



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 hands-on proficiency test may be taken the quarter prior to expiration for renewal certifications (based on availability). **The completed application and the current non-refundable fee must be forwarded to this department at the address below at least 3 weeks prior to the next exam date.**

County of Riverside Department of Environmental Health
Backflow Prevention Testing
4080 Lemon Street, 10th Floor
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 3 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. Second attempt for written test may be taken no earlier than one week from the previous exam date.

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 exam is based on the latest edition of the USC Manual of Cross-Connection Control. 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

New **Renewal** **Commercial List Fee*** Total Paid \$ _____
\$169.00 \$155.00 \$20.00

**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*

Name: _____ DBA: _____ Date: _____

Business Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

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: _____

Business Name: _____

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: CI _____

Other: _____

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
backflow@rivco.org - 4080 Lemon Street, 10th Floor, Riverside, CA 92501*

Office Use Only

Verified: AWWA CDL Pd HS Added Email Other _____

Still Needed: _____ Card Sent: _____ New Exp Date: _____ Sent Date: _____

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