paper) will incur an additional \$125.00 processing fee.

#### American Disability Act (ADA) Accommodations

Candidates living within the US who have a documented disability under the ADA that prevents them from taking an exam under standard conditions may request special accommodations when they register through the Certification Application Portal. For the special accommodations AWS provides, please click <u>HERE</u>.

#### **International (outside of the US and Canada)**

Currently, international applicants must apply for the CWI exams through an AWS Agent. For a list of available international Agents and test locations, please click HERE.

#### **Application Instructions**

1. Applicants must review the <u>international exam schedule</u> on the AWS webpage to find a suitable date and location.



- 2. Applicants must download and print the CWI Application form, complete it thoroughly, and submit it along with all required supporting documents to the designated Agent hosting the exam site. It is important to ensure all information is accurate and complete to avoid delays in processing. Additionally, applicants should verify the submission deadlines and confirm the required documents with the exam site agent in advance.
- 3. Approximately 2 weeks before the event, a confirmation letter will be sent to the International Agent and candidate containing examination details. (See Appendix B for a sample confirmation letter.)

#### **Exam Fees**

Exam fees are due at time of registration and paid to the International Agent representing AWS. Agents can provide pricing information regarding international CWI exams.

### ADDITIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Training is not mandatory for the Initial CAWI/CWI exam. However, candidates are encouraged to explore all resources/training available through the AWS Education Department or international Agents. For more information related to training/registration, visit:

AWS Seminars
CWI Pre-Seminar
International Seminars

## SCHEDULING THE CWI EXAMS

## **Scheduling Part B First**

Part B is scheduled via the Initial application. Part A and Part C can only be scheduled after the candidate receives the Part B Confirmation Letter. The Part B event date and location is represented by a site code on the AWS website (example of an AWS site code: TX44321).

## Scheduling Parts A and C

Part A (Fundamentals) and Part C (Codebook) are CBTs and are offered at Prometric Testing sites located throughout the world. It is recommended that candidates schedule their exams at least 30 days in advance as seats fill up quickly.

#### **Important**

A confirmation letter contains eligibility codes used to register to the Part A and Part C exams. An eligibility code is provided in a candidate's AWS confirmation letter for use in registering at Prometric. These codes indicate to Prometric that the exam candidate has been authorized by AWS to sit for the exam.

Scheduling Part A and Part C exams is done via the **Prometric website**. Please note:

- The eligibility code found in the AWS confirmation letter is required to secure exam dates and locations.
- Prometric will confirm the appointment by email. The Prometric appointment confirmation letter will indicate the test center location, appointment time, and exam name.
- Candidates are advised to print the Prometric appointment confirmation letter and present it at the Prometric Testing Center at check-in.
- IMPORTANT! Prometric will refuse entry to candidates lacking a valid government-issued ID, or when the candidate's name printed on the Prometric appointment confirmation letter does not exactly match the name on the government-issued ID presented at check-in.
- AWS can resolve naming issues in advance by phone. Unresolved naming issues may require exam rescheduling and additional fees.

## **Rescheduling / Cancellations / Refunds**

Circumstances may arise that will require candidates to reschedule or cancel the exam. Appointments must be rescheduled or canceled well before the exam date, or exam fees are forfeited. Details HERE.

- Prometric appointments for both domestic and international candidates may be rescheduled by calling Prometric or visiting the Prometric website.
- Domestic candidates may cancel or reschedule their Part B exam by downloading and completing a <u>Change of Site/Cancellation</u> form and emailing it to <u>Certification@aws.org</u> or visiting the <u>AWS Certification Application Portal</u>.
- International candidates may contact their selected Agent to cancel or reschedule their Part B exam and to determine what that Agent's refund policy/procedures are.

## **Required Documentation at Check-In**

All candidates must provide the following items at check-in before all exams:

- A Government-Issued Identification:
  - Examples: Driver License, Passport, or State ID.
  - ID must be current and include the candidate's full name, date of birth, a recognizable photo, signature, and expiration date. If this ID does not include a signature, then a secondary ID (e.g., credit card, student ID or military ID) with a signature is required in addition to the primary ID.
- Printed exam AWS confirmation letter.

#### TAKING THE CWI PART B EXAM

#### **Test Sites and Check-In**

AWS-approved test sites provide a standardized and secure testing environment for all examinees. Exam candidates are required to comply with all test supervisor instructions. This will ensure that the testing environment is fair and respectful for everyone. Because AWS exams start on time, candidates are encouraged to arrive at the test site 30-45 minutes before the scheduled exam start time. (The exam location, group number, date, and time can be found on the confirmation letter.)

Note that the CWI Part B Exam is administered three times per day in rotation at each exam site as follows:

<b>Group Number</b>	Check-in Start and End Times	Approx. Exam Start Time
Group 1	07:00 AM - 07:25AM	07:30 AM
Group 2	10:45 AM -11:10 AM	11:15 AM
Group 3	02:45 PM -03:10 PM	03:15 PM

#### Important!

Doors will close promptly at the end of the check-in period. Candidates arriving after their assigned check-in period WILL NOT be admitted and WILL NOT be permitted to take their exam during any other group session.

Candidates are invited to share feedback about their testing experience with AWS.

#### **Candidate Attestation Agreement**

Prior to beginning to work on the exam, candidates will be required to review and sign the Candidate Attestation Agreement. By signing this Agreement, candidates agree to maintain the confidentiality and integrity of the examination and the certification program. Candidates who do not accept the terms or sign the Agreement will forfeit both their opportunity to take the exam and all exam fees.

The Candidate Attestation Agreement can be found <u>HERE</u> or in Appendix A. Translations of the Candidate Attestation Agreement can be found here in eight different languages: English, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Polish, and Bahasa.

<u>Español</u> | <u>Português</u> | <u>pyccкий</u> | <u>中文</u> | <u>한국어 | 日文</u> | <u>Polskie</u> | <u>Bahasa</u>

#### **Part B Examination Materials**

Candidates must utilize one or more of the following to answer exam questions:

- Part B Examination Book of Specifications, a sample code developed for use on the exam.
- Exam Exhibits Booklet, a collection of sample welding documents (such as PQR's, WPS's, and WQTR's) and photographs.
- Four-piece Plastic Weld Replica Set, including sample t-joint, groove, bend, and pipe specimens.
- Inspection Tool Kit, including fillet weld gauges, v-wac gauge, dial caliper, ruler, C4.1-gauge, protractor, hi-lo gauge, magnifying glass, mirror, and flashlight.

All exam materials will be supplied to each candidate on the test date. Although the *Exam Exhibit Booklet* and Plastic Weld Replica Set are confidential. The <u>Sample Tool Kit</u> can be purchased from AWS and the *Book of Specification* is available as a free <u>PDF download</u> from the AWS website in eight different languages: English, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Polish, and Bahasa.

English | Español | Português | русский | 中文 | 日本語| 한국어| Polskie| Bahasa

Note: Exams delivered in the US and Canada use Customary Unit (Inches, Degrees-Fahrenheit) Tool Kit.

Exams delivered internationally use Metric Unit (Kilogram, Millimeters- Celsius) Tool Kit.

#### Items Allowed in the Test Room

- Valid Government-Issued ID
- Number 2 Pencils
- Acceptable Calculator
  - Acceptable: Four-function, Construction, Non-Programmable Scientific
  - Unacceptable: Noisy, Programmable, Alphabetical, Memory

*Note:* All Calculators will be inspected during Check-In per compliance.

#### Items NOT Allowed in the Test Room

- Scratch pads, notebooks, and post-it notes.
- Any devices that make noise
- Recording devices
- Cell phones
- Non-medical Wearable Electronics
- Large/bulky jackets or sweatshirts with hoods
- Hats or head coverings, and or sunglasses (unless they qualify as religious apparel)
- Food, beverages, gum

Note about backpacks, luggage, and other personal belongings: Tests takers are not permitted to bring personal items into the testing room. There are no exceptions. Test takers should arrange to store personal items safely in advance. AWS is not responsible for any loss or damage to personal items left outside the testing room.

## **AWS Policy on Unscheduled Breaks**

After the two-hour exam begins, there will be no scheduled breaks. Should a bathroom break become necessary during the exam, only one person at a time will be permitted to leave the exam room. No testing materials, calculators, or writing implements may be removed from the room at this time. No extra time will be allotted to candidates taking an unscheduled break.

# TAKING THE PART A (FUNDAMENTAL) AND PART C (CODEBOOK) EXAMS

#### **Prometric Test Centers**

AWS has partnered with Prometric Testing Centers to deliver many of AWS' certification exams, including the CWI Part A (Fundamentals) Exam and various CWI Part C (Codebook) Exams. Prometric Testing Centers offer a secure and safe testing environment for all candidates. Information about AWS CBT Exams can be found <a href="https://exams.ncbi.nlm.ncbi.nl

#### **CWI Part A and Part C Exams and Codebooks**

For some AWS examinations you will be allowed to bring a printed copy codebook to an open-book examination. In the case of an exam that allows a printed copy of the codebook, the Codebook must be the original or permanently bound printed copy (as by stitching or glue), or securely fastened in its cover by fasteners that penetrate all pages. No loose sheets of paper are permitted.

Candidates may tab or highlight their codebook prior to the exam; notes in the margins are allowed. Errata sheets from the publisher or distributor of the codebook are permitted provided they are bound.

**Important!** There are some examinations where printed-copy codebooks are no longer permitted in the Prometric Test Centers.

PDF versions of the codebooks are accessible on-screen for CWI Part C Codebook Exams. AWS recommends becoming proficient at navigating the digital codes through using bookmarks in the PDFs. A tutorial on how to use bookmarks will be available soon.

AWS made this decision to align AWS testing practices with the assessment industry best practices and to maintain exam security.

Note: On-screen reference books are in English only.

**Important!** An applicant who fails to pass the Part C – Code Book portion of the CWI examination is required to retest using the same code for the original examination during the three (3) year retest period.

#### **Prometric Test Center Check-In**

The most up to date source of information on the Prometric Testing experience can be found HERE.

Candidates should arrive at the designated Prometric test center thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled appointment. At check-in candidates will be required to sign a log-in sheet and review and agree to comply with the <u>Prometric Test Center Regulations</u>, after which a Prometric representative will verify the candidate's identity, exams, appointment time, and testing location. Individual lockers are available for the candidate's use. Prometric is not responsible for any loss or damage to personal items left outside/inside any premises where the exam is taking place.

#### **Test Center Administrators (TCA)**

To ensure exam security, the Prometric testing center environment is strictly controlled and continuously monitored by video and audio recording.

The Test Center Administrator (TCA) will perform a security check on all exam candidates to ensure that no prohibited items are brought into the testing room. The TCA will review candidate's printed codebook (before Part C exam), provide scratch paper and a pencil, escort candidates to their workstations, and launch the exam.

The TCA is not allowed to answer questions related to exam content. Notify the TCA immediately if any problems with the computer, software or any other issues arise during the exam.

In the event any Prometric Test Center Regulation is violated, the TCA is authorized to end any test session. The regulations can be viewed <u>HERE</u>.

## In the Testing Room Workstation

Once the candidate is seated at the workstation, the computer will load the exam. Prior to the exam starting, the candidate must review and agree to the <u>Candidate Attestation</u> <u>Agreement</u>. Next, the computer will display a tutorial which demonstrates how to navigate through the computer-based test.

*Note:* The time for the tutorial is not deducted from the time available to take the test.

#### Items Allowed at the Workstation in the Test Room

Only the following items are allowed in the testing room:

- Valid Government-issued ID
- Pencil and scratch paper issued by Prometric TCA
- Test center locker key
- Relevant codebooks in hard copy if applicable
- Acceptable Calculator:
  - Acceptable: Four-function, Construction, Non-Programmable Scientific
  - Unacceptable: Noisy, Programmable, Alphabetical, Memory
     Note: All Calculators will be inspected during Check-In per compliance.

#### Important!

Candidates will be allowed to bring water into the test room during their exam. Water must be in a clear or transparent container with a lid or cap. All labels must be removed, and the container will be inspected for notes or other test aids. The candidate will need to remove the lid/cap for visual inspection by the Test Center staff. Should the container not meet the requirements outlined, the candidate will be required to put it in their locker and will not be allowed to take it into the test room.

#### Items NOT Permitted at the Workstation in the Test Room

Items not permitted in the testing room include, but are not limited to:

- Cell phones, tablets, computer and/or other electronic devices
- Non-medical Wearable Electronics
- Wallets, purses, bags
- Hats and other head coverings (unless they qualify as religious apparel)
- Coats
- Notes, pens, loose papers, erasers
- Food and non-water beverages
- Books (with the exception of codebooks during the CWI Part C codebook exam)

## **Prometric Policy on Unscheduled Breaks**

There are no scheduled breaks during the CBT exam. To request an unscheduled break, candidates should raise their hands and wait to be acknowledged by the TCA. If a candidate needs to access any item in storage such as medicine, during a break, the TCA must be notified.

Candidates returning from a break must present their valid ID, go through all security checks and sign-in before being re-admitted to the test room. Unscheduled departures from the test room will be reported to AWS.

The amount of time used during unscheduled breaks will be deducted from the test time.

#### **Completing the Exam**

After the exam has been completed, candidates will notify the TCA by raising their hand. The TCA will confirm that the exam has ended properly before a candidate leaves the test room.

#### **AFTER THE EXAM**

## **Exam Result Reporting**

#### **Your Passing Score**

The **minimum** passing score for the CWI Certification is an overall composite score (average of the three exam parts) of 72%. **Additionally**, the **minimum** passing score for **each CWI exam part** is 72%. **The scores are reported to the nearest lower whole percent number.** 

#### **Your Exam Score**

The percentage is calculated by dividing the total number of correct answers by the total number of questions on the exam.

#### **Preliminary CBT Exam Score Report**

A preliminary Prometric exam score report will be emailed directly to the candidate within two hours of completing each CBT exam. A sample Prometric Score Report is provided in Appendix C of this Guide.

#### **AWS Official Score Letter**

Candidates will receive their AWS official score letter via email approximately two (2) to four (4) weeks after the final exam part has been completed at the Prometric Testing Center. AWS score reports contain the <u>final</u> official scores of a candidate's scores of exam parts or composite scores. A sample version of the AWS Official Score Letter is provided in Appendix D of this Guide.

## Meeting the B5.1 Requirements for CWI

Candidates who achieve an overall composite score (simple average of three parts of the examination) of 72% and who meet the additional requirements specified in the AWS B5.1:2025- *Specification for the Qualification of Welding Inspectors* may become Certified Welding Inspectors.

## **Receiving the CWI Credential**

Six to eight weeks after CWI Exam scores are confirmed, AWS shall issue all new Certified Welding Inspectors a serialized (unique) CWI number, Official Certificate, Wallet Card, and Stamp.

Certifications can be viewed through the <u>AWS Member Portal</u> and the <u>AWS QuickCheck</u> webpage. To replace a Certificate, Wallet Card, and/or Stamp, complete and submit the order form located HERE.

*Note:* Applicants who meet the requirement for the CAWI will receive a serialized (unique) CAWI number, an Official Certificate, and Wallet Card.

### OTHER POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

#### **AWS/Prometric Testing Experience Concerns**

Candidates are encouraged to provide comments or concerns regarding their testing experience. Concerns about the Prometric test experience must be directed to the Test Center Administrator before leaving the Prometric Test Center and submitted to <a href="AWS">AWS</a> no later than 2 days after the test.

Concerns about the CWI Part B Practical testing experience must be submitted to AWS no later than 2 days after the test by clicking <u>HERE</u>.

#### **Exam Content Feedback**

AWS welcomes feedback regarding the content of exam questions. Content feedback received via the online Exam Feedback Form within 5 (five) days of the exam will be carefully reviewed by subject matter experts. All feedback helps improve the overall quality of AWS exams. In the event an error is found in the exam, the scoring is adjusted for all impacted candidates.

#### **Appeals**

If a candidate's exam results have been invalidated due to a violation of testing policy, the candidate may appeal in writing within 30 days from the date of the decision to the AWS Managing Director of Certification via email at certification@aws.org, fax to 305-443-7559 or mail to 8669 NW 36th Street #130, Miami, FL 33166.

#### **Rescore Request**

Candidates who believe their CWI Part B Practical exam has been scored inaccurately may request a manual rescore with a fee by downloading, completing, and emailing the form found HERE.

## **Retaking the Exam**

Candidates who do not pass all three sections of the CWI exam on the first try will receive guidance on AWS Retest Policy via the Official Score Letter. Complete details on the retest process are described in the AWS QC1: 2016-AMD1 Clause 6.2.

Candidates may retest up to a maximum number of (3) times within a three-year period, commencing on the original test date. The first retest is permitted without additional training. The 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> retest requires proof of additional training; 40 hours if retesting to all parts and 16 hours if retesting to 1 or 2 parts.

*Note:* Training must be completed prior to applying for a retest.

## RENEWALS AND RECERTIFICATIONS

## Renewing the CWI Credential

CWI Certification is valid for three years from date of issue. CWIs who can demonstrate continued work experience in the welding industry may renew their credential for a further three years by applying via the <u>Certification Application Portal</u>. CWI renewals are limited to two consecutive three-year periods after which recertification is required.

Note: CAWIs are not eligible for renewal.

*Note:* AWS may send reminder notices, but it remains the responsibility of the CWI to renew their certification credential or recertify on time.

CWIs who fail to renew by the expiration date will be <u>listed</u> as having an expired credential. Renewals submitted after the administrative 60-day grace period but within one year of expiration may be accepted for renewal; however, administrative late fees may be applied.

For complete details on the renewal process and all options refer to <u>AWS QC1:2016-AMD1</u> <u>Clause 15</u>.

## **Nine-Year Recertification**

After eight (8) years and one (1) month, CWIs who wish to recertify may submit a 9-year recertification application via the <u>Certification Application Portal</u>.

A CWI can recertify through any of the following non-exam and exam options:



## **Non-Exam Options:**

- 80 PDHs
- 9-year recertification course

#### **Exam Options:**

- CWI Part B Practical Exam
- Previous CRI Certification
- CWI Endorsement Exam

*Note:* an additional CWI endorsement achieved within 9 years prior to recertification may be eligible.

#### **APPENDIX A: CANDIDATE ATTESTATION AGREEMENT**

You must review and agree to the terms of the Candidate Attestation Agreement before starting your test.

- 1. I attest that I am the person whose name appears in the form of identification I presented prior to admission to the testing room.
- 2. I understand and agree that all AWS certification exams are confidential and secure tests, protected by U.S. and international copyright laws.
- 3. I understand and agree that all test materials, including my answers, are the property of AWS, and I will not be provided access in any form except on the test itself.
- 4. I understand and agree that disclosing any exam question or answer to any person, in whole or in part, by any means whatsoever is unlawful and even potentially a criminal act, and I may be financially liable and/or charged with theft for doing so. I also understand and agree that if I disclose information about exam questions or answers, I may suffer adverse consequences, including but not limited to any or all of the following:
  - civil or criminal liability for copyright infringement or related conduct; and
  - disciplinary action by AWS, including prohibiting me from seeking certification in the future.
- 5. I understand and agree that AWS is the final authority that determines if I can take an exam.
- 6. I understand and agree that AWS has the right to cancel my scores if it finds any evidence of any irregularities whatsoever.
- 7. I understand and agree that furnishing inaccurate details about myself, breaching exam regulations, or acting contrary to the instructions outlined on the AWS/Prometric website, confirmation letter, and the AWS Certification and Qualification Standards may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to removal from the test session under the supervision of the Test Supervisor or Test Center Administrator; score annulment; disqualification from taking the exam in the future; and potential legal liability.
- 8. I agree that upon obtaining my certification, I give permission to AWS to publish my certification status as it relates to its validity and duration.

I understand and accept the terms of this agreement.

Print Full Name:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## APPENDIX B: SAMPLE AWS CONFIRMATION LETTER



#### **AWS Registration Confirmation Letter**

#### I. VERIFICATION OF CANDIDATE CONTACT INFORMATION:

Please verify your contact information and contact AWS immediately should any corrections be necessary.

 AWS Member No.:
 6543281

 Full Name:
 John Doe

 Address:
 8669 NW 36 St.

Miami, FL 33166

Email: JDoe@aws.org

#### II. VERIFICATION OF EXAM INFORMATION:

Please verify your exam information and contact AWS immediately should any corrections be necessary. Please note that changes cannot be made at the testing facility and rescheduling an exam may result in forfeiture of seat fee.

Package Type:

**Exam Only** 

Practical:

**Exam Type:** CWI - Part B **Language:** English

Exam Date: 2/17/2023

**Exam Group:** Troy, OH - HIWT - OH30223 - Group

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**Check-in Time:** 7:00 - 7:25 AM

Exam Start Time: 7:30 AM

Location: Hobart Institute of Welding

501 Trade Square East

Troy Ohio 45373

Site Code: OH30223

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#### Prometric Exam(s):

Language: English

Exam Type	Eligibility ID	Eligibility Start Date	Eligibility End Date	
CWI - Part A	AWSAPP288904	2/17/2023	6/17/2023	
CWI - Part C - D1.1 Structural Steel Codebook	AWSAPP288902	2/17/2023	6/17/2023	

#### **III. SCHEDULING AND PREPARATION:**

If you are taking a Prometric exam, you must schedule your exam(s) at a convenient test center of your choosing through our partners at Prometric. Please follow the steps to schedule your appointment:

- 1. Go to www.prometric.com/aws or call 1-800-864-5257
- Click on Schedule My Test
- Select your Country and State
- 4. Enter Eligibility ID and First 4 Characters of Last Name
- 5. Select location
- Select available date and time 6
- Receive confirmation letter from Prometric

The following content must be reviewed by the candidate prior to taking his/her exam(s) in order to be fully prepared for testing. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of exam fees, or disqualification from taking the exam.

٠	Applicant Seminar Information	http://www.aws.org/certification-cwi-seminar-reg-ltr
	(only applicable to candidates	
	taking an AWS Seminar)	

 AWS B5.1 https://pubs.aws.org/content/free\_downloads/B51-AMD1-Print.pdf

· AWS Policies and Fees http://www.aws.org/library/doclib/refundPolicy.pdf http://www.aws.org/library/doclib/QC1-2016.pdf AWS OC1

· Exam References and https://www.aws.org/library/doclib/AWS-Open-book-Exam-

Editions for Open Book and Reference-List.pdf **AWS Sites** 

· Examination User Guide https://s3.amazonaws.com/cert.www.aws.org/docs/Examination-

User-Guide-for-Certified-Welding-Inspector--awsCertified.pdf

· Letter for CBT Candidates http://www.aws.org/candidate-ltr-cbt

· Prometric Test Delivery https://www.prometric.com/ layouts/results/index.html Tutorial 3

Prometric US & International <a href="https://www.prometric.com/aws">https://www.prometric.com/aws</a>

Contact

 Prometric Video – What to expect on Test Day \*

https://vimeo.com/190759122

For more information regarding your application status, certification, order history, and/or membership, please log in to your AWS account at: https://my.aws.org/SignIn

Should you have any questions regarding your exam, please feel free to contact the Certification Department at 800-443-9353, option 3.

## APPENDIX C: SAMPLE CWI PROMETRIC SCORE REPORT



## APPENDIX D: SAMPLE AWS OFFICIAL CWI SCORE REPORT



## **Certified Welding Inspector (CWI)**

#### Score Report

123456789 Exam Status: Pass

John Doe Certified Welding Inspector

8669 NW 36 St. Exam Part Passing Score: 72

Miami, FL 33166 Your Composite Average Score: 88

US Average Passing Score: 72

Congratulations! You have passed all the examinations of the Certified Welding Inspector Program.

Exam Type	Score
CWI - Part A	81%
CWI - Part B	91%
CWI - Part C - D1.1 Structural Steel Codebook	92%
Composite Average Score:	88%

Your performance of each examination part by content category can be found in the next section. Your certificate, wallet card, and official AWS stamp will be mailed to you within 4-6 weeks from the receipt of this letter. AWS QuikCheck is updated to reflect this new certification.

NOTE: It is your responsibility to contact AWS if you have not received your Credentials within 120 days of receiving this letter. After these 120 days, you may incur additional charges to order a duplicate.