



BACKFLOW ASSEMBLY TESTER CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

HEALTH SERVICES

CROSS CONNECTION/BACKFLOW PREVENTION PROGRAM

Requirements for New Applicants

The following requirements must be met in order to qualify for Backflow Assembly Tester certification:

- ❑ Successful completion at a DHS-approved Backflow Assembly Tester initial training and testing source within 12 months prior to the Department receiving the completed application that includes:
 1. Attendance at the class for 40 hours of training.
 2. A minimum score of 75% on the written examination.
 3. A minimum score of 90% on the physical-performance examination.
- ❑ A Construction Contractor's Board or Landscape Contractor's Board license may be required if you provide backflow assembly testing for a fee. These requirements are defined under Oregon Revised Statutes 448.279(2).
- ❑ Submission of proof of high school graduation or equivalent.
- ❑ Submission of a **completed** and **signed** new applicant form including all required documentation and initial application fee payment of \$70.00 (prorated to \$35.00 in the last half of a certification cycle, see "About the Certification Program" below).

Ongoing Requirements for Renewal Applicants

Individual renewal forms will be mailed to those currently certified prior to the end of the renewal period, June 30 of every odd-numbered year. The following requirements must be met in order to maintain your Backflow Assembly Tester certification:

- ❑ Successful completion at a DHS-approved Backflow Assembly Tester re-certification training and testing course taken within the prior 2-year certification period. The class includes training pertinent to testers, including information on rules related to certification and testing and is DHS-approved for the required 0.5 Continuing Education Units (CEU). Successful completion includes:
 1. A minimum score of 75% on the written examination.
 2. A minimum score of 90% on the physical-performance examination.
- ❑ Proof of yearly test gauge calibration will be required for certification renewal. All test gauges shall be tested for accuracy and calibrated once every twelve months, in the same month every year, as determined by the Backflow Assembly Tester.
- ❑ A Construction Contractor's Board or Landscape Contractor's Board license may be required if you provide backflow assembly testing for a fee. These requirements are defined under Oregon Revised Statutes 448.279(2).
- ❑ Submission of a **completed** and **signed** renewal application form, including all required documentation and renewal application fee payment of \$70.00 (see "About the Certification Program).

Reciprocity Requirements

DHS may issue a Backflow Assembly Tester certificate based on reciprocity if the issuing state or entity has standards and qualifications that are equivalent to DHS standards and qualifications, and the following requirements are met in order to qualify for Oregon Backflow Assembly Tester certification:

- ❑ Submission of current certification as a Backflow Assembly Tester from another state or entity.
- ❑ Successful completion at a DHS-approved Backflow Assembly Tester re-certification training and testing course for the required 0.5 CEU within 12 months prior to the Department receiving the completed reciprocity application that includes:
 1. A minimum score of 75% on the written examination.
 2. A minimum score of 90% on the physical-performance examination.
- ❑ Submission of proof of high school graduation or equivalent.

- ❑ A Construction Contractor's Board or Landscape Contractor's Board license may be required if you provide backflow assembly testing for a fee. These requirements are defined under Oregon Revised Statutes 448.279(2).
- ❑ Proof of yearly test gauge calibration reports performed within 12 months prior to the Department receiving the completed reciprocity application.
- ❑ Submission of a **completed** and **signed** reciprocity application form, including all required documentation and reciprocity application fee payment of \$105.00 (prorated to \$70.00 in the last half of a certification cycle, see "About the Certification Program" below).

Lapsed Certificates << This pertains to renewal applicants only >>

A certification that has lapsed for **fewer than 30 days** may be reinstated by meeting the normal renewal requirements.

A certification that has lapsed **for more than 30 days but less than 1 year** may be reinstated by meeting the normal renewal requirements and paying a \$50.00 reinstatement fee in addition to the \$70.00 renewal fee (\$120.00 total).

A certification that has lapsed **for more than 1 year** may be reinstated by meeting the requirements for new applicants (this includes re-taking the 40 hour class) and paying a \$50.00 reinstatement fee in addition to the \$70.00 renewal fee (\$120.00 total).

About the Certification Program

The Department issues certification cards on a 2-year certification cycle. **ALL cards expire on June 30 of odd numbered years.** New applicants may receive cards that expire less than 2 years from the issue date, depending on when they apply. The certification fee will be prorated to \$35.00 for applications received in the last half (after June 30 in even numbered years) of a 2-year certification cycle.

Renewal applications will be mailed in late April of odd numbered years to the address provided by the applicant. *It is the applicant's responsibility to notify the Department of name, employer, address, phone or CCB/LCB licensure changes.*

For a complete description of requirements refer to Oregon Administrative Rule 333-061-0072

Contact the Department

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Payment Information

Mail completed application with all documentation and application fee to:

DHS - Cashier

PO Box 14260

Portland OR 97293-0260

Make check payable to (do not send cash):

DHS Health Services

Fees will not be refunded once DHS has initiated processing an application.

Other Helpful Information

Construction Contractor's Board (CCB): (503) 378-4621

Landscape Contractor's Board (LCB): (503) 986-6561

DHS, Health Services Approved Training Resources

Backflow Management, Inc.: (503) 255-1619 in Portland, (800) 841-7689 outside of Portland

Clackamas Community College: (503) 657-6958 x2388

Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB): (541) 984-4747