AWS SENSE VS. ATF

SENSE PROGRAM

ATF PROGRAM

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Cost	One-time fee of $500 for Level I and $600 for Level II. Upgrading from Level I to Level II is $100.*	Initial cost to become an AWS Accredited Testing Facility is $3,100. Renewal cost for the first and second year is $410 for each year. Third year auditor reassessment is $2,700.*
Requirements	Facility Instructor should be a CWI or CWE. If a CWI or CWE is not available, an individual from the institutions advisory committee must be available to verify welds. No auditing is necessary.	Facility must meet specifications outlined in Section 3 of AWS QC4-89 – *Standard for Accreditation of Test Facilities for AWS Certified Welder Program.* An audit will need to be conducted.
Validity	Indefinite	Facility Accreditation is good for one year from the time accreditation is awarded. Renewal is required on the first and second year. On the third year, a full on-site reassessment is required. This process is repeated after each cycle.
Maintenance	No maintenance required.	The ATF must submit a renewal application and fee for the first and second year renewal. On the third year, an on-site audit application must be submitted and a successful on-site reassessment shall be completed before reaccreditation is extended.

LEVEL I & II WELDER

CERTIFIED WELDER

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Cost	$20 per student for Level I or Level II.*	The cost per application is $55. The renewal cost is $30.*
Requirements	The individual must fulfill the program requirements established by the SENSE school. The program is defined by the SENSE Key Indicator (EG2.0 for Level I & EG3.0 for Level II). AWS will issue a certificate of completion once the individual has completed the program.	The Certified Welder program is a performance-based program with no prerequisite courses or certifications required.
Validity	Indefinite	Welder certification(s) expire every 6 months. With the exception of the D9.1 code which is expires every 12 months.
Maintenance	No maintenance required. There is no national registry for the SENSE program.	The Welder must submit the "Maintenance of Welder Certification" form to AWS prior to their certification expiring with the renewal fee. AWS Certified Welders are placed in a national registry.

Prices are subject to change. Please refer to the AWS Price List on the AWS website.