

KICKSTART

YOUR SKILLED TRADES CAREER IN CANADA

Welder Competency Assessment and Skills Training (WCAST) Program



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Expanding Welding Opportunities Across Canada

Designed to help individuals begin a welding career or obtain Canadian qualifications if trained internationally, WCAST offers accessible, high-quality training to find employment. The program was first introduced in Ontario as a pilot; this initiative is now offered nationwide as the **WCAST Program**, supported by Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) through to May 2026.

The WCAST Program provides:

- Newcomers
- Internationally trained welders seeking Canadian training
- Equity-deserving groups

with a blended pathway of online learning and hands-on experience. This approach ensures participants gain both foundational knowledge and practical skills needed for entry into Canada's skilled trades workforce.

Why It Matters

Canada's welding and skilled trades sectors face critical labour shortages. CWB Group's **WCAST Program** helps bridge these gaps by empowering newcomers and underrepresented groups to pursue sustainable careers in welding and related trades.

Program Pathway

1

Free Online Welder Competency Assessment

Identify skills and training needs

- Unlock your personalized learning path



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Online Micro-Credentials

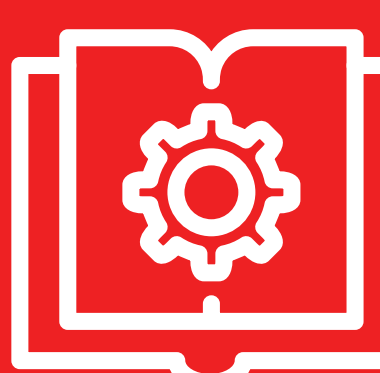
Flexible online learning to build foundational knowledge



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Hands-On Training

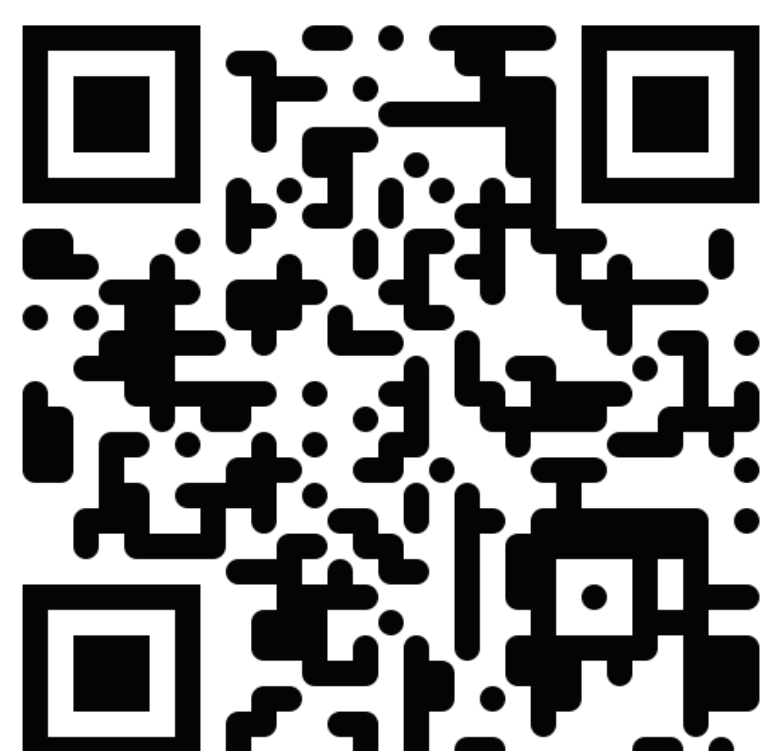
Practical skills with industry-standard equipment to complement foundational knowledge



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Career Pathways

Job-ready welders connect with community agencies to enter Canada's skilled trades workforce



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