

Women in Welding

Why Become A Welder?



The idea of a hot, dirty welding shop full of sweaty men might not appeal to you. But if that's your idea of the welding industry, you're wrong! These days, welding is a highly specialised field with lots of room for growth, promotion, travel, and learning. It's not all about brute strength; actually, welding is more of an art form, which requires precision, innovation, and a lot of skill. Welding is a fantastic career for creative, hardworking women. Working in welding, you can have the opportunity to work in different industries, in a range of roles, and all over the world. A welding trade can take you into a variety of other areas and careers, such as engineering, drafting, technical roles, and company ownership. Here are the top five reasons to consider welding as a career.



Always Have a Job

Job security is particularly important for women, who are often hardest hit in times of recession or economic downturn. With a career in welding, you shouldn't need to worry about finding or keeping a job. Welding is an in-demand skill because it's used in so many ways, by so many industries. To become a welder, you need special qualifications and, once you're qualified, you'll be in demand. Robotics and automation are a role in welding, but there will always be a need for skilled welders to do the jobs robots can't. Most welding students receive job offers before they've even graduated.



Get Paid Well

It's important you enjoy what you do, but you want to be paid a good wage as well. Qualified skilled welders are typically paid a high rate. This is because it is such a specialised skill, needed in so many industries.

Like all careers, your rate of pay will increase as you gain more skills and experience. The average salary for welders in Australia is over \$80,000 a year. Some specialised welders can make over \$100,000 a year.





Express Your Creativity

Welding is an art as much as it is a trade. If you're a creative person who loves making things with your hands, this is the perfect career for you.

Some types of welding require out-of-the-box thinking and innovative approaches. Welders can work on art installations, architectural designs, and even race cars. It's a great career for artistic thinkers who like to make their mark on what they create.



Room for Growth and Promotion

The sky is the limit for welders with ambition and drive. Trade qualified welders have a lot of career paths available to them, including welding supervision, welding inspection, and welding coordination. You might even decide to move into sales and marketing, or to open your own fabrication business. The sky really is the limit! Welding is an exciting job that allows you to work on high profile projects, like iconic buildings, or in emerging industries like aerospace. Imagine being one of the welders on the new Crown building in Sydney, or on a SpaceX shuttle headed for Mars!



Be Hands-On In Your Learning

Sick of being in the classroom? Want to learn on the job? Welding could be perfect for you! To spark a career in welding, you need to complete a Certificate III in Engineering – Fabrication Trade, and an apprenticeship under the supervision of a qualified welder. The Certificate III course is offered at lots of places, like TAFE and other education providers. It allows you to gain practical skills while learning about welding theory. Some TAFEs even use augmented reality simulators for part of the welder training – if you like video games, you'll love watching your skills improve on those!

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.

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