

Where to Start



So you've decided that welding might be the career for you? Congratulations! You've taken the first step towards an exciting and challenging future in a growing industry. There are so many opportunities ahead of you. Follow these steps to gain your welding qualification and begin your new role.



Step One: Pre-Apprenticeship Course

Although it's not mandatory, you may want to consider a pre-apprenticeship course. These courses are designed to get you ready for an apprenticeship and give you a taste for the industry. You'll learn basic skills like using hand tools and power tools, interpreting drawings and performing machining processes. There are no formal entry requirements, but, you may need to complete a pre-training interview.



Step Two: Apprenticeship

An apprenticeship gives you the chance to learn new skills while getting paid. To complete your apprenticeship, you'll need to find a host employer—a qualified welder who'll help you learn how to weld and give you on-the-job experience. You can contact an Australian Apprenticeship Support Network provider to help you find an employer. They will also provide a training contract for you and your employer to sign.



Step Three: Certificate III in Engineering

To become a fully qualified welder, you need to complete the Certificate III in Engineering – Fabrication Trade (MEM30305). The Certificate III course is offered at a range of TAFEs, so you can find somewhere close to home and work. There are no formal entry requirements, but you must be registered in an engineering apprenticeship arrangement. It is recommended that you have a minimum of Year 10 English and Maths.

About Weld Australia

Weld Australia is the peak body representing the welding industry in Australia. Our primary goal is to ensure that the Australian welding industry remains locally and globally competitive, both now and into the future. We are a not-for-profit, membership-based organisation.

