

BCWWA CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL TESTERS RECERTIFICATION POLICY

THE RECERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Beginning January 1st 2010, all backflow assembly testers:

1. Shall recertify every 5 years
2. May be required to successfully complete a recertification course if they submit unacceptable test reports

BCWWA shall begin recertifying all backflow assembly testers in accordance with the following schedule:

When?	Who?	Certification numbers *
Between January 1 st 2010 – December 31 st 2010	The oldest 20% certified backflow assembly testers.	1 - 4000
Between January 1 st 2011 – December 31 st 2011	The next oldest 20% certified backflow assembly testers	4001 – 5800
Between January 1 st 2012 – December 31 st 2012	The next oldest 20% certified backflow assembly testers	5801 – 7000
Between January 1 st 2013 – December 31 st 2013	The next oldest 20% certified backflow assembly testers	7001 – 7900
Between January 1 st 2014 – December 31 st 2014	The most recent 20% certified backflow assembly testers	7901 – and above

** BCWWA will be notifying, by mail, all current active testers of when they need to recertify.*

RECERTIFICATION OPTIONS

Beginning January 1st 2010 and every 5 years thereafter, all testers MUST recertify before their certificate expiry date. There will be two options to maintain a valid BCWWA Testers Certificate after January 1st 2010:

OPTION 1: Challenge and pass the recertification examination. If you are a current active tester, you will be able to register for an exam session and pay for this online at the BCWWA web site.

OPTION 2: Take a recertification course and pass both the written and practical components of the recertification exam. A list of BCWWA Accredited Training Institutions is available on the BCWWA web site.

PRE-REQUISITES TO RECERTIFICATION

To qualify for recertification:

1. The tester shall have a cross connection control testers certificate that is current or has not been lapsed for more than 12 months from the date on his/her notification of recertification.
2. The tester shall have the latest AWWA Canadian Cross Connection Control manual, which contains the current test procedures.

THE RECERTIFICATION COURSE

The purpose of the tester recertification course is to provide a means to ensure that certified active testers are current with AWWA Canadian Cross Connection test requirements and Plumbing Code and local bylaw changes.

The course of instruction should be for a minimum duration of 9 hours and contain the following:

Course Content

- Introductions, purpose and course objective
- Summary of applicable standards and changes current as of the date of course delivery.
 - CSA
 - Canadian Cross Connection Manual
 - Plumbing Code (building code)
 - Current AWWA Canadian CCC tester certification policies
 - Local bylaws
 - Other relevant CCC news
- Test procedures review
 - New forms, common errors
 - Current test procedure review
 - RP
 - DCVA
 - PVB
 - SRPVB
- Practical test practice & evaluations
 - Practice all test procedures and review common errors
 - Test procedures evaluation and recertification

THE RECERTIFICATION EXAM

At the conclusion of the course of instruction, the student may challenge the closed book BCWWA testers recertification examination comprising of:

- (i) 50 multiple choice type questions, and;
- (ii) a practical exam where the student will test the RP and DCVA.

A performance of 75% minimum on each exam constitutes a passing mark and a renewed Testers Certificate will be issued.

All testers who do not achieve a passing mark on the recertification exam will immediately have their Testers Certificate cancelled. They may register for a second attempt after 30 days from the first attempt has lapsed. Failure at the second attempt will require enrolment in a full five day course at a BCWWA Accredited Training Institution. The tester must pass the course before his/her Testers Certificate may be reinstated.

MAINTAINING ACTIVE TESTER CERTIFICATION STATUS

Testers must maintain active tester status between recertification by:

1. Renewing their BCWWA membership annually by completing the “Annual Cross Connection Control Certification Renewal” form and paying the annual membership fee.
2. Providing a copy of the test equipment calibration report.

DEFINITIONS

Accredited Training Institution – Institutions providing CCC courses in BC and the Yukon must be accredited by BCWWA to provide these courses. A list of these institutions is available on the BCWWA web site.

Expiry Date – This is the expiry date of the certification and the date by which the active tester will need to recertify. BCWWA will notify testers by mail of their requirement to recertify and their certification expiry date.

Active Tester – An “active tester”:

- ◆ Has successfully completed a backflow prevention assembly testers course at a training institution accredited by BCWWA to offer such a course.

AND

- ◆ Has passed a certification exam administered by BCWWA and achieved a minimum mark of 75% in both the written and practical components.

OR

- ◆ Has passed a recertification exam administered by BCWWA and achieved a minimum mark of 75% in both the written and practical components.

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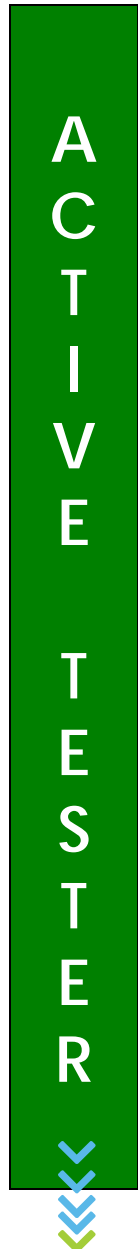
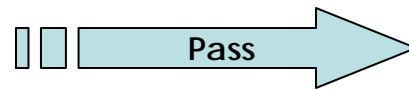
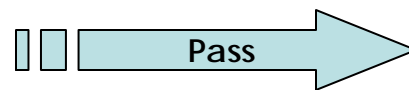
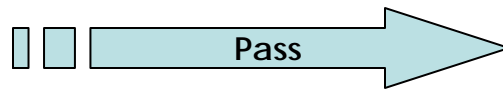
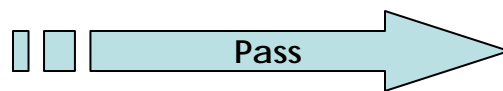
BCWWA Cross Connection Control Tester's Recertification Policy

Beginning January 1, 2010 & every 5 years thereafter

OPTION 1
Challenge the written and practical recertification exam (Contact BCWWA to register)

OR

OPTION 2
Register for recertification course at accredited training institution and contact BCWWA to register to take recertification exam (written and practical)



CERTIFICATE SUSPENDED

Fail

Contact BCWWA and register to re-take exam

2nd attempt must be completed within 6 months of 1st attempt.

IF NOT - you will need to take the full course

Fail

Register for and pass Full certification course Including passing both written and practical exam.

Fail

Re-sit full exam

Fail

How do I Maintain "active" status?

- 1 - Renew BCWWA Membership annually
- 2 - Provide BCWWA with test equipment calibration report