

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE TESTER CERTIFICATE 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.

Proof of competency in testing assemblies and payment of a fee is required to acquire the necessary certification. Competency is proven by initially passing a written test and practical (hands-on) proficiency test. Renewing certificate holders must successfully pass the practical proficiency test 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 below with the current required fee. (Renewing certificate holders will be sent renewal information approximately six (6) months prior to the certificate's expiration date. Certificate holders may apply to re-certify no earlier than six (6) months prior to their expiration date. The completed application and the current non-refundable fee must be forwarded to:

County of Riverside Department of Environmental Health
Environmental Protection & Oversight Division,
Backflow Prevention Testing
P.O. Box 1280
Riverside, CA 92502

The completed application and fee must be received no later than one (1) week prior to the scheduled test.

Written Exam Description

The written test is typically given at the Department office located at the Riverside County Administration Center, 4080 Lemon St., Riverside. Applicants who take the written test will be mailed a confirmation letter with instructions for attending and taking the written test. 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. Applicants will be given two (2) hours to complete the written exam. All applicants will be given written notification of their results by mail. Those applicants successful in passing the written exam will be invited to participate in the practical exam and need to schedule a time during the next practical proficiency exam session.

Practical Proficiency Exam

Applicants for the practical exam must have pre-scheduled appointments for their exam time. Applicants should verify their scheduled appointment by contacting the Department, no later than one (1) week prior to the test. In the event of an unforeseen emergency requiring the applicant to withdraw or cancel, notify the Department as soon as practical. Failure to provide this notice will require repayment of the application fee. Any rescheduling will only be made for the next testing period, three (3) months hence.

The practical exam is held at the rear of the Rubidoux Community Services District Offices, located at 3590 Rubidoux Blvd., Riverside. The testing is designed to allow approximately 1 hour per applicant to demonstrate proficiency on each backflow device and illustrate cross-connection knowledge. The testing gauge kit used during the exam must be shown to be calibrated within the last 12 months, to a value of +/- 0.2 psid 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

The Riverside County Board of Backflow Examiners must review each applicant test results prior to issuance of the certificate. All applicants will be notified by mail of their results.

Please be advised that applicants will not be allowed to take calls or pages during the examinations. All cell phones and pagers must be turned off during testing.

**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE • COMMUNITY HEALTH AGENCY
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
APPLICATION
BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE TESTER CERTIFICATE**

New \$124.00 Renewal \$116.00 Retest

Testing Date(s): _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

Business Address: _____
(Mailing)

Telephone: _____

Fax No.: _____

Would you like to be listed as a commercially available business on our Backflow Testers List? *Yes No

*If Yes, an additional fee of \$15.00 must be paid.

Please make check payable to: COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

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 Qualifications."

From: _____ To: _____

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

Type of Business: _____

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT:

From: _____ To: _____

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

Type of Business: _____

REGISTRATION:

Plumbing Contractor's License Number: _____

Journeyman Plumber Registry Number: _____

AWWA Tester Certification (attach copy): _____

Riverside County Backflow Prevention Device Tester Certification Number: _____

Other: _____

OTHER EXPERIENCE OR QUALIFICATIONS:

Approved Update Seminar/Class Attended: _____
(Attach proof of attendance)

Date: _____ Place: _____

Return completed form to: Department of Environmental Health Land Use & Water Resources – BACKFLOW Prevention Testing
P.O. Box 1280, Riverside, CA 92502