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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Career and Technical Education Directors
District Technical College Directors
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FROM: Henry Mack

DATE: November 1, 2021

SUBJECT: Updates on Requirements for AWS Certified Welder Certifications

Effective September 29, 2021, the American Welding Society (AWS) has updated the requirements for some of the Certified Welder industry certifications. The following four performance-based certification exams only require the weld to be done in the 3G vertical position:

- AWS Certified Welder - FCAW Plate (AWELD003)
- AWS Certified Welder - GMAW Plate (AWELD004)
- AWS Certified Welder - SMAW Plate (AWELD012)
- AWS Certified Welder - GTAW Plate (AWELD008)

The Florida Department of Education has updated the descriptions for these certifications on the detailed lists for both the [CAPE \(K12\) Industry Certification Funding List](#) and the [CAPE Postsecondary Industry Certification Funding List](#). For more information on the on the procedures for AWS Certified Welder industry certifications, please visit <https://www.aws.org/certification/page/certified-welder-program>.

For questions, please contact Kathryn Wheeler at industrycertification@fldoe.org or 850-245-9030.

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