



CERTIFIED WELDER EXAMINATION INFORMATION

LICENSING SECTION

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CERTIFICATION REQUIRED

All welding as per Code Section 91.2204.1, except when performed at the shop of an approved fabricator, shall be done by operators certified by the department for the type of operation involved in accordance with the provisions of Section 91.1704.20 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code.

A. REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION

1. Complete Examination Application. Applications expire six (6) months from the date of the cashier's validation date. If examination is not completed within that time, a new application must be filed and new fees paid.
2. Provide a current 1-1/4" x 2" full face color passport type photograph taken within one year of the date of application.
3. Pay the Examination Application fee of \$54.00
4. Pass the Department written examination.
5. Pass the Performance Test at a Los Angeles City approved testing facility. (See attached list) Separate additional charges by the approved testing agency conducting the qualification performance tests will apply. Contact the testing agency for their fees.

B. AFTER PASSING WRITTEN EXAMINATION

1. Submit Performance Test results IN A SEALED ENVELOPE from a Los Angeles City approved testing facility. Performance Test results are valid for one (1) year from date of issuance.
2. Pay the required fee of \$64.80, and submit your Performance Test results within one (1) year of the cashier's validation date.

C. EXAMINATION

- Schedule:** The examination will be conducted on Thursdays by appointment only. All applicants will be notified of appointment date by mail.
- Time:** Examination will begin promptly at 4:00 p.m.
- Location:** Examination location will be shown on appointment letter.
- Scopes:** Examination will consist of open and closed book segments. Applicants must bring the appropriate Structural Steel Welding Code published by the American Welding Society (AWS) covering the scope of their examination. (See list for current editions)
- Fees:** \$54.00 Examination Application fee. An additional \$64.80 is due upon passing. A separate application, fee and examination is required for each category the applicant desires to be certified for. A three-year renewal of \$118.80 is charged for renewal of each category certified except for semi-automatic.

Minimum score of 70% is required for passing the written examination. Applicants will have one opportunity to pass the written exam per application.

(Any person with a current welders certification, will not be eligible to take the Departmental (Written) Examination for that particular discipline.)

Applicants seeking Tubular Structures certification must have a SSW certification before acquiring a Tubular Structures certification. (Tubular Structures certification is added to your SSW certification.)

D. REQUIRED CODE BOOKS

1. Structural Welding Code - Steel AWS D1.1 (2006 or 2008 editions)
2. Structural Welding Code - Aluminum D 1.2 (1997 or 2003)
3. Structural Welding Code - Sheet Steel D1.3 (1998 or 2008)
4. Structural Welding Code - Reinforcing Steel (1998 or 2005)
5. Any Structural Welding Codes with an earlier or later date than shown above, must be pre-approved for use, by the Materials Control Section at (213) 482-0380.

E. SUGGESTED BOOK

1. Any basic welding book
2. Welding symbol (AWS 2.4) - (2007)

F. WELDER CERTIFICATION RULES AND REGULATIONS

Internet access: www.ladbs.org

Information Bulletin P/BC 2002-45 Based on Code Section 91.1704.20.

Code Section 91.2204.1 requires welders to be certified.

SOURCES FOR PURCHASE OF CODE BOOKS

Builder's Book, Inc.
8001 Canoga Ave.
Canoga Park, CA 91304
Phone (800) 273-7375
www.buildersbook.com

Building News, Inc.
10801 National Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90064
Phone (310) 474-7771
www.bnibooks.com

Global Engineering Documents
15 Inverness Way East,
Englewood, CO 80112
Phone (800) 854-7179 or (303) 397-7956
www.global.ihs.com

I.C.C.
5360 South Workman Mill Rd.,
Whittier, CA 90601
Phone (562) 699-0541
www.iccsafe.org

OPAMP Technical Books
1033 N. Sycamore Ave.
Hollywood, CA 90038
Phone (800) 468-4322 or (323) 464-4322
www.opamp.com

APPROVED FOR WELDER PERFORMANCE TESTING AGENCIES

Any testing laboratory that has been approved by the Department for welder testing may conduct welder qualifications tests adopted by the Superintendent of Buildings. The following testing laboratories have the necessary equipment and personnel to conduct these tests.

ACCURATE TESTING LABORATORIES
5451 Business Dr.
Huntington Beach, CA 92649
(714) 373-3852

MT. SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE
1100 N. Grand Ave.
Walnut, CA 91388
(909) 594-5611

CERRITOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
11110 E. Alondra Blvd.
Norwalk, CA 90650
(562) 860-2451

NORTH VALLEY OCCUPATIONAL CENTER
11450 Sharp Ave.
Mission Hills, CA 91345
(818) 365-9645 Ext. 350

COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS
26455 Rockwell Canyon Road
Santa Clarita, CA 91355
(661) 362-3218

ORANGE COAST COLLEGE
2701 Fairview Rd.
Costa Mesa, CA 92626
(714) 432-5820

DECISIVE TESTING
4735 Myrtle Ave.
San Diego, CA 92105
(619) 285-9006

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
4800 Magnolia Ave.
Riverside, CA 92506
(909) 222-8000

EARTH SYSTEMS CONSULTANTS
1731 A Walter St.
Ventura, CA 93003
(805) 642-6727

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY COLLEGE
701 S. Mount Vernon Ave.
San Bernardino, CA 92420
(909) 384-8290

FULLERTON COLLEGE
321 Chapman Ave.
Fullerton, CA 92634
(714) 992-7245

SAN PEDRO WILMINGTON SKILLS CENTER
217 Island Ave.
Wilmington, CA 90744
(310) 549-9831 Ext. 108

HARBOR OCCUPATIONAL CENTER
740 N. Pacific Ave.
San Pedro, CA 90731
(310) 547-5551

SIMI VALLEY ADULT SCHOOL
3192 Los Angeles Ave.
Simi Valley, CA 93065
(805) 579-6200 Ext.1062

LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE
1305 E. Pacific Coast Highway
Long Beach, CA 90806
(562) 938-3074

TRI COMMUNITY ADULT SCHOOL
126 School St.
Covina, CA 91723
(626) 974-6801

LOS ANGELES TRADE TECH. COLLEGE
Welding Tech. Department
400 W. Washington Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90015
(213) 763-3949

VICTOR VALLEY COLLEGE
18422 Bear Valley Rd.
Victorville, CA 92392
(760) 245-4271 Ext. 294

MONROE LABORATORIES
10699 Hickson Street, #5
El Monte, CA 91731
(626) 442-2031

The testing agencies listed below are also approved by the City of Los Angeles but are associated with trade unions and will conduct testing for members of their respective organizations only.

APPRENTICE & JOURNEYMAN TRAINING
TRUST FUND
18349 S. Figueroa Street
Gardena, CA 90248
(310) 538-4163

CARPENTERS' JOINT APPRENTICESHIP
10015 Rose Hills Rd, Suite 200
Whittier, CA 90601
(562) 699-0419

FIELD IRONWORKERS APPRENTICESHIP AND
TRAINING PROGRAM
5555 Fresca Drive
La Palma, CA 90623
(714) 228-9744

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SHEET METAL
WORKERS JOINT APPRENTICESHIP AND
TRAINING
633 N Baldwin Park Blvd
City of Industry, CA 91746
(626) 968-3340

OPERATING ENGINEERS TRAINING TRUST
2200 S. Pellissier Pl.
Whittier, CA 90601
(562) 695-0611