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Clause 1.3.2: WI Required Experience Prior to Exam

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A minimum of 3 years welding inspection	A minimum of 3 years welding inspection
experience related to the duties and	experience related to the duties and
responsibilities listed in Clause 1.2.1 and 1.2.2	responsibilities listed in Clause 1.2.1 and 1.2.2
under qualified supervision, independently	under qualified supervision, independently
verified.	verified
or	or
CSWIP Visual Welding Inspector for a minimum	CSWIP Visual Welding Inspector for a minimum
of 2 years with job responsibilities in the areas	of 2 years with job responsibilities in the areas
listed in 1.2.1 and 1.2.2 above.	listed in 1.2.1 and 1.2.2 above
or	or
CSWIP Welding Instructor or CSWIP Welding	CSWIP Welding Instructor or CSWIP Welding
Foreman/Supervisor for a minimum of one	Foreman/Supervisor for a minimum of one
year.	year.
	In addition to all of the above, candidates must
	comply with Clause 1.3.4.

Clause 1.3.5: Heath/Eyesight

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An eyesight test certificate must be submitted	An eyesight test certificate must be submitted
with the application form issued by a medically	with the application form issued by a medically
recognised person, to provide proof of near	recognised person within the previous 12
visual acuity unaided, uncorrected or corrected	months, to provide proof of near visual acuity
in at least one eye, such that the candidate is	unaided, uncorrected or corrected in at least
capable of reading Times Roman N5 fonts or	one eye, such that the candidate is capable of
Jaeger Number 1 fonts or equivalent sized	reading Times Roman N5 fonts or Jaeger
letters	Number 1 fonts, or equivalent sized letters

Clause 2.2.2: Practical Exam Format for VWI & WI

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Candidates will be required to inspect and	Candidates will be required to inspect and
report on the following:	report on eight examination specimens.
a) Two examination objects or eight	
examination specimens	
and, in addition, for the Welding Inspector	
grade only	
b) A set of destructive tests (two macros	
or two bends or two fractured fillets) for a	
welder or procedure approval test intended to	
comply with a stated specification.	

Clause 2.3.1 & 2.3.2: SWI Examination Format

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2.3.1 Written examination	2.3.1 Examination
The written examinations consist of multiple choice questions and are designed to test the candidate's knowledge of the syllabus.	The written examinations consist of multiple choice questions and are designed to test the candidate's knowledge of the syllabus.
2.3.2 Practical Examination	a) General knowledge question paper.b) Scrutinise four NDT-related documents.c) Scrutinise and interpret a fabrication
Candidates will be required to:	drawing.
a) Scrutinise four inspection related documents.	d) Answer multiple choice questions based on
b) Scrutinise and interpret a fabrication drawing	the TWI Specification.
c) Answer multiple choice questions based on	
the TWI Specification	

Clause 2.4: Supplementary Radiographic Interpretation

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Candidates who hold a valid Senior Welding	Candidates who hold a valid Senior Welding
Inspector 3.2.1 may at any time during the life	Inspector 3.2.1 may take at any time during the
cycle of this certification take the radiographic	life cycle of this certification the radiographic
interpreter supplementary examination to gain	interpreter supplementary examination to gain
the 3.2.2 Senior Welding Inspector.	the 3.2.2 Senior Welding Inspector.
	N.B. CSWIP Senior Welding Inspector with
	Radiographic Interpretation does not comply
	with ISO 9712 requirements.

Clause 4.3: Unsuccessful Candidates

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Candidates who are unsuccessful in the retest	Candidates who are unsuccessful in the retest
will be required to re-take the full approved	will be required to re-take the full approved
course followed by the full examination. If a	course followed by the full examination.
candidate fails a practical part of the Welding	
Inspector examination they are allowed a	
second retest on that part, if they have one	
day's approved training before taking the	
second retest, this option only applies to	
candidates who have taken the full CSWIP	
approved course of training in accordance with	
section 1.3.4 and the second retest must be	
taken within one year of the initial	
examination, no extra time will be given under	
any circumstances for a second retest.	

Clause 4.5.1: Five Year Renewal

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In order for the certificate to be renewed after	In order for the certificate to be renewed after
five years, the holder has to demonstrate that	five years, the holder has to demonstrate that
he/she has maintained his/her competence by:	they have maintained their competence by:
i) providing evidence of continuous work activity in welding inspection; and	i) providing evidence of continuous work activity in welding inspection; and
ii) providing evidence that the holder has kept up to date in welding technology.	ii) providing evidence that the holder has kept up to date in welding technology; and
	iii) providing evidence of satisfactory visual acuity in accordance with Clause 1.3.5. The eyesight test must have been completed within the 12 months prior to renewal.

Clause 4.5.2: Practical Exam Format (all)

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The 10 year examination for Visual Welding	The 10 year examination for Visual Welding
Inspector will consist of a practical visual	Inspector will consist of a practical visual
inspection of a plate butt weld examination	inspection of eight examination specimens.
object or eight examination specimens.	
	The 10 year examination for Welding Inspector
The 10 year examination for Welding Inspector	(and Senior Welding Inspector 3.2.1) will
(and Senior Welding Inspector 3.2.1) will	consist of the following:
consist of the following:	
	a) Multiple choice general paper
Multiple choice general paper	b) Practical visual inspection of eight
	examination specimens
Practical visual inspection of a plate butt weld	
examination object or eight examination	
specimens	

Appendices

Appendix 1: Examination Syllabus

Clause 1.1: VWI Practical Exam Part A1 format

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Practical Part A1: Inspection of a plate butt	Practical Part A1: Inspection of eight
weld examination object or eight examination	examination specimens to a code provided by
specimens to a code provided by the Test	the Test Centre. Time allowed: 90 minutes.
Centre. Time allowed 2 hours	

Clause 1.2: VWI Subjects

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d) Welding processes	d) Welding processes
Basic features of manual and mechanised flux	Basic features of manual and mechanised
shielded and gas shielded arc processes, gas	welding processes.
welding and electroslag welding.	

Clause 2.1: WI Examination Format

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Theory Part A2: General Welding Theory,	Theory Part 1: Welding Inspection Theory
Product Technology and NDT	80 multiple choice questions. Time allowed: 2
30 multiple choice questions. Time allowed 45	hrs 30 minutes.
minutes.	
	Theory Part 2 Questions relating to WPS's and
Theory Part B2: Specific Welding Technology.	welder certifications
60 multiple choice questions. Time allowed 1hr	40 multiple choice questions. Time allowed: 1
30mins.	hour 30 minutes.
Practical Part A2: Inspection of a plate butt	Practical Part 1: Inspection of eight examination
weld examination object and a pipe butt weld	specimens to a code provided by the Test
examination object or eight examination	Centre. Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes.
specimens to a code provided by the Test	
Centre. Time allowed 1hr 30mins.	
Practical Part C2: Inspection of a set of	
destructive test samples to a code provided by	
the Test Centre (two macros, two bends or two	
fractures). Time allowed 45mins.	

Clause 3.1: SWI Examination Format

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Theory Part A3): General Welding Theory,	Theory Part A3: General Welding Theory,
Product Technology and NDT, 30 multiple	Product Technology and NDT.
choice questions, time allowed 45 minutes.	30 multiple choice questions. Time allowed: 45
	minutes.
Practical Part B1: Scrutinise and comment on	
four inspection related documents, 40 multiple	Theory Part B1: Scrutinise and comment on
choice questions, time allowed 75 minutes.	four NDT-related documents.
	40 multiple choice questions. Time allowed: 75
Practical Part C3: Scrutiny and interpretation of	minutes.
a fabrication drawing. 10 multiple choice	
questions, Time allowed 20 minutes.	Theory Part C3: Scrutiny and interpretation of a
	fabrication drawing.
Practical Part D3: TWI Specification, 60 multiple	10 multiple choice questions. Time allowed: 30
choice questions, time allowed 90 minutes.	minutes.
	Theory Part D3: TWI Specification.
	60 multiple choice questions. Time allowed:
	150 minutes.

Clause 4.2: SWI Subjects

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Radiographic Interpretation	Review of Radiographs

Appendix 2: Review of Radiographs (Welds) Syllabus

Title change from "Radiographic Interpreter" to "Review of Radiographs."