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WELDER

QUICK FACTS

- Cutting, fitting, grinding and welding using a variety of welding equipment.
- Expect to work long hours. Work is mainly outdoors.
- Shift work may be required to meet project deadlines.
- Work is usually within the southeast Alberta region, but can extend outside the area.
- There are great opportunities to advance and to work up the pay scale rapidly.
- Dedicated hard working people are required.
- Good wages and benefit packages are available.

- The hourly wage range for a Welder in southeastern Alberta is \$14.00 to \$35.00 per hour.
- For additional information, visit www.alis.gov.ab.ca (NOC# 7265.1).

NATURE OF WORK

- Cutting, grinding and welding metal parts, tools, machines and equipment using a welding torch.
- High precision work consisting mainly of MIG, TIG, and stick welding, and plasma torches.
- Working with mild steel, aluminum, and stainless steel.
- Most of the work is oilfield industry related.
- Repetitive physical work involving heavy lifting.
- Expect to work long 10-12 hour days.
- Work environment consists of both indoor and outdoor work. Most oilfield work is done on-site.
- Work is done within the local area, but also includes traveling to job sites within as well as outside of the southeastern Alberta region.
- Work schedules include full or part time year round work. In some cases shift work is required to meet deadlines.
- Part time workers generally consist of high school apprentices.
- Opportunities to advance into other areas include *Journeyman Welder, B-Pressure Welder, Inspector, and an Instructor.*



WHAT EMPLOYERS LOOK FOR

- High school apprentices.
- Completion of a high school diploma.
- Have a basic knowledge of the welding trade.
- Basic hand tool experience.
- Excellent hand / eye coordination.
- Secondary education, welding courses and/or safety training is an asset.
- Welding experience is an asset but not mandatory.
- Oil field related experience is an asset but not necessary.
- Ability to perform high precision work while maintaining fast completion times to meet deadlines.



RELATED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- Companies provide additional on-the-job training.
- A three-year apprenticeship is required for advancement in southeast Alberta.
- Apprenticeship and training opportunities are available through local area high schools and the Medicine Hat College (www.mhc.ab.ca).
- Visit the **Corporate Education Network** for additional training opportunities specifically in Southeast Alberta (www.cenetwork.ca)

HOW TO APPLY

- Hiring procedures vary depending on the employer. Generally, job seekers are to submit a resume or complete a company application form. Apply in person, by mail or by fax directly to the company office. Applying in person is preferred.
- In some cases, a company application form may be available on-line at the company website. A personal interview will follow.
- Check www.jobbank.gc.ca for current job listings in Southeast Alberta.

POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS

- Armadillo Services, Medicine Hat
- Alpine Welding, Brooks
- Blue Imp Ltd. (www.blueimp.com)
- Bromley Mechanical (www.bromleymechanical.com)
- Cantool Industries, Redcliff (www.cantoolind.com)
- Celtic Pride Welding & Fabricating, Brooks
- Da Pa Jo Construction Ltd., Brooks
- DA Welding, Brooks
- DC Welding, Brooks
- Dynamic Welding
- Flint Energy Services, Medicine Hat & Brooks (www.flintenergy.com)
- Form-Tech Machining (www.formtech.ca)
- Fortress Fabrications (www.fortressfab.com)
- Goodyear Canada (www.goodyear.com)
- Hi-Calibre Industries Ltd.
- Hranco Industries Ltd. (www.hranco.com)
- Hydraco Industries Ltd. (www.hydraco.com)
- Kurt's Iron Works Ltd.
- McConnell Welding & Construction, Brooks (www.mcconnellweldinglp.com)
- Oyen Welding & Machining, Oyen
- Puma Well Service, Brooks
- Stock Welding Ltd.
- TCB Welding & Machining, Brooks (www.tcbwelding.com)
- Trendon Bit Services Ltd. (www.trendonbitservice.com)