



Backflow Testing Information December 2015

1. Testers must pay all fees and submit an application prior to taking the exam. The cost of certification is \$223.00 plus an annual fee of \$138.00. The application can be found on our [website](http://www.sbcounty.gov/dehs) at www.sbcounty.gov/dehs.
2. The test consists of a written exam and a hands-on practical. Recertifying testers and students with proof of completion of an **accredited 40 hour backflow training** program will be **waived** from taking the written exam. The test will cover the DC, PVB, SVB and RP devices. 10th edition U.S.C. Cross Connection and Control methods are the standard. All new testers taking the **written** exam are to be at the test site on Tuesday, December 1st, 2015 by 8:30 am. The test site is at 385 N. Arrowhead, San Bernardino, 2nd Floor Conference Room. (County Government Center, EHS office)
3. All new testers who pass the written exam, as well as **all recertifying** testers, will attend a **hands-on** practical exam at the San Bernardino Water Department Yard on December 8th or 9th, 2015. This yard is located at 195 North D Street, San Bernardino, CA (Corner of 2nd and D St). The yard is gated and only city-vehicles are allowed access. Parking is available on city streets adjacent to the yard. Buzz the gate security speaker and tell them you are testing for backflow.
4. Testers will be assigned a hands-on practical exam appointment time based on the order in which their payment and application are received, if you miss your appointment time there is no guarantee that you will be able to test this quarter. Certificates issued will be valid for 3 years from the month of successful certification pending all annual fees are paid when due. *DEHS does not supply gauges or tools. If you are sharing a gauge with other testers make sure that test times are staggered. All testers must bring proof of gauge calibrations within the last year.*

Please provide your email address for updates about the Backflow program. If you need additional information please contact Jheri Younger at 800-442-2283 or email at Jheri.Younger@dph.sbcounty.gov

Exam Fee (*New Applicant or Every 3 Years*): \$223
Annual Registration Fee (*Every Year*): \$138