

**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

- 895 new welders needed this year

### Apprenticeships in WA:

- [www.coeaerospace.com/apprenticeships](http://www.coeaerospace.com/apprenticeships)

### Compensation

- Entry level - \$50,000
- Average - \$65,900
- Experienced - \$73,900

### Job posting snapshot

- 439 job ads in WA in 2025



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