



The Office of Public Safety News Release

Office of Public Safety launches new mark program

For immediate release:

Milton, ON - The Office of Public Safety (OPS), a division of the Canadian Welding Bureau (CWB) recently launched the CWB Welding Specialist Mark (WSM) Program. This program, developed for welding professionals, has since acquired 190 members. The program allows successful individuals to identify themselves as individuals with recognized knowledge of welding.

“One of the most significant mandates of the OPS is to ensure that public safety is front of mind. With the WSM we are able to identify individuals based on their knowledge of welding fundamentals and CSA welding standards,” said Cristian Zanfir, Assistant Manager Standards. “We are able to provide welding specialists with a visible identifier that recognizes their achievements and dedication to excellence in welding standards knowledge and their commitment to upholding public safety as it is related to welded structures.”

The program will generate awareness about the relationship between welding professionals and their knowledge of Building Codes at the National and Provincial levels, and CSA design and product standards. The WSM program will create a better understanding of CSA welding certification programs available in Canada and amalgamate welding specialists with earned recognition. Candidates must apply online and meet eligibility requirements to be considered for the program. The program does not have any fees.

Upon successful completion of the examination process, candidates will be provided with a unique QualityMark number and access to the Mark logo. Other privileges include access to advertising, support, and program developed to showcase their commitment to public safety and the CSA welding standards.

The OPS has been an advocate for public safety regarding Canadian welders and welding companies. The OPS works to ensure that the welding industry acts in compliance with building codes and standards. They also continually provide resources that enhance understanding of welding practices in accordance with the standards and the positive impact this has on industry. OPS has also created the Weld QualityMark, a program that recognizes CWB Certified companies. By providing support for the high welding standards of Canada, the OPS is one of the most fundamental departments of the CWB. For further information and to apply to the CWB Welding Specialist Mark Program visit weldquality.org.



About CWB Group:

The CWB Group is a not-for-profit organization that is nationally responsible for the certification of welding companies and qualification of welders, ensuring Canadian code and standard compliance, and best practices are met by all welding establishments and educational institutions across Canada. For over 65 years, the CWB has been at the forefront of maintaining public safety while administering various CSA standards, certifying welding companies, consumables and qualifying welders. With offices in Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia, the CWB's team of 180 staff provides services from Vancouver Island to Newfoundland and Labrador.

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