

Southern California County Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester Requirements

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| Certifying Agency | Contact | Initial Certification | Fee to appear on tester list/How long? | Education Requirements / Approved Training Providers | Experience Requirements / Other Prerequisites | Recognize Voluntary Tester Certifications ABPA/ASSE/AWWA | Applicants required to take exam? | When are exams offered? | Examination Requirements | Written Exam: # of questions / passing score / type of questions |
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| Los Angeles County | Carlos Borja (626) 430-5290 caborja@ladhs.org | \$261/valid for 2 years | \$211/1 year | No/NA | No /C36 Contractors License | Do not recognize | Yes | Every Wednesday except on holiday weeks. | Performance exam only. | N/A / NA |
| Orange County | Martin Friebert (714) 433-6286 mfriebert@ochca.com | \$133/valid for 2 years | \$89/2 years | Minimum 40-hour class. Santiago Canyon College WUS 102, USC, other approved courses | Class / Recommend contractors license, not required. Most cities require business license. | Do not recognize | Yes | Recerts in January and June. Certification offered as needed, about every six weeks. All certs expire 2/1 or 7/1. | Written and Performance Exams | 100 / 80% / Multiple Choice True/False Fill in |
| Riverside County | Michael A. Mendoza (951) 955-8980 mmendoza@co.riverside.ca.us | \$96/valid for 3 years | \$12/1 year | No education or experience required for initial certification. | N/A / None | Do not recognize | Yes | Quarterly | Initial: Written and Performance Exams | 100 / 70% Multiple Choice True/False Fill in |
| San Bernardino County | Dwane Pinalto (909) 387-4666 dpinalto@dph.sbcounty.gov | \$90/valid for 3 years | \$10/1 year | No/NA | No / None | Do not recognize | Yes | June and December | Written and Performance Exams | 60 / 70% Multiple Choice True/False Fill in |

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| Certifying Agency | Comments | Performance exam assemblies | Field test procedures used | Applicants required to supply own field testing equipment? | Test Gage Accuracy Verification Required? | Verbal and/or troubleshooting questions utilized during performance exam? | Fee to recertify? | Recert valid for how long? | Recert process if different from initial cert |
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| Los Angeles County | | RP, DC, PVB, SVB, DC w/air inlet | USC FCCCHR Manual, 9th Edition See web site for L.A. manual: www.lapublichealth.org | Field test kit, sight tube, bleed-off valve arrangement. | Yes | Yes | \$261.00 | 2 years | Same as initial. |
| Orange County | New students & recerts expired over one year: Written and performance exams. Recerts performance exam only. | RP, DC, PVB, SVB | USC FCCCHR Manual, 9th Edition | Field test kit, sight tube, bleed-off valve arrangement. Students can certify with school's equipment | Accuracy test using water column. If accuracy is off by more than .2, gage must be recalibrated | Yes | \$133.00 | 2 years | Exam is performance only. Testers must attend update seminar including review of test procedures before recertifying |
| Riverside County | | RP, DC, PVB | USC FCCCHR Manual, 9th Edition | Field test kit, sight tube, bleed-off valve arrangement. | Yes | Yes | \$89.00 | 3 years | Exam is performance only. Testers must attend update seminar before recertifying |
| San Bernardino County | | RP, DC, PVB | USC FCCCHR Manual, 9th Edition | Field test kit, sight tube, bleed-off valve arrangement. | Yes | Yes | \$90.00 | 3 years | Recert consists of a performance exam with diagnostic/troubleshooting questions. |