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1.0 PRE-REQUISITE

- 1.1 The welder and their sponsor or employer, if not self-employed—must ensure that the individual possesses the necessary competency, knowledge, and physical ability before undertaking any test.
- 1.2 All Welder Qualification Tests (WQT) conducted by RSA shall be carried out in accordance with a qualified Welding Procedure Specification (WPS). If a WPS is unavailable, a Standard Welding Procedure Specification (SWPS) shall be used. Responsibility for supplying or producing the SWPS for use during the certification test rests solely with the welder or their sponsor/employer.
- 1.3 If the welder's abilities are uncertain, training or practice time, as outlined in Section 2.0, should be undertaken before attempting the test.

2.0 TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1 Welder qualification test (WQT) is skill-based, the requirement for job knowledge is not mandatory. The WQT is therefore skill-based only.
- 2.2 If training or practice time is required, it may be undertaken with any provider chosen by the welder, or by their sponsor/employer if not self-employed.
- 2.3 The responsibility for training welders, managing their qualifications, and maintaining their skills lies with the sponsor/employer. The Certification Department shall verify and confirm that welders are properly qualified.
- 2.4 Training or practice offered by RSA is not mandatory. Additionally, such training or practice has no influence on the outcome of any WQT and shall not be considered as such.

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3.0 INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE

A certified welder whose work record has not been properly maintained will be required to new WQT in accordance with Section Grading. This includes welders who fail to submit their card and work record to RSA at the time of re-validation.