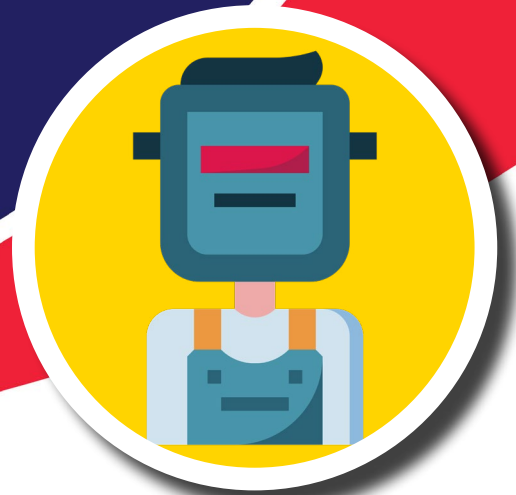


# Why Become a Welder?



Deciding what to do when you finish school is hard. There are so many options to choose from—how do you know which one will match your skills, passions, and career goals? Welding is a fantastic career choice for creative, hardworking people. It can give you the chance to work in different industries, in a range of roles, all over the world. A welding trade can even take you into other areas and careers, from engineering, drafting, and technical roles, to sales and marketing, or even owning your own company. Here's five reasons to consider becoming a welder.



## Always Have a Job

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 training – not everyone can do it. Once you're qualified, you'll be in demand. Robotics and automation are playing an increasing role in welding, but there will always be a need for skilled welders either to do the jobs robots can't do, or teach the robots how to do it! 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.

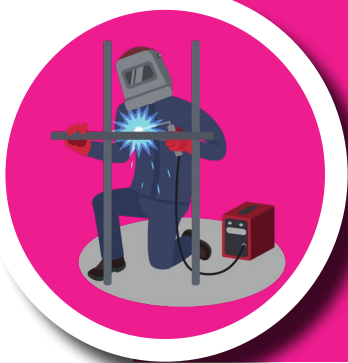
Some types of welding require out-of-the-box thinking and innovative approaches. Welders can work on art installations, architectural designs, and even race cars.



### Room for Growth and Promotion

Once you're a qualified welder, there's a range of career paths available. 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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