



# CERTIFIED WELDER EXAMINATION INFORMATION

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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 91.1705.2.2.1.3. of the Los Angeles Municipal Code.

#### A. REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION

1. Complete the Trade License application. Applications expire six (6) months from the cashier's validation date. If the examination is not completed within that time, a new application must be filed and new fees paid.
2. Provide a current 2" x 2" full face color passport type photograph taken within one year of the date of application.
3. Pay the examination application fee of \$54.50
4. Pass the Department written examination.
5. Pass the performance test at a Los Angeles City approved testing facility. (See link on the following page) 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 the date of issuance.
2. Pay the required fee of \$65.40, and submit your performance test results within one (1) year of the cashier's validation date.

#### C. EXAMINATION

<b>Schedule:</b>	The examination will be conducted on Wednesdays by appointment only. All applicants will be notified of appointment date by mail.
<b>Time/Location:</b>	Examination time and location will be shown on appointment letter.
<b>Scope:</b>	Examination will consist of open and closed book segments. <u>Applicants must bring the appropriate Structural Steel Welding Code published by the American Welding Society (AWS) covering the scope of their examination.</u> (See Required Code Books for current editions)
<b>Fees:</b>	\$54.50 examination application fee. An additional \$65.40 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 \$119.90 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 (2008 or 2010 editions)
2. Structural Welding Code - Aluminum D 1.2 (1997 or 2003)
3. Structural Welding Code - Sheet Steel D1.3 (2008)
4. Structural Welding Code - Reinforcing Steel (2011)
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) 482-0315.

**E. SUGGESTED BOOK**

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

**F. WELDER CERTIFICATION RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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**G. LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY  
APPROVED TESTING AGENCIES**

The Department will only accept practicals from approved testing agencies with a current status.

List of Approved Testing Agencies:

[http://ladbs.org/LADBSWeb/LADBS\\_Forms/MaterialControl/testing\\_agency.pdf](http://ladbs.org/LADBSWeb/LADBS_Forms/MaterialControl/testing_agency.pdf)

## SOURCES FOR PURCHASE OF CODE BOOKS

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

Building News Inc  
990 Park Center Drive, Suite E  
Vista, CA 92081  
(760) 734-1113  
[www.bnibooks.com](http://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](http://www.global.ihs.com)

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

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