

## Access conditions directory for Belgium (July 2017- update Februari 2026)

### IWE

1. Participants shall have a primary bachelor's degrees (reference: UNESCO ISCED Level 6 – International Standard Classification of Education - 3 years of study after Upper/Higher Secondary Education) recognized by the Appropriate Ministry (e.g. Education, Labour, etc.) of national government.
2. The bachelor's degrees shall be in any Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) discipline provided it covers at least the following subjects: math's, physics, chemistry, electrotechnics, materials. STEM bachelor's degrees that do not cover all the previously mentioned subjects can be accepted if applicants have at least 3 years of experience in metalworking or in the welding field in the last 5 years before the application.

The bachelor's degrees can be issued by Universities, College, Vocational Schools and Technical Institutes.

IWT

**Mandatory Access condition required – ISCED Level 3XX  
Upper Secondary Education of any category and any subcategory**

**1. The Education shall be gained at College, Schools, Vocational Schools and Technical Institutes, recognized by the Appropriate Ministry (e.g. Education, Labour, etc.) of national government.**

**And**

**2. The Education shall be in an any Science, Technology and Mathematics (STM) discipline provided it covers at least the following subjects: math's, physics, chemistry.**

**Or**

**3. STM Education that does not cover the subjects of physics and chemistry (mathematics must be covered by the level 3 education program, with direct access to programs at ISCED levels 6 or 7), can be accepted if applicants have at least 2 years of experience in metalworking or in the welding field in the last 5 years before the application.**

**Or**

**4. Others than STM Education can be accepted if applicants have at least 5 years of experience in metalworking or in the welding field in the last 8 years before the application. These Applicants shall be made aware that mathematics is an import basic subject to understand the IWT training program. It is recommended that these Applicants attend the IWS 0 before attending the IWT program. Applicants shall pass the IWS 0 exam to be accepted on the IWT training program.**

**Foot note: Access conditions mandatory: 1 and 2; or 1 and 3; or 1 and 4**

## IWS

**Access to the International Welding Specialist Course**  
**3.A Access to IWS via routes 1 and 2**  
Any Candidate to the Route 1 and 2 to access the IWS training first of all must comply with the access requirements mentioned on the guideline (see below statement) and shall also comply with the National Access Conditions defined on this Part

*IWS Access Conditions requirements:*

*All candidates shall have a minimum age of 20 years including 2 years of job related experience.*

### **3.A.3 Belgium**

Holders of a B.S.O. (Beroeps Secundair Onderwijs) or a E.S.P. (Enseignement Secondaire Professionel) qualification plus the diploma of a "seventh" year of professional education plus demonstrated practical skill in two processes + two years of practical experience.

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**3.B Access to IWS via route 3**

### **3.B.3 Belgium**

Holders of a B.S.O. (Beroeps Secundair Onderwijs) or a E.S.P. (Enseignement Secondaire Professionel) qualification plus demonstrated practical skill in two processes + three years of practical experience.

IWP

**Access to the International Welding Practitioner Course**

**4.A Access to IWP via route 1**

No specific National criteria are required for this route.  
General criteria are given in the Guideline.

**4.B.3 Belgium**

Not available.