

Special Route Candidates - Direct Qualification to Level 2 or Level 3

Note: This section must be completed by candidates seeking certification directly to Level 2 or to Level 3.

CSA W178.2, Clause 8.1.1(d) permits practicing visual welding inspectors to qualify directly as Level 2 or Level 3 if those individuals have at least:

- 5 years of prior welding inspection experience to qualify for Level 2, or
- 10 years of prior welding inspection experience to qualify for Level 3

This exception is typically for individuals who are practicing visual welding inspection without holding a recognized certification or qualification, or who have recently practiced visual welding inspection in another jurisdiction or country with/without holding a recognized certification or qualification.

Note that visual welding inspection does not include the visual assessment of weld specimens prior to other non-destructive testing (NDT) methods such as radiography, ultrasonic, or magnetic particle. Experience as a welder, fitter, welding supervisor, project manager, engineer, or welding instructor is not considered as relevant experience.

1. I am currently practicing visual welding inspection YES NO

2. If the response to Q1 is NO, I last practiced visual welding inspection in: Date: _____

3. I currently hold / have held the following visual welding inspection certifications and/or qualifications:

List visual welding inspection certifications and/or qualifications:

	From (MM/DD/YY)	To (MM/DD/YY)

4. Employment History: List all employers under which visual welding inspection was conducted:

Employer	From (MM/DD/YY)	To (MM/DD/YY)	% of Time conducting Visual Welding Inspection	Direct Supervisor	Direct Supervisor Telephone & Email

For each employer noted above, a letter of reference from the named organization must be provided which confirms the positions held by the applicant throughout their period of employment, and the percentage of time conducting and or supporting visual welding inspection. (see CWB Form 451 attached)

I certify that the above statements are true and that I have conducted the minimum period of prior visual welding inspection experience required by CSA W178.2. Fraudulent misrepresentation of the information provided on this form may lead to the disqualification of this application.

I understand that CWB Certification reserves the right to conduct a technical interview with the applicant to verify prior visual welding inspection experience required by CSA W178.2.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Special Route Candidates CONFIRMATION OF PRIOR VISUAL WELDING EXPERIENCE

To be completed by Candidate:

I, _____, am making application for certification to CSA
Name of Candidate
 W178.2 as a visual welding inspection and wish to apply directly to Level **2** **3** (select one) based on
 my previous experience as a practicing visual welding inspector.

I certify that I practiced visual welding inspection at the following employer:

Employer	From (MM/DD/YY)	To (MM/DD/YY)	% of Time conducting Visual Welding Inspection	Direct Supervisor	Direct Supervisor Telephone & Email

I certify that the visual welding inspection activities noted above do not include the visual assessment of weld specimens prior to other non-destructive testing (NDT) methods such as radiography, ultrasonic, or magnetic particle and that I understand that experience as a welder, fitter, welding supervisor, project manager, engineer, or NDT welding instructor is not considered as relevant experience.

Signature of Candidate

DATE	
	<small>(Month/Day/Year)</small>

To be completed by Current / Previous Employer:

I certify that the individual named above did practice the visual welding inspection activities as described above while employed by the organization named.

Name of Current or Previous Employer Representative

Signature of Current or Previous Employer Representative

DATE	
	<small>(Month/Day/Year)</small>

Note: If the required years of visual welding inspection experience has been achieved by more than one employer, this form must be completed by each individual employer for which relevant experience is being claimed.

Additional copies of this form can be found on our website at www.cwbgroup.org