



To: TSSA  
UA Test Facilities  
All Employers Participating in MCA Ontario's  
Standard Provincial Welding Procedures Program

Re: Clarification Regarding "Billings" under the MCAO Standard Provincial Welding  
Procedures Program

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As most are aware, a number of key policy amendments were recently adopted (via the new MCAO/OPTC Provincial Collective Agreement), in relation to MCAO's Standard Provincial Welding Procedures Program.

Following is an overview of how "billings" are now to be handled by all concerned/affected parties, due to these amendments (which came into effect May 28, 2007):

1). With respect to Welders that successfully complete a test to MCAO's Standard Provincial 6010/7018 Carbon Steel Procedure (MCAO F3F4-07):

- The UA Test Facility (or The Contractor (Employer) - when the test is not performed at the UA Test Facility but is performed at the Contractor's site or facility):
  - is to **Bill MCAO Directly**  
(in relation to the test facility and materials used for the test - at the rate of \$125.00/per test).
- TSSA:
  - is to **Bill MCAO Directly**  
(in relation to the Standard TSSA Test Fee).
- The Contractor (Employer):
  - is to **Bill MCAO Directly**  
(in relation to the time taken by any of his/her Employees in completing this test - at the Collective Agreement's regular rate of pay, including all applicable Collective Agreement benefits).
- The UA Local:
  - is to **Provide A Signed "Test Verification Form"**  
(to all "Unemployed Welders" that successfully complete a test to this procedure).

2). With respect to Welders that successfully complete a test to all other MCAO Standard Provincial Procedures (ie Brazing, Stainless Steel, Specialty Carbon Steel)

- The UA Test Facility (where used):

- is to **Bill The Employer Directly**  
(in relation to the test facility and materials); and
- is to **Provide The TSSA Inspector with the full name and address of the Employer of the Welder being tested**  
(for use by TSSA - in billing).
  
- TSSA:
  - is to **Bill The Employer** (of the Welder tested) **Directly**  
(in relation to the Standard TSSA Test Fee).
  
- The Contractor (Employer):
  - is to **Cover The Costs of the Employee's Time in Completing The Test**  
(at the Collective Agreement's regular rate of pay, including all applicable benefits).
  
- Unemployed Welders:  
**Are Not To Be Tested To These Procedures**  
(ie only Employed Welders are to be tested to these procedures - once employed/as decided/required by the Employer).