



Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester Information

1. New registrants must submit the [application for Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester](#) and proof of completion of a 40-hour Backflow Prevention course or the [SB County Backflow Prevention Online Exam](#). For all certificate holders who wish to renew and new registrants, the cost of the Backflow Tester Certification Competency Exam is \$230.00 and \$144.00 for the annual permit fee. All fees must be paid in full prior to taking the exam. The application and online resources can be found on Environmental Health Services (EHS) website at <http://wp.sbcounty.gov/dph/programs/ehs/safe-drinking-water/>.
Application and fees must be submitted at least 3 weeks prior to test date to avoid processing delays.
2. The Backflow Tester Certification Competency Exam must be taken at least once every three years. The following are the 2023 test dates:
 - January 17th and 18th
 - May 16th and 17th
 - September 12th and 13th
3. Once registration fees have been paid and verified, an Eventbrite invitation will be sent from EHS to sign up for the Backflow Tester Certification Competency exam date and time. All testers must arrive 20 minutes early to check-in. Failure to arrive on time to the test appointment time will result in forfeit of the appointment. Appointment may be rescheduled for later that day (if available). No show/ No call appointment will be rescheduled for the next round of testing and all fees will be required to be paid again.
4. All eligible testers must attend the written troubleshooting exam, followed by a hands-on practical exam at the **San Bernardino Water Department Yard. The Yard is located at 195 North D Street, San Bernardino, CA (corner of 2nd and D St.)**. Parking is available on city streets adjacent to the yard. When you arrive, you will check in with an EHS employee. All testers must bring proof of a valid government issued photo identification, Gauge Calibration Certificate and gauge.
5. The test will cover the DC, PVB, SVB and RP devices. The methods listed in USC's Manual of Cross-Connection Control 10th Edition will be the standard.
6. **EHS DOES NOT SUPPLY GAUGES OR TOOLS.** You may not share a gauge or tools with other testers during the same time slot. All testers must provide Gauge Calibration Certificate as valid proof that the gauge has been calibrated within the last year.
7. A Certificate of Competence issued by EHS is required to inspect, maintain, or test water backflow prevention assemblies. Certificates issued are valid for 3 years from the month of successful certification, provided that the annual permit is maintained, and all fees are paid when due.

Please provide your updated email address to receive updates regarding the Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester program. If you need additional information, please contact Diansy Alvarado at 800-442-2283 or email at: Diansy.Alvarado@dph.sbcounty.gov