

# ABOUT Welding Coordinators

**Welding coordinators are integral to the field of welding, playing a pivotal role in ensuring the quality, safety, and efficiency of welding operations. These professionals are essential for organisations and projects of all sizes, as they oversee and manage various aspects of welding activities. At the Southern African Institute of Welding (SAIW), we recognise the significance of these roles and offer specialised training programmes to equip individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary for their success.**

Welding coordinators are responsible for orchestrating and managing welding operations at a higher level. They ensure that welding activities adhere to international standards and codes, coordinate multiple projects or departments, and oversee the certification of welders and welding procedures. Through SAIW's courses, such as those aligned with the International Institute of Welding's (IIW) qualifications, individuals can become proficient Practitioners (IWP), Specialists (IWS), or Technologists (IWT), depending on their career goals and the scope of their responsibilities. These qualifications provide a structured pathway for welding professionals to advance their careers and make significant contributions to their organisations.

By choosing SAIW as your training partner, you gain access to a wealth of expertise and resources in the field of welding coordination. Our programmes are designed to meet the industry's evolving demands. Our experienced instructors are committed to providing comprehensive training that aligns with international best practices.

Join us at SAIW and embark on a journey to become a respected and capable leader in the world of welding coordination. Your skills and expertise will contribute to the safety and excellence of welding operations across various industries.

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## International Welding Practitioner (IWP)

An International Welding Practitioner (IWP) is typically an individual responsible for ensuring that welding operations are carried out safely, efficiently, and in compliance with international welding standards and codes.

IWPs are trained to understand and apply welding processes, welding procedures, and quality control measures.

They play a key role in supervising welding activities and ensuring that welders adhere to established welding procedures and safety guidelines.

IWPs can also be involved in coordinating welding activities within their organisations or projects, although their focus is primarily on the practical aspects of welding.

## International Welding Specialist (IWS)

An International Welding Specialist (IWS) is a more advanced role that involves a deeper understanding of welding technologies, materials, and quality control.

IWSs are often responsible for overseeing welding operations, conducting weld inspections, and ensuring compliance with

welding standards and specifications.

They may take on leadership roles in managing welding teams, developing welding procedures, and addressing complex welding-related challenges.

IWSs have a comprehensive knowledge of welding processes, materials, and advanced welding techniques.

## International Welding Technologist (IWT)

An International Welding Technologist (IWT) is a high-level welding professional who possesses advanced technical knowledge and expertise.

IWTs are often responsible for managing and coordinating welding activities on a larger scale, such as within a company or on major projects.

They play a crucial role in developing and implementing welding procedures, conducting research and development related to welding, and ensuring that welding processes meet specific performance criteria and industry standards.

IWTs may also be involved in training and certifying welders and welding personnel.

## Career Progression

The IIW's IWP, IWS, and IWT courses provide a structured pathway for individuals to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to excel in welding coordination roles. These courses offer a progressive curriculum, allowing students to advance from

the practitioner level (IWP) to specialist (IWS) and technologist (IWT) levels, depending on their career aspirations and responsibilities. These qualifications can lead to career growth and increased expertise in welding coordination within the welding industry.