

BCA OF ONTARIO COMMON WELDING PROCEDURES QUALIFICATION (“BCACWQ”) PROGRAM

The BCA operates a Common Welder Program for boilermakers who are members of IBB Local Lodges 128 and 555 located in Ontario. The Ontario Common Welder Program was established in 1997 by the BCA and IBB Local Lodge 128 in order to develop and implement a program that reduces the number of times a welder has to test for the same welding process annually. Member contractors of the BCA of Ontario who participate in the Common Welder Program will attain cost-savings, as welders tested under the BCACWQ do not need to be tested every time they weld in the same process for a different BCA member contractor.

Welders tested under the Common Welder Program carry a current BCACWQ issued ticket to signify their completion of the testing.

The program is not intended to relieve the Contractor of the responsibility of testing welders for ASME code stamped work.

The BCA has worked in conjunction with the IBB Local 128 to determine the tests currently offered through the Common Welder Program: F3, F4, F6, GTAW/SMAW.

Only welding procedures registered and approved by the Technical Standards & Safety Authority are offered.

Participation Eligibility

The following are required in order to be eligible to participate in the Common Welder Program:

- Contractors must be members of the Boilermaker Contractors’ Association of Ontario ([link to membership page](#))
- Member contractors must complete a **Participant Declaration Form** and send it to the BCA Head Office in order to qualify for participation in the Program

Benefits of the Common Welder Program

- Participating member contractors may accept welders carrying a current BCACWQ issued ticket WITHOUT retesting
- Testing is available at four IBB Local 128 locations across Ontario and is to be completed on an annual basis for all IBB welders
- BCACWQ testing standards meet/exceed provincial testing standards
- Zero added cost to participating member contractors as funding is provided through the terms of the Collective Agreement
- Participating member contractors who test at the job site pursuant to BCACWQ testing standards are eligible for reimbursement on a flat fee basis to be determined by the BCA. Pre-approval may be required, please contact Mary Sararas at the BCA office for details.
- Out-of-province IBB welders working in Ontario are eligible to be tested at no further cost to their contractor

Testing Locations

There are four testing sites located in the province. To obtain further information about testing procedures or to schedule testing contact:

Hamilton area: Chris Peddle (cpeddle@ibblocal128.org)

Sarnia area: Dale Quinn (sarnia@ibblocal128.org)

Sudbury area: Ernie St Amour (estamour@ibblocal128.org)

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