# FAST TRACK INTERNATIONAL WELDER QUALIFICATIONS

## FOR EXPERIENCED WELDERS

The SAIW offers a streamlined International Welder Qualification through a fast-tracked IIW Standard Diploma, which has been successfully implemented over the past three years.

This flexible format is designed for experienced welders who wish to obtain international recognition in a shorter time frame – typically one to two weeks, including practical training, testing, and assessment.



**PLEASE NOTE:**

Participants are required to pay only for the number of test samples used in their selected process or programme.

Minimal practical training is provided, based on the individual's experience and skill level.

Theory training and examination fees are charged separately, depending on the qualification level.

This approach allows skilled welders to fast-track their IIW qualification efficiently and cost-effectively while maintaining full compliance with international standards.

**WHY LAUNCH THIS TYPE OF TRAINING?**

Most welders have developed a speciality and are highly experienced in one position and one area. They therefore do not need or want to go through the entire IIW Programme and require a focused qualification that recognises their specific area of expertise.

For example, a structural steel welder would prefer to focus on plate welding theory while tube welders in the petrochemical or power generation sectors are far more familiar with specialised tube welding which forms the bulk of what they do.

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The new streamlined option bypasses the need for experienced welders to go back to basics and complete the full course and provides the highly specialised knowledge and assessment to take experienced welders to the next level.

Upon completion of the course, students get an International Welder certificate which is proof of them having trained in a certain position, process and material.

## COURSE STRUCTURE & CRITERIA

- ✓ The IIW Standard Diploma covers the theory behind a single welding process either fillet, plate or pipe in the form of lectures as well as written and practical tests. If these are passed the student receives an IIW Diploma and a Welding Certificate of record which provides unequivocal proof that the welder complies with the IIW standards.
- ✓ To access the course, a student must have been a full-time welder for at least two of the previous three years and possess a valid welder qualification certificate. They also need a CV with the endorsement from a current or previous employer to prove their experience.

**REASONS TO OBTAIN THE DIPLOMA**

**THE KEY BENEFITS OF OBTAINING THE IIW DIPLOMA ARE:**

- ✓ Qualification in an international level of welding will make students much more marketable and increase their job prospects locally and allow them to apply for jobs overseas.
- ✓ Springboard for more advanced careers in welding inspection and coordination. These jobs add much needed depth of experience on welding projects at ground level and are higher level skills.

## FUTURE FOCUS

The SAIW is committed to meeting the requirement from local industry for South African welders with internationally recognised qualifications who can add value to new and maintenance projects in the petrochemical, power generation and oil and gas industries, which will experience an investment boom.

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