



YOUR STEP-BY-STEP PATHWAY TO CAWI

INTRODUCTION

If you know your way around welds and want to shift into inspection but don't quite meet either the education or experience criteria, the CAWI credential gets you in the door. You'll work under a CWI, build inspection experience, and learn how codes, procedures, and documentation fit together out in the real world.

Why the CAWI Credential Works for You

It signals you're serious about inspection and ready to handle foundational QC tasks. Employers see it as proof that you've got welding knowledge to assist inspectors and grow into the role.

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EDUCATION / EXPERIENCE QUALIFICATIONS:

- ☐ High school diploma or GED
- ☐ A minimum of 2 years of work experience is required for a high school diploma or equivalent holder.
- ☐ Candidates with at least 8th grade education need 4 years of work experience.
- ☐ Candidates with less than an 8th grade education, a minimum of 6 years of work experience is required.
- ☐ Candidates with at least 8th grade education, alongside one year of vocational training in welding, require 3 years of experience.

If you have two years of post-high school education in welding, engineering technology, or physical sciences, a 6-month work experience suffices.

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FILL OUT THE CAWI APPLICATION

- ☐ Complete the application on my.aws.org
- ☐ Upload: High school diploma, work documentation, passport-style photo, and valid ID



SUBMIT + PAY FEES (2025):

- \$1,220 for Members | \$1,485 for Non-Members
- ! Submit your app 6+ weeks before your preferred exam date



APPROVAL LETTER ARRIVES

- AWS will send your exam confirmation once your application is reviewed.



PASS THE EXAM

To earn the CAWI certification, candidates must pass three exams: Part A Fundamentals, Part B Practical, and Part C Code Book.

- Part A - covers topics from destructive testing to welding fundamentals. It is computer-based test conducted at Prometric Test Centers.
- Part C - an open-book test on code understanding, are computer-based tests conducted at Prometric Test Centers.
- Part B - a practical exam on hands-on welding activities, takes place at various US locations.

Minimum score to pass: 60% on each individual part.

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