

Welder

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Welding consists of either melting together the edge of two metals objects or cutting them apart. Many people have become fond of and passionate about this occupation. Welders are paid on an hourly wage (\$14 - 25), depending on how much experience they have, where they are located, and for which industry they work. One can get into many fields of industry. There has been a large demand for welders in shipbuilding, aerospace, automobile manufacturing, machinery manufacturing, bridges, pipefitting, power plants, underwater plants etc. Pipeline welders can make as much as \$50 an hour! Welding is a vocational trade - that is a lot of money for people who do not have their high school leaving.

To enter this trade, you must be at least 16 years of age and have your secondary four Math, French and English completed. It is a good idea however to have also your high school leaving diploma as some companies ask for both your high school leaving and your diploma of vocational studies. Many vocational schools offer this program including the Lennoxville Vocational Centre (Lennoxville).