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

- Successful completion of a Drinking Water Services approved Backflow Assembly Tester Initial course (5 day), taken within 12 months prior to the Program receiving the completed application. This course includes a written test and a practical test.
- Submission of a copy of high school graduation, GED, Associate degree, Bachelor’s or Master’s degree or PhD.
- Submission of a completed and signed new applicant form including all required documentation and initial application fee of $70.00 (prorated to $35.00 for the last 12 months, or less, of the certification cycle).
- A Construction Contractors Board license (CCB) or Landscape Contractors Board license (LCB) may be required if you provide backflow assembly testing for a fee. The employee or company may have these licenses. The CCB or LCB license is required in order to be on the state’s Public List of Backflow Testers.

Requirements for Renewal Applicants
Individual renewal forms will be mailed to all current Specialists by May 1 of odd years. There are no renewal forms online. The forms are specific to each Tester and must come from the Drinking Water Services. The following requirements must be completed in to maintain your Backflow Assembly Tester certification:

- Successful completion of a DWS approved Backflow Assembly Tester renewal course (one or two days) taken within the prior 2-year certification period. This includes a written and a practical test.
- Proof of yearly test gauge calibrations are required for certification renewal. All test gauges are to be tested for accuracy and calibrated once every twelve months, in the same month every year, as determined by the Backflow Assembly Tester.
- Submission of a completed and signed renewal application form, including all required documentation and renewal application fee of $70.00; if turned in by July 31st of the odd year. There is a $50.00 late fee if it is submitted after July 31st. **No tests may be done after June 30th until your renewal certification is turned in and processing is completed.** If a person is a Tester and Specialist, and renews both at the same time, the fee is $110.00.
- A Construction Contractor’s Board or Landscape Contractor’s Board license may be required if you provide backflow assembly testing for a fee.

Reciprocity Requirements
The DWS may issue a Backflow Assembly Tester certificate based on reciprocity if the issuing state has standards and qualifications that are equivalent to DWS standards and qualifications. The following requirements must be met in order to qualify for Oregon Backflow Assembly Tester certification:

- Submission of a current certification as a Backflow Assembly Tester from another state.
- Successful completion of a DWS approved Backflow Assembly Tester Renewal course (1 or 2 day) taken within 12 months prior to the Program receiving the completed reciprocity application.
- Submission of proof of high school graduation, GED, Associate degree, Bachelor’s or Master’s degree or PHD.
- Proof of yearly test gauge calibration reports performed within 12 months prior to the Program receiving the completed reciprocity application.
- Submission of your completed and signed reciprocity application form, including all required documentation and reciprocity application fee of $105.00 (prorated to $70.00 for the last 12 months, or less, of the certification cycle).
- A Construction Contractor’s Board or Landscape Contractor’s Board license may be required if you provide backflow assembly testing for a fee.

Lapsed Certificates (This pertains to renewal applicants only)

- A certification that has lapsed for **less than 31 days** may be reinstated by meeting the normal renewal requirements.
- A certification that has lapsed **for more than 31 days but less than 1 year** may be reinstated by meeting the normal renewal requirements and paying a $50.00 late 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 only 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).
- Renewal applications are not available on line. They are printed specifically for each individual. Call, fax or email the numbers or address below. **- CONTINUED -**
Certification Program

- The Department issues certification cards for Testers and Specialists on a 2-year certification cycle. This is from July 1st of an odd year thru June 30th of the next odd year. This is Oregon’s fiscal year.
- New applicants will receive cards that expire less than 2 years from the issue date, depending on when they apply. The $70.00 fee for more than one year is prorated to $35.00 for the last 12 months, or less, of the 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 Program of name, employer, address, phone or CCB/LCB license changes.

Contact the Program

Oregon Health Authority
Public Health Division
Center for Health Protection
Drinking Water Services
Cross Connection/Backflow Prevention Program
J. Michael Perry, Program Coordinator
PO Box 14450
Portland OR 97293
971-673-1220
Fax: 971-673-0694
email: Michael.Perry@state.or.us
website: http://healthoregon.org/crossconnection

Payment Information

Make check payable to: OHA Cashier

- We are not able to take credit cards, electronic cash transfers or purchase orders.
- Cash may only be used if you go to:
  Portland State Office Building
  800 NE Oregon St
  Portland OR 9797232
  * The Cashier’s office is on the 2nd floor
  * Do not mail cash
- Mail completed application with all documentation and application fee to:
  OHA - Cashier
  PO Box 14260
  Portland OR 97293
- Keep all fees and paperwork together.
- Fees will not be refunded once OHA has initiated processing an application.

Drinking Water Program Approved Training Schools

- Backflow Management, Inc.: 503-255-1619 in Portland, 800-841-7689 outside of Portland
  www.bmi-backflow.com
- Clackamas Community College: 503-594-3345
  http://depts.clackamas.edu/wet/WET_Backflow_CrossCone_Schedule.aspx
- Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB): 541-984-4747
  www.eweb.org

Other Information

- Construction Contractor’s Board (CCB): (503) 378-4621  ccb.info@state.or.us
- Landscape Contractor’s Board (LCB): (503) 967-6291  lcbinfo@lcb.state.or.us