



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

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 3880 Lemon Street, Suite 200, Riverside. Applicants who apply to take the written test will be emailed 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. 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.

Practical Proficiency 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 hence.

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. Certification cards for all new testers will be sent out via U.S. mail. For those testers who do not pass their first attempt at the hands-on exam three (3) months hence. 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

New **Renewal** **Commercial List Fee*** **Total Paid \$** _____
\$149.00 \$139.00 \$18.00

*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

Test	Date	Time	Comments

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