

**Washington Certification Services  
Backflow Assembly Tester  
Certification Examination Information**

Washington's Backflow Assembly Tester (BAT) certification program is administered by Washington Certification Services under the direction of Washington State Department of Health. The computerized part of the state's BAT certification exam is delivered at ten locations in Washington and over 190 AMP Assessment Centers geographically located throughout the United States. A current listing of AMP Assessment Centers, including addresses and driving directions, may be viewed at [www.goAMP.com](http://www.goAMP.com). The examinations are administered by appointment only, Monday through Saturday at 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

**Online Scheduling**

You may schedule an examination appointment online at any time at [www.goAMP.com](http://www.goAMP.com). To use this service on our website, follow these easy steps:

- Go to [www.goAMP.com](http://www.goAMP.com) and select "Schedule/Apply For An Exam."
- Follow the simple, step-by-step instructions to choose your examination program and register for the examination. Please have your credit card available for online payment of examination fees.

**Telephone Scheduling**

Call AMP at 800-345-6559 to schedule an examination appointment. This toll free number is answered from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Central Time) Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. Please have your credit card available for payment of examination fees.

If you contact AMP by 3:00 p.m.	Depending on availability, your examination may be scheduled beginning...
Monday	Wednesday
Tuesday	Thursday
Wednesday	Friday/Saturday
Thursday	Monday
Friday	Tuesday

**Payments**

You must submit the appropriate fee with a complete examination application. Payment may be made by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover), or company check, cashier's check or money order made payable to AMP. Cash and personal checks are not acceptable. Fees are nonrefundable.

Credit card transactions that are declined will be subject to a \$25 handling fee. A certified check or money order for the amount due, including the handling fee, must be sent to AMP to cover declined credit card transactions.

To pay for your examination by money order or company check (personal checks, vouchers and purchase orders are not accepted), complete the examination registration form and include your examination fee payable to AMP. Mail to: AMP, 18000 West 105<sup>th</sup> Street, Olathe, KS 66061-7543.

Examination fees paid to AMP are valid only for your eligibility period to pass the examination (3 months from the date you passed your practical examination through Washington Certification Services). Fees are not refundable or transferable.

### **Examination Rescheduling**

You may reschedule your examination once at no charge by calling AMP at 800-345-6559 or online at [www.goAMP.com](http://www.goAMP.com) at least two business days prior to your scheduled examination appointment. The following schedule applies:

If your examination is scheduled on...	You must contact AMP by 3:00 p.m. Central Time on...
Monday	Wednesday
Tuesday	Thursday
Wednesday	Friday/Saturday
Thursday	Monday
Friday	Tuesday

### **Missed Appointments/Cancellations**

You will forfeit the examination registration and all fees paid under the following circumstances:

- You wish to reschedule an examination but fail to contact AMP at least two business days prior to the scheduled testing session.
- You wish to reschedule a second time.
- You appear more than 15 minutes late for an examination.
- You fail to report for an examination appointment.

### **Retaking an Examination**

You must wait 14 days between attempts of the examination. Your eligibility will expire 3 months from the date you passed the practical part of the examination through Washington Certification Services. If you do not pass the computerized part of the examination during your 3-month eligibility period you must apply to Washington Certification Services as a new applicant and take both parts of the examination again.

### **Inclement Weather/Power Failure/Other Emergency**

In the event of inclement weather or unforeseen emergencies on the day of an examination, AMP will determine whether circumstances warrant the cancellation, and subsequent rescheduling, of an examination. The examination will usually not be rescheduled if the Assessment Center personnel are able to open the Assessment Center.

You may visit AMP's website at [www.goAMP.com](http://www.goAMP.com) prior to the examination to determine if AMP has been advised that any Assessment Centers are closed. Every attempt is made to administer the examination as scheduled; however, should an examination be canceled at an Assessment Center, all scheduled candidates will receive notification following the examination regarding rescheduling or reapplication procedures.

If power to an Assessment Center is temporarily interrupted during an administration, your examination will be restarted. The responses provided up to the point of interruption will be intact, but for security reasons the questions will be scrambled.

## **Identification**

To gain admission to the assessment center, you must present two forms of identification. The primary form must be government issued, current and include your name, signature and photograph. Temporary ID is not accepted. You will also be required to sign a roster for verification of identity.

- Examples of valid primary forms of identification are current: driver's license with photograph; state identification card with photograph; passport; military identification card with photograph.
- The secondary form of identification must display your name and signature for signature verification (e.g., credit card with signature, social security card with signature, employment/student ID card with signature).
- If your name on your registration is different than it appears on your identification, you must bring proof of your name change (e.g., marriage license, divorce decree or court order).

**You must have proper identification to gain admission to the Assessment Center.** Failure to provide appropriate identification at the time of the examination is considered a missed appointment. There will be no refund of your testing fee.

## **Security**

AMP administration and security standards are designed to ensure all candidates are provided the same opportunity to demonstrate their abilities. The Assessment Center is continuously monitored by audio and video surveillance equipment for security purposes.

The following security procedures apply during the examination:

- Examinations are proprietary. No cameras, notes, tape recorders, Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), pagers or cellular/smart phones are allowed in the testing room. Possession of a cellular/smart phone or other electronic devices is strictly prohibited and will result in dismissal from the examination.
- Only silent, non-programmable calculators without alpha keys or printing capabilities are allowed in the testing room.
- No guests, visitors or family members are allowed in the testing room or reception areas.

## **Personal Belongings**

No personal items, valuables, or weapons should be brought to the Assessment Center. Only wallets and keys are permitted. Coats must be left outside the testing room. You will be provided a soft locker to store your wallet and/or keys with you in the testing room. You will not have access to these items until after the examination is completed. Please note the following items will not be allowed in the testing room except securely locked in the soft locker:

- watches
- hats
- wallets
- keys

Once you have placed your personal belongings into the soft locker, you will be asked to pull out your pockets to ensure they are empty. If all personal items will not fit in the soft locker you will not be able to test. The site will not store or be responsible for your personal belongings.

If any personal items are observed or heard (cellular/smart phones, alarms) in the testing room after the examination is started, the administration will be forfeited.

## **Examination Restrictions**

- Pencils will be provided during check-in.
- You will be provided with one piece of scratch paper at a time to use during the examination, unless noted on the sign-in roster for a particular candidate. You must return the scratch paper to the proctor at the completion of testing, or you will not receive your score report.
- No documents or notes of any kind may be removed from the Assessment Center.
- No questions concerning the content of the examination may be asked during the examination.
- Eating, drinking or smoking is not permitted in the Assessment Center.
- You may take a break whenever you wish, but you will not be allowed additional time to make up for time lost during breaks.

## **Misconduct:**

If you engage in any of the following conduct during the examination you may be dismissed, your scores will not be reported and examination fees will not be refunded. Examples of misconduct are when you:

- create a disturbance, are abusive, or otherwise uncooperative
- display and/or use electronic communications equipment such as pagers, cellular phones, PDAs
- talk or participate in conversation with other examination candidates
- give or receive help or are suspected of doing so
- leave the Assessment Center during the administration
- attempt to record examination questions or make notes
- attempt to take the examination for someone else
- are observed with personal belongings, notes, books or other aids without it being noted on the roster

## **Computer Login**

After your identification has been confirmed, you will be directed to a testing carrel. You will be instructed on-screen to enter your identification number. You will take your photograph which will remain on screen throughout your examination session. This photograph will also print on your score report.

## **Practice Examination**

Prior to attempting the examination, you will be given the opportunity to practice taking an examination on the computer. The time you use for this practice examination is NOT counted as part of your examination time or score.

When you are comfortable with the computer testing process, you may quit the practice session and begin the timed examination.

If you wish to see and practice navigating within the computer-based testing environment before your examination date, a free online computer-based testing tutorial is available. Go to the LXR Store at <http://store.lxr.com> and follow the instructions to access a Sample Web Test.

## **Taking the Examination**

Report to the Assessment Center no later than your scheduled appointment time. Look for signs indicating AMP Assessment Center Check-in. If you arrive more than 15 minutes after the scheduled testing time you will not be admitted.

Before beginning the examination, instructions for taking the examination are provided on-screen. The computer monitors the time you spend on the examination. The examination will terminate if you exceed the time allowed. You may click on the "Time" box in the lower menu bar on the screen to monitor your time. A digital clock indicates the time remaining for you to complete the examination. The Time feature may be turned off during the examination.

Only one examination question is presented at a time. The question number appears in the lower right portion of the screen. Choices of answers to the examination question are identified as A, B, C, or D. You must indicate your choice by either typing in the letter in the response box in the lower left portion of the computer screen or clicking on the option using the mouse. To change your answer, enter a different option by typing in the letter in the response box or by clicking on the option using the mouse. You may change your answer as many times as you wish during the examination time limit.

To move to the next question, click on the forward arrow (>) in the lower right portion of the screen. This action will move you forward through the examination question by question. If you wish to review any question or questions, click the backward arrow (<) or use the left arrow key to move backward through the examination.

An examination question may be left unanswered for return later in the examination session. Questions may also be bookmarked for later review by clicking in the blank square to the right of the Time button. Click on the hand icon to advance to the next unanswered or bookmarked question on the examination. To identify all unanswered and bookmarked questions, repeatedly click on the hand icon. When the examination is completed, the number of examination questions answered is reported. If not all questions have been answered and there is time remaining, return to the examination and answer those questions.

## **Candidate Comments**

During the examination, comments may be provided for any question by clicking on the button displaying an exclamation point (!) to the left of the Time button. This opens a dialogue box where comments may be entered. Comments will be reviewed, but individual responses will not be provided.

## **Following the Examination**

After completing the examination, you are asked to complete a short evaluation of your examination experience. Then, you are instructed to report to the examination proctor to receive an examination completion report. AMP will provide your examination results to Washington Certification Services.

## **Failing to Report for an Examination**

If you fail to report for an examination, you will forfeit the registration and all fees paid to take the examination. A completed application form and examination fee is required to reapply for examination.

## **Confidentiality**

Information about candidates for testing and their examination results are considered confidential. Studies and reports concerning candidates will contain no information identifiable with any candidate, unless authorized by the candidate.

### **Duplicate Score Report**

Requests for a duplicate score report must be made in writing to AMP within one year of the examination date along with a fee of \$25.00 payable to AMP by check or money order. Duplicate score reports will be processed and mailed within approximately five business days following receipt of the request.

### **Nondiscrimination Policy**

AMP does not discriminate among candidates on the basis of age, gender, race, color, religion, national origin, disability, marital status or any other protected characteristic.

### **Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf**

AMP is equipped with Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf (TDD) to assist deaf and hearing-impaired candidates who wish to make application for the examination. TDD calling is available 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Central Time) Monday through Friday at 913-895-4637. This TDD phone option is for individuals equipped with compatible TDD equipment.

### **Special Arrangements for Candidates with Disabilities:**

AMP complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act and strives to ensure that no individual with a disability as defined by the ADA as a person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, a person who has a history or record of such an impairment, or a person who is perceived by others as having such an impairment is deprived of the opportunity to take the examination solely by reason of that disability.

AMP will provide reasonable accommodations for candidates with disabilities. Candidates requesting special accommodations must call AMP at 800-345-6559 to schedule their examination.

- Wheelchair access is available at all established Assessment Centers. Candidates must advise AMP at the time of scheduling that wheelchair access is necessary.
- Candidates with visual, sensory, physical or learning disabilities that would prevent them from taking the examination under standard conditions may request special accommodations and arrangements and will be reviewed by AMP.

Verification of the disability and a statement of the specific type of assistance needed **MUST BE MADE IN WRITING TO AMP** at least 45 calendar days prior to your desired examination date by completing the *Request for Special Examination Accommodations* form. AMP will review the submitted forms and will contact you regarding the decision for accommodations.