

As a Welder, you will join, repair and cut metal components.

Good welders solve problems, enjoy building things and are comfortable working independently.



About the Welder Job

Use of Technology

- Arc welding machines
- Plasma cutting machines
- Inspection and testing equipment

Work Environment

Indoors, outdoors, everywhere from in shops to on ships.

Check out this [YouTube](#) video to learn more!



Day-to-Day Tasks

Weld components; examine work for defects; measure pieces for conformance.



Skills + Knowledge

Solve problems, use math and logic, calculate dimensions, read blueprints.



Related Careers

Boilermaker, Industrial Machinery Mechanic
Welding skills are transferable to jobs in maritime, construction, agriculture and clean energy.

The Welder Job Market

Annual demand/job outlook

- 747 new welders needed this year

Apprenticeships in WA:

- www.coeaerospace.com/apprenticeships

Compensation

- Entry level - \$48,100
- Average - \$65,400
- Experienced - \$74,000

Job posting snapshot

- 428 job ads in WA in 2024



Training is available at a [Washington Community or Technical College](#) near you.