

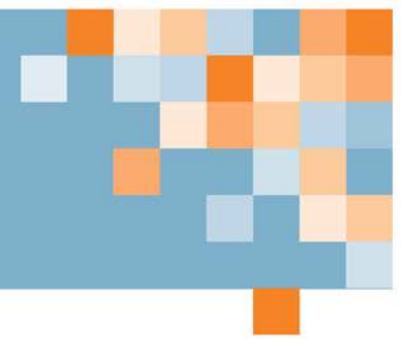
WELDER FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

FOUNDATION

Do Foundation students have to have the recommended 1,000 hours to take the next level of training?	No. The 1,000 hours is an industry recommendation. Training Providers may enforce this recommendation as part of their registration requirements.
I have finished Welder Foundation, can I take Welder B?	Foundation students are encouraged to find a sponsor and continue into Level 3. However if you are unable to find sponsorship please contact an Apprenticeship Advisor in your area to discuss your options. Apprenticeship Advisors can be found at http://www.itabc.ca/our-trades-training-system/apprenticeship-advisors
Will students coming out of Welder Foundation require gap training?	Students who registered in a Foundation program prior to March 31, 2017 will require gap training for Level 3. This gap training will be included in the Level 3 training until March 31, 2020.
Why isn't there a Log Book stamp for the Foundation program?	Log Book stamps are only applied when you meet the completion requirements for a Certificate of Qualification. When all the requirements have been met for the Foundation program, students are issued a Certificate of Completion (CofC), not a Certificate of Qualification (CofQ).

APPRENTICES

How do I report my hours?	If you are an apprentice , your sponsor will submit your hours to ITA by either reporting the hours online in Direct Access at www.itadirectaccess.ca or completing a Work Based Training (WBT) report form available at http://www.itabc.ca/apply-apprenticeship/forms . If you are registered in a Welder Modular Program , you will accumulate hours in your log book. When you are eligible for certification the hours will be verified upon submission of your log book along with the Completion of Modular Welder C, B, A & IP form.
Can I report hours that were obtained before I started the Welding program?	Yes, ensure they are completed in your log book and your employer/sponsor has signed them off.
How do I know how many hours I need to be certified?	Refer to the <i>Program Profile</i> for the Welder program. It is available from the ITA website at http://www.itabc.ca/program/welder This document lists all the certification requirements for your program.
To register for Level 3 the Program Profile says that 3,000 work-based training hours are recommended. What does that mean?	The 3,000 hour recommendation is what industry feels is an appropriate amount of time in the trade to be adequately prepared to proceed with technical training.
Can I challenge Welder Level 1 or 2?	No. Welder Levels 1 and 2 are not open for challenge.



CHALLENGERS

If I am a Welder B or A with a Certificate of Qualification how do I apply to write my Red Seal?

You must complete the **Interprovincial or Certificate of Qualification Exam Application** and submit it to ITA. This document is available on the Forms page on ITA's website: <http://www.itabc.ca/apply-apprenticeship/forms>.

NOTE: Welder B/A CofQ holders are not required to take a practical assessment to obtain their red seal.

If I am a Welder B or A with a Certificate of Qualification that has passed my Red Seal, how do I apply to receive my stamp?

You must complete the **Completion of Modular C, B, A & IP form** and submit it to the ITA. This document is available on the Forms page on ITA's website.

Can I challenge Welder C, B or A?

No. Welder C, B and A are no longer open for challenge.

How do I schedule the practical assessment?

Once ITA has approved your challenge application, a letter and list of Assessment Venues (Training Providers) who offer the practical assessment will be sent to you. You must:

1. Pass the Welder Interprovincial Red Seal written exam
2. Contact an Assessment Venue to schedule your practical assessment

NOTE: You must present your application approval letter and exam results to the Assessment Venue at the time of your assessment.

What are the fees for the practical assessment?

Fees for the practical assessment vary. Please contact your preferred Practical Assessment Venue to confirm their fees.

What do I do if I fail the practical assessment?

You can schedule a re-test with the original assessment venue. The conditions regarding this will depend on the assessment venue. They may want you to schedule time to upgrade before taking the assessment again. Fees will apply to any re-testing.

LOG BOOKS

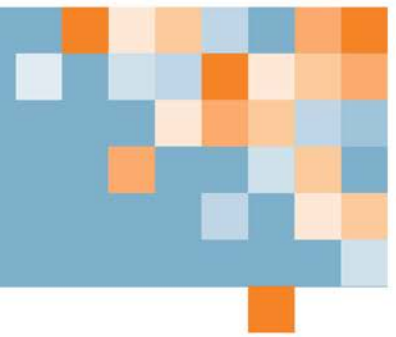
How do I get a Log Book?

Normally, your ITA-approved Training Provider will provide you with a Log Book after you have completed your first level of technical training, either as an apprentice or Foundation student.

If you are a challenger, ITA will provide you with a Log Book once you have passed the Interprovincial Red Seal Exam and Standardized Practical Assessment.

If you have moved to BC from another province or require a replacement Log Book, please contact ITA Customer Service.

More information can be found at: <http://itabc.ca/sites/default/files/docs/welder-logbook-info-sheet-feb-2017.pdf>



Which levels have Log Book stamps?

Logbook stamps are only applied when you **meet the completion requirements** for a Certificate of Qualification or Endorsement.

The Industry Training Authority registers Welders with the following stamps:

Welder, Red Seal, and Multi-Process Alloy Welding (MPAW) when technical training, successful exam results, and documented work based training hours have been completed and verified.

Other ITA recognized credentials can include Welder B Modular and Welder A Modular under the same requirements as listed above.

How do I complete the Log Book?

Please read the information provided within your Log Book to determine who is authorized to fill out each section. Depending on the section, it could be your Employer/Sponsor or Employer Representative, authorized personnel at your Training Provider, or the Assessor of the Training Facility or Testing Organization.

When am I supposed to send my Log Book to ITA?

When you are ready to be certified in the Welder program and you have met the completion requirements. Completion requirements for the Welder program can be found in the *Program Profile* at <http://www.itabc.ca/program/welder>

What happened with the Log Book?

The Log Book changed in connection to changes to the Welder Apprenticeship program as a result of Harmonization. ITA consulted with Industry and Training Providers to make these updates.

Log Books issued after March 31, 2017 will have a red cover.

ITA will continue to recognize any former editions of the Welder's Log Book.

PRACTICAL SKILLS CHECKLIST

Is the Practical Skills Checklist optional?

This support tool is **not** a completion requirement. It was developed based on feedback from Industry and Training Provider to: ensure apprentices have the skills required for success in technical training, track progress through apprenticeship and identify skills that are missing or not fully refined.

It is **not** intended to indicate competence. It is designed to help instructors quickly assess your exposure to practical skills and adjust learning accordingly.

Please note: your Training Provider may request the Practical Skills Checklist as part of their registration package.

How do I find the Practical Skills Checklist?

Please see [Practical Skills Checklist](#) to obtain a fillable PDF of this tool.

Who is supposed to fill out the Practical Skills Checklist?

Apprentices are intended to fill out the Checklist with their Employer/Sponsor or immediate supervisor prior to registering for technical training. The instructor will fill out his/her section at the end of their technical training.