



Southern California Counties Backflow Tester Certification Requirements

Please contact the local certifying agency for current information. Local health or water authorities within a county may have their own requirements.

County Los Angeles

Certifying Agency

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division

Address

5050 Commerce Drive, Rm 116, Baldwin Park, CA 91706

Contact

Dan Bacani

Email

ccwpcp@ph.lacounty.gov

Phone

626-430-5290

Fax

N/A

Website

http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/EP/cross\_con/cross\_con\_certified\_BT.htm

Exam Prerequisites

Attended and passed a backflow device tester's course that is approved by Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division, Cross Connection & Water Pollution Control Program. Employed by a California State Licensed Contractor or possess a State Contractor's License.

Types of Tester Certification

- 1. General Tester: can test for the general public, must pass all types of backflow devices in the County and must possess a valid CA C36 or equivalent Contractor's License or work for someone who has one.
2. Limited Tester: can test backflow devices that are under the control of the tester's employer only.

Exam Fee

\$296.00

Exam Type

Written and a Performance (practical) exam. Gauge and Water Column Test.

Exam Test Procedures

The test field procedures in the most current edition of the USC Manual of Cross-Connection Control is used as well as the procedures outlined in the Los Angeles County Testers Manual which can be obtained on the web site.

Test Gage Accuracy Verification

Yes. In addition, differential gauge will be tested at 1psi & 2psi with a water column.

Duration of Certification

2 Years

Fee to appear on Testers County Certification List

\$240 per year

Duration on Testers County Certification List

1 Year

Recertification Fee

\$296.00

Duration of Recertification

2 Years

Recognized Tester Certification

None



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**County Orange**

**Certifying Agency**

Orange County Environmental Health Division

**Address**

Water Quality-Cross Connections, 1241 E. Dyer Rd. Suite 120, Santa Ana, CA 92705

**Contact**

Larry Brennler

**Email**

OCBackflowTests@ochca.com

**Phone**

714-433-6280

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714-433-6481

**Website**

<http://ochealthinfo.com/eh/water/backflow>

**Exam Prerequisites**

Attended and passed a backflow device tester's course that is approved by Orange County Environmental Health

**Exam Fee**

\$271.00

**Exam Type**

Written and a Performance (practical) exam

**Exam Test Procedures**

Most current edition of the USC Manual of Cross-Connection Control

**Test Gage Accuracy Verification**

Yes

**Duration of Certification**

2 Years

**Fee to appear on Testers County Certification List**

\$180.00

**Duration on Testers County Certification List**

2 Years

**Recertification Fee**

\$271.00

**Duration of Recertification**

2 Years

**Recognized Tester Certification**

CA-NV AWWA tester certification within one month prior to applying for Orange County certification will not be required to do hands on or written exam for initial certification. Those testers only need to come down to the office to fill out an application and pay the fee.



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County Ventura

Certifying Agency

Ventura County Environmental Health Division

Address

800 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura CA 93009-1730

Contact

Holly Sinclair

Email

holly.sinclair@ventura.org

Phone

805-654-2436

Fax

805-654-2480

Website

http://www.ventura.org/rma/envhealth/community-services/cross-connection/

Exam Prerequisites

Successfully complete a 40 hour or equivalent course in backflow testing and diagnostics

Exam Fee

\$356.78

Exam Type

Performance (practical) exam

Exam Test Procedures

Most current edition of the USC Manual of Cross-Connection Control

Test Gage Accuracy Verification

Yes

Duration of Certification

2 Years

Fee to appear on Testers County Certification List

Complimentary

Duration on Testers County Certification List

For the length of certification

Recertification Fee

\$356.78

Duration of Recertification

2 Years

Recertification Requirements

Require proof of attendance to a refresher course/certificaiton course specifically related to backflow/cross-connection

Recognized Tester Certification

None



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**County Riverside**

**Certifying Agency**

County of Riverside Department of Environmental Health, Environmental Protection & Oversight Division

**Address**

3880 Lemon Street, Suite 200, Riverside, CA 92501

**Contact**

Heidi Barrios

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hbarrios@rivcocha.org

**Phone**

951 955-8980

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951 955-8988

**Website**

<http://www.rivcoeh.org/Programs/water>

**Exam Prerequisites**

N/A

**Exam Fee**

\$145.00

**Exam Type**

Written and a Performance (practical) exam

**Exam Test Procedures**

Most current edition of the USC Manual of Cross-Connection Control

**Test Gage Accuracy Verification**

Yes

**Duration of Certification**

3 Years

**Fee to appear on Testers County Certification List**

\$17.00

**Duration on Testers County Certification List**

N/A

**Recertification Fee**

\$135.00

**Duration of Recertification**

3 Years

**Recognized Tester Certification**

N/A



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County San Bernardino

Certifying Agency

County of San Bernardino Division of Environmental Health Services

Address

385 N. Arrowhead Avenue - 2nd Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0160

Contact

N/A

Email

N/A

Phone

800-442-2283

Fax

909-387-4323

Website

http://www.sbcounty.gov/uploads/dph/dehs/Depts/EnvironmentalHealth/EHSDocuments/applicationForBackflowPreventionAssemblyTester.pdf

Exam Prerequisites

N/A

Exam Fee

\$223.00

Exam Type

Written and a Performance (practical) exam

Exam Test Procedures

N/A

Test Gage Accuracy Verification

N/A

Duration of Certification

3 Years

Fee to appear on Testers County Certification List

Complimentary

Duration on Testers County Certification List

N/A

Recertification Fee

\$138.00

Duration of Recertification

N/A

Recognized Tester Certification

N/A



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**County Kern**

**Certifying Agency**

Kern County Environmental Health Division

**Address**

2700 M Street, Suite 300, Bakersfield, CA 93301-2370

**Contact**

David Wasserman

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wasserman@co.kern.ca.us

**Phone**

661-862-8699

**Fax**

661-862-8701

**Website**

<http://kernpublichealth.com/water/cross-connection/>

**Exam Prerequisites**

Per ABPA/CA-NV AWWA

**Exam Fee**

Per ABPA/CA-NV AWWA

**Exam Type**

Per ABPA/CA-NV AWWA

**Exam Test Procedures**

Per ABPA/CA-NV AWWA

**Test Gage Accuracy Verification**

Annual

**Duration of Certification**

3 Years

**Fee to appear on Testers County Certification List**

\$125

**Duration on Testers County Certification List**

For the length of certification  
(current gauge calibration required)

**Recertification Fee**

Per ABPA/CA-NV AWWA

**Duration of Recertification**

3 Years

**Recognized Tester Certification**

Will only accept ABPA or CA-NV AWWA certification



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**County San Diego**

**Certifying Agency**

Local Water Authority

**Address**

N/A

**Contact**

N/A

**Email**

N/A

**Phone**

N/A

**Fax**

N/A

**Website**

N/A

**Exam Prerequisites**

Per ABPA/CA-NV AWWA

**Exam Fee**

Per ABPA/CA-NV AWWA

**Exam Type**

Per ABPA/CA-NV AWWA

**Exam Test Procedures**

Per ABPA/CA-NV AWWA

**Test Gage Accuracy Verification**

Annual

**Duration of Certification**

3 Years

**Fee to appear on Testers County Certification List**

N/A

**Duration on Testers County Certification List**

N/A

**Recertification Fee**

Per ABPA/CA-NV AWWA

**Duration of Recertification**

3 Years

**Recognized Tester Certification**

Majority of water authorities may accept CA-NV AWWA and ABPA certification



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County Santa Barbara

Certifying Agency

Local Water Authority

Address

N/A

Contact

Norman Fujimoto

Email

N/A

Phone

805-681-4917

Fax

N/A

Website

N/A

Exam Prerequisites

Per ABPA/CA-NV AWWA/ASSE California Specific/Ventura County Certification

Exam Fee

Per ABPA/CA-NV AWWA/ASSE California Specific/Ventura County Certification

Exam Type

Per ABPA/CA-NV AWWA/ASSE California Specific/Ventura County Certification

Exam Test Procedures

Per ABPA/CA-NV AWWA/ASSE California Specific/Ventura County Certification

Test Gage Accuracy Verification

Yes

Duration of Certification

3 Years

Fee to appear on Testers County Certification List

N/A

Duration on Testers County Certification List

N/A

Recertification Fee

Per ABPA/CA-NV AWWA/ASSE California Specific/Ventura County Certification

Duration of Recertification

3 Years

Recognized Tester Certification

Majority of water authorities may accept ABPA/CA-NV AWWA/ASSE California Specific/Ventura County certification





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**County Imperial**

**Certifying Agency**

Local Water Authority

**Address**

N/A

**Contact**

N/A

**Email**

N/A

**Phone**

N/A

**Fax**

N/A

**Website**

N/A

**Exam Prerequisites**

Per ABPA/CA-NV AWWA

**Exam Fee**

Per ABPA/CA-NV AWWA

**Exam Type**

Per ABPA/CA-NV AWWA

**Exam Test Procedures**

Per ABPA/CA-NV AWWA

**Test Gage Accuracy Verification**

Annual

**Duration of Certification**

3 Years

**Fee to appear on Testers County Certification List**

N/A

**Duration on Testers County Certification List**

N/A

**Recertification Fee**

Per ABPA/CA-NV AWWA

**Duration of Recertification**

3 Years

**Recognized Tester Certification**

Majority of water authorities may accept CA-NV AWWA or ABPA certification



Southern California Counties Backflow Tester Certification Requirements

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County San Luis Obispo

Certifying Agency

County of San Luis Obispo Environmental Health Services

Address

2156 Sierra Way, PO Box 1489, San Luis Obispo, CA 93406

Contact

Jon Williams

Email

jwilliams@co.slo.ca.us

Phone

805-781-5567

Fax

805-781-4211

Website

http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/health/publichealth/ehs/services/water/crossconnection.htm

Exam Prerequisites

Per ABPA/CA-NV AWWA

Exam Fee

Per ABPA/CA-NV AWWA

Exam Type

Per ABPA/CA-NV AWWA

Exam Test Procedures

Per ABPA/CA-NV AWWA

Test Gage Accuracy Verification

Annual

Duration of Certification

3 Years

Fee to appear on Testers County Certification List

Complimentary

Duration on Testers County Certification List

For the length of certification

Recertification Fee

Per ABPA/CA-NV AWWA

Duration of Recertification

3 Years

Recognized Tester Certification

Will only accept CA-NV AWWA or ABPA certification. Will recognize ASSE certification for restricted testing only (tester is approved to test at their place of employment).