

Washington Certification Services at Green River College administers the Backflow Assembly Tester (BAT) professional growth examination following regulations, policies and procedures established by Washington State Department of Health (DOH) in cooperation with the Waterworks Operator Certification Advisory Committee.

BATs certified before January 1, 2016 are required by Waterworks Operator Certification regulation WAC-246-292-090(4) to pass the Department's professional growth examination by December 31, 2018 to be eligible for certification renewal. BATs certified after January 1, 2016 must pass the examination by December 31, 2021.

The BAT professional growth examination is a practical (hands-on) examination.

To pass the examination, applicants will have one hour to:

- Demonstrate competency in testing the following four backflow prevention assemblies using field test procedures approved by the Department of Health.

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- Pressure Vacuum Breaker Assembly (PVBA)

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- Spill-Resistant Pressure Vacuum Breaker Assembly (SVBA)

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- Double Check Valve Assembly (DCVA)

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- Reduced Pressure Backflow Assembly (RPBA)

- A malfunction may be simulated on the RPBA, DCVA, and PVBA. If a malfunction is simulated, it must be correctly identified and diagnosed. There will not be a simulated malfunction for the SVBA.

Test Procedures

The practical examination will be administered following only the test procedures in the *Manual of Cross Connection Control 10th Edition* published by the University of Southern California Foundation for Cross Connection Control and Hydraulic Research.

The *Non-Illustrated Field Test Procedures 10th Edition*, excerpted from the *Manual of Cross Connection Control 10th Edition*, will be available at the examination site.

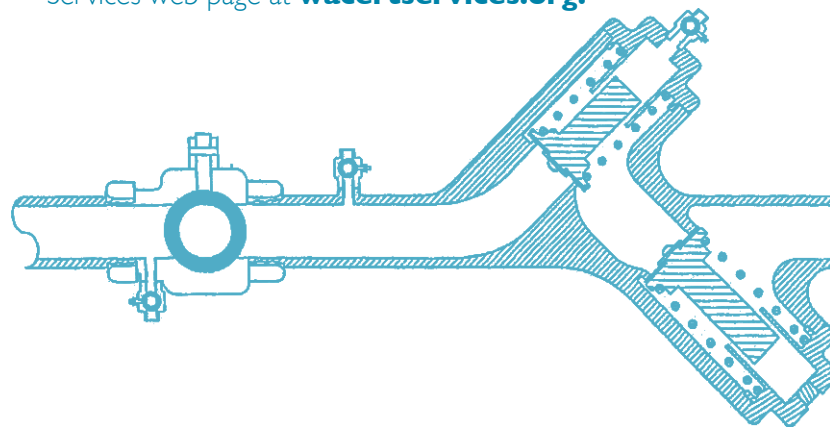
Test Kits

A five valve differential pressure test kit will be available for applicant use at the examination site. A lighter model five valve test may also be available. Applicants must contact Washington Certification Services by the application deadline date to request availability of the light test kit.

Applicants may use their own differential pressure test kit if they provide the examination proctor with a current certificate of accuracy or calibration report. The report must confirm that the field test kit was verified against a reference source that has a calibration traceable to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and/or that the procedures used met criteria published in the *10th Edition of the Manual of Cross Connection Control*.

Examination Schedule

BAT professional growth examinations are usually scheduled on the third **Thursday** of the month, except holidays, based on demand. The most current examination schedule is available on the Washington Certification Services web page at wacertservices.org.





BAT EXAMINATION APPLICATION PROCESS

Please review carefully.

Who is eligible to apply for the BAT professional growth examination?

You are eligible to apply if:

- you hold a valid certificate as a BAT in Washington
- you have not passed a professional growth examination in the current reporting period
- you have taken a professional growth examination in the current reporting period and have received official results confirming that you did not pass this examination

No education, experience or training is required as a prerequisite for taking this examination.

How do I apply for a professional growth examination?

- Select a date and location from the online BAT professional growth examination schedule.
- Submit the online Application for Washington State Backflow Assembly Tester Professional Growth Examination by the application deadline date.
- Pay the \$145.00 fee with a credit or debit card.

Do applicants receive enrollment confirmation?

Approved applicants will receive emails confirming enrollment and providing information about the examination location, time, procedures and study references.

Is the fee refundable?

Fees for eligible applicants are non-refundable and may not be transferred to a different applicant. The fee will be returned only if the applicant is not eligible for the BAT professional growth examination or if Washington Certification Services cancels the examination.

Can an applicant transfer to a different examination?

An applicant may request one voluntary transfer to a different examination date or location at no cost if Washington Certification Services receives the request before the application deadline date. The transfer examination must be completed within six months. After one voluntary transfer, an applicant must submit a new application and pay the examination fee.

Examination Results

The state examination proctor will provide the applicant with preliminary results at the end of the examination. The results are not considered official until they are evaluated and confirmed by Washington Certification Services, usually within ten (10) business days. Applicants will be notified of the official results by email. Applicants are not eligible to apply for another BAT professional growth examination until they have received official notification that they did not pass their previous examination.

More Information or Questions?
Visit the Washington Certification Services web page
at wacertservices.org
Or call 253-288-3357