



American Welding Society

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Hello CWI Candidate,

Thank you for applying to take the CWI examination!

To ensure that the Certified Welding Inspector (CWI) program and other AWS certification programs maintain the highest level of quality and integrity, the American Welding Society (AWS) has partnered with one of the leaders in global test development and delivery, Prometric, to deliver CBT exams. AWS began offering CBT exams in May 2016 for select certification programs; and portions of the Certified Welding Inspector (CWI) exam will transition to CBT exams in May 2019.

The move to CBT signifies a modernization of the exam process. Other organizations such as NACE, ASNT, and API have moved to CBT in recent years for many of the same reasons. Moving to CBT is part of the continuous improvement and streamlining of internal and external processes within AWS. Additionally, CBT provides improved exam security and standardization by assuring that each candidate's experience is consistent and comparable to other candidates' experience.

The move to CBT represents several advantages for candidates including:

- flexibility to schedule your Part A and Part C exam when it's most convenient for you and taking the test at a test center close to you;
- a divided exam period (you can take Parts A and C on different days) that allows for more study time between exam parts;
- access to searchable electronic books during most open book exams;
- CBT will provide you with exam transparency regarding time remaining; and
- you will receive your preliminary test results at the test center at the conclusion of the Parts A and C portions of the exam.

Note: Your official test score letter (including Part B) will be sent to you approximately 4 – 6 weeks after completing all portions of the test.

Useful Resources:

To ensure you are familiar with the process, visit the AWS website <http://www.aws.org/certification/page/computer-based-testing> for more information.

Understand Prometric's security process when checking in at a test center:
<https://www.prometric.com/en-us/for-test-takers/pages/Test-Center-Security.aspx>

Take a sample tutorial on how to navigate the screens during your computer-based testing:
https://www.prometric.com/_layouts/results/index.html



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Take a Test Drive Before Exam Day:

<https://www.prometric.com/en-us/for-test-takers/prepare-for-test-day/pages/take-a-practice-test.aspx>

"What to Expect on Test Day" video:

<https://vimeo.com/190759122>

Learn even more and access Prometric's various other resources, by visiting

<http://www.prometric.com/aws>

Additionally, we have included some possible Questions and Answers related to CBT testing and Prometric on the following pages.

Thank you,

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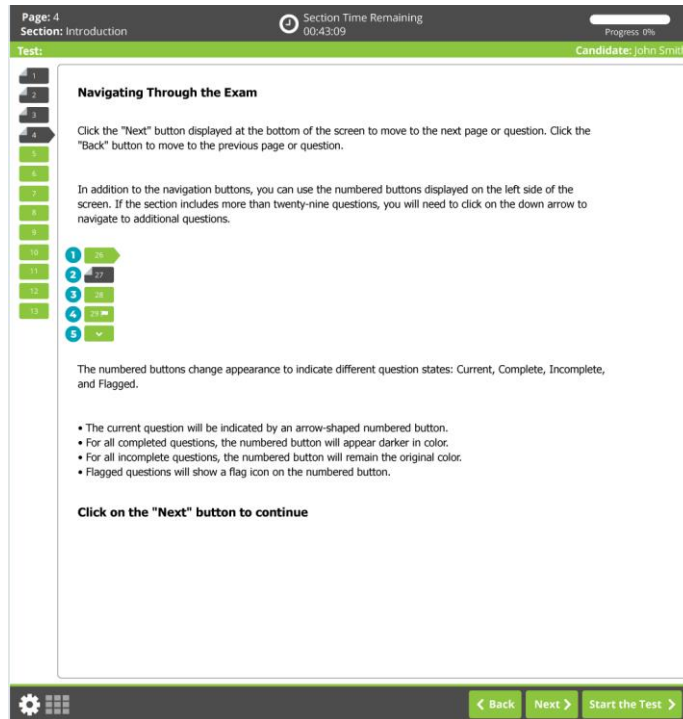
Possible Questions Regarding CBT and Prometric

1. What if I want to take CWI Parts A & C first (before Part B)?
 - **For the Pilot Testing Only:** Participants in the pilot testing will be permitted to take Parts A and C at a Prometric Test Center either before or after they take Part B.
 1. **NOTE: After the pilot testing phase, all candidates will be required to take Part B before Parts A and C.**
2. Do I have to take both A & C on the same day?
 - No. For the pilot testing phase, both need to be taken on, or before February 25, 2019 and can be scheduled for different days or the same day.
3. When do I need to finish all parts of the exam?
 - All portions of the exam must be completed on, or before February 25, 2019.
4. Is there still a way to take the whole exam on paper?
 - No. The only way to take the exam is on computer at Prometric.
5. I heard that there are metal detectors at Prometric — is that true, and if so, why?
 - Yes, it is true. It is for your safety and security.
6. What if I have a question about something during the exam? Will someone be able to help me?
 - Prometric staff can ONLY address issues related to the test environment. They cannot answer questions regarding the structure and content of the exams. If you have any comments or feedback regarding the exam, please notify us directly via AWS' online Certification Exam Feedback Form <https://www.aws.org/certification/page/exam-feedback>
7. Why do I have to contact Prometric to schedule an exam date and time? Can't someone at AWS just schedule me?

No. As a third-party, AWS cannot schedule someone else for the exam. The Prometric website has the most current schedule, and AWS doesn't have access to the Prometric schedule. Here is the link to schedule your exams: <https://www.prometric.com/en-us/clients/aws/Pages/landing.aspx>
8. Am I still allowed to tab my codebook?
 - Yes. Candidates may tab or highlight their codebook prior to the exam. Please reference the Candidate Instructions contained in your Confirmation Letter for additional information or by using this link: <http://www.aws.org/cwi-cbt-applicant-instructions>
9. What happens if the power goes out during my exam?
 - Prometric systems are designed to save your work during a power failure.
10. Will there be a calculator on the screen or will I need to bring my own?
 - There will be a four-function calculator available. Please refer to this link: <http://www.aws.org/cwi-cbt-applicant-instructions>



11. How will I be able to tell how much time is left while I'm taking the test?
- There is a clock on the computer screen that reflects the time remaining for each section of the exam. Below is a screen shot of the Introduction page of Prometric's CBT.



12. Can I bring earplugs?
- No. Prometric can provide noise-cancelling headphones if needed.
13. If I fail either Part A or Part C, how soon can I take the test again?
- You will see your preliminary Pass/Fail status immediately; however, you must wait for your Official Score Letter reflecting your performance on all three parts of the exam prior to retesting. If you need to retest, please click this link:
<https://awsprodportal.aws.org>
14. Can I use my nickname on my application?
- No. The name on your government-issued ID needs to **exactly** match the name you provided on your application.
15. If I think I'm really not doing well during the exam, can I cancel my exam? If I think that I did great on Part A, but Part C was bad. Can I cancel just Part C?
- You will forfeit the entire exam fee. You will need to pay AWS the full 3-part exam fee and retake the entire exam. An incomplete exam counts as an attempt towards the total number exams allowed.



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16. How long should I expect the whole testing experience to take from the time I arrive at the building to the time I leave?

- Please refer to the link to the Applicant Instructions in your Confirmation Letter from Prometric. The link is also provided here: <http://www.aws.org/cwi-cbt-applicant-instructions>
- The testing time is 2 hours per part. You'd need to factor in check-in time, pre-exam tutorial, break between sections, and survey at the end of the exam.

NOTE: please be sure to arrive to the testing center approximately 30 minutes before your exam time.