



County of Riverside  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE  
BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE TESTER APPLICANTS**

Certification by the Department of Environmental Health is required by Riverside County Ordinance 525 for all individuals who perform backflow prevention assembly testing within the County of Riverside. Certification testing is provided on a quarterly basis during the months of March, June, September, and December. The certification is valid for three (3) years, barring disciplinary suspension or revocation.

Competency is proven by initially passing a written test and practical (hands-on) proficiency test. Renewing certificate holders must successfully pass the practical proficiency and it is highly recommended that you show evidence of a backflow educational course completion within the last 12 months of renewal. All applicants must submit the application with the current required fee. (Renewing certificate holders will be sent renewal information approximately six (6) months prior to their expiration date by email only.) The completed application and the current non-refundable fee must be forwarded to:

Riverside County Department of Environmental Health  
Backflow Prevention Program  
3880 Lemon Street, Suite 200  
Riverside, CA 92501

Written Exam Description

The backflow written exam is offered Monday through Friday in our downtown Riverside office located at 3880 Lemon St., Suite 200. Testing times are 8:30am or 1:30pm. The written test is a closed-book, 100-point exam. A score of 70 or better is required to pass. The exam is based on the latest edition of the USC Manual of Cross-Connection Control. All tests will be graded at the end of the exam. Those applicants who successfully pass the written exam will be immediately scheduled for the next practical exam session and issued a flyer with the time and location of their exam.

Written exams must be completed at least 2 weeks prior to the next hands-on exam. Once a new tester's application is received, the written exam must be completed within 30 days or the application will expire. Fees are non-refundable.

Hands-On Exam

Email notifications of test time and location will be sent to those testers who are recertifying. In the event of an unforeseen emergency requiring the applicant to withdraw or cancel, notify the Department as soon as practical. Any rescheduling will only be made for the next testing period, three (3) months after.

The practical exam is held at the rear of the Rubidoux Community Services District offices, located at 3590 Rubidoux Blvd in Riverside. All testers must park in the back parking lot. Testers waiting to take their exam must not wait within or near the testing area. The testing is designed to allow approximately one hour per applicant to demonstrate proficiency on each backflow device and illustrate cross-connection knowledge and troubleshooting ability. The testing gauge kit used during the exam must be shown to be calibrated within the last twelve months, to a value of +/- 0.2 psi accuracy. This is verified by either a dated calibration receipt for the subject test kit, or an updated calibration tag on the subject kit. Needle valves (1/4 inch) for fine control of water flow are required for use with the testing of the backflow prevention devices. Ball valves are not acceptable. Demonstration of correct methodology plus clear oral and written communication skills are required to pass this exam.

Test Review and Notification

New certification cards will be issued on-site to re-certifying testers. New certification cards will be issued onsite to all testers who pass the hands-on exam. For those testers who do not pass their first attempt at the hands-on exam, must retest three (3) months after. All testers that fail their second attempt must reapply, pay fees, and start over with the written exam.

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APPLICATION

BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE TESTER CERTIFICATE

Form fields for New (\$149.00), Renewal (\$139.00), Commercial List Fee\* (\$18.00), and Total Paid \$

\*Would you like to be listed as a commercially available business on our website? If yes, the Commercial List fee must be paid (see above). Please make checks payable to: COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

BUSINESS INFORMATION (Required for all applicants):

The information provided below will also be used for the commercial listing. Date:

Tester's Name: Doing Business As:

Business Street Address:

City: State: Zip: Business Phone #:

Email (required for courtesy notifications):

Mailing Address (if different from above):

PRESENT EMPLOYMENT:

List enough information to show fulfillment of the experience requirements. Other qualifications which you feel may fulfill the eligibility requirement should be listed under "Other Experience and Qualification".

From: To:

Employer's Name:

Employer's Address:

Type of Business:

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE OR QUALIFICATIONS:

REGISTRATION:

Plumbing Contractor's License Number:

Journeyman Plumber Registry Number:

AWWA Tester Certification (attach copy):

Riverside County Backflow Prevention Device Tester Certification Number:

Other:

Return completed form to: Department of Environmental Health Land Use & Water Resources - BACKFLOW PREVENTION TESTING 3880 Lemon Street, Suite 200, Riverside, CA 92501

Office Use Only

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