



# CERTIFIED WELDER EXAMINATION INFORMATION

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### CERTIFICATION REQUIRED

All welding, 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 91.1701.18 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code.

### A. REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION

1. Complete Examination Application and pay required fee. Application must be signed before a Deputy City Clerk or notarized if mailed in. Applications expire six (6) months from the date of the cashier's validation date. If examination is not completed within that time, new applications must be filed and new fees paid.
2. Provide a current 1-1/4" x 2" full face color photograph taken within one year of the date of application.
3. Pass the Department written examination.
4. Pass the performance examination at a Los Angeles City approved testing facility. (See attached list)
5. All applicants seeking Tubular Structures certification must have or acquire an SSW certification before acquiring a Tubular Structures certification. (Tubular Structures certification is added to your SSW certification).

### B. EXAMINATION

- Schedule:** The examination will be conducted on Thursdays by appointment only. All applicants will be notified of appointment date by mail.
- Time:** Exam 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 below for current editions)
- Fees:** **\$54.00** Examination Application fee. An additional **\$64.80** is due upon passing. (\$118.80 total) A separate application and fee 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. **Separate additional charges are charged by the approved testing agency conducting the qualification performance tests. Contact testing agency for their fees.**

*Minimum score of 70% is required for passing the written examination. Applicants will have one opportunity to pass the written exam per application. Performance test results may be turned in prior to taking the written examinations or may be submitted after the examination. The applicant must submit non-expired information. Performance test results must be originals in a sealed envelope.*

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

### C. REQUIRED CODE BOOKS

1. Structural Welding Code - Steel AWS D1.1 (2002 or 2004 editions)
2. Structural Welding Code - Aluminum D 1.2 (1997)
3. Structural Welding Code - Sheet Steel D1.3 (1998)
4. Structural Welding Code - Reinforcing Steel (1998)

### D. SUGGESTED BOOK

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

### E. WELDER CERTIFICATION RULES AND REGULATIONS

Internet access: <http://ladbs.org/> or <http://www.lacity.org/LADBS/>

**Information Bulletin P/BC 2002-45 Based on Code Section 91.1701.18.**

**Code Section 91.2205.10. 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](http://www.buildersbook.com)

Building News, Inc.  
3055 Overland Ave.,  
Los Angeles, CA 90034  
Phone (310) 202-7775

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.icc.org](http://www.icc.org)

OPAMP Technical Books  
1033 N. Sycamore Ave.  
Hollywood, CA 90038  
Phone (323) 464-4322

## 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

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

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

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

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

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

DECISIVE TESTING  
4723 Myrtle Ave.  
San Diego, CA 92105  
(619) 285-9006

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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