



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

During the recent round of negotiations, several updates were made to the Weld Test Fund (WTF) Program to better reflect the need of Zones and the increasing cost associated with this testing. These changes came into effect on May 1, 2025.

Zones are no longer restricted to the 6010/7018 Carbon Steel Procedure (MCAO F3F4-07). They are now able to select the test for which they would prefer to be reimbursed. Each zone shall establish its preferred zone-specific procedure, which will remain the standard procedure for that zone for a minimum of one full year. Welders are eligible for reimbursement by MCAO for only one test annually.

- 1). With respect to Welders that successfully complete a test (any one of MCAO's Standard Provincial Welding Procedures for reimbursement – provided it is the procedure specified by your Zone:
 - 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 \$200.00/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, **up to a maximum of four (4) hours** - 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).