

Guidelines for Board Approval of Backflow Assembly Tester (BAT) Course

The Idaho State Board of Drinking Water and Waste Water Professionals requires that BATs attend 32-hour class before licensing and an 8 hour class every two years. To assure the quality of that instruction, BAT instructors must be approved by the Board. In determining whether a BAT instructor is qualified the Board will take into consideration the following factors and any other factors relevant to instruction quality provided by the applicant.

32 Hour BAT Training Course

1. Holds a current BAT license.
2. Has two (2) years' experience as a BAT.
3. Has available adequate complete stations with assemblies of each type of backflow prevention assembly; Reduce Pressure Principle Valve Assembly (RP), Double Check Valve Assembly (DC, Pressure Vacuum Breaker (PVB, Spill Resistant Vacuum Breaker (SVB); five (5) test kits; and all videos, teaching aids and handouts.
4. Has experience working in the waste profession in a cross connection control program. This experience may be in municipal, non-municipal, district or private facilities.
5. Provides to the Board for review and approval a lesson plan covering the ABC Need-to-Know Criteria for Backflow Prevention Assembly Testers, and use test procedures.
6. Class exam pass rate of at least 80% for the first year of instruction in order to maintain approval as an instructor; or a letter of recommendation from another approved BAT instructor.

In the alternative, the Board may grant approval if the course is:

1. Recognized by the American Water Works Association (AWWA) OR
2. Recognized by the American Backflow Prevention Association (ABPA).

8 Hour BAT Refresher Course

1. Holds a current BAT license.
2. Has two (2) years' experience as a BAT.
3. Has available five (5) complete stations with assemblies of each type of backflow prevention assembly; RP, DC, PVB, SVB; five (5) test kits; and all videos, teaching aids and handouts.
4. Has experience working in the water profession in a cross connection control program. This experience may be in municipal, non-municipal, district or private facilities.
5. Provides a lesson plan which covers at least minimum requirements for BAT refresher topics to the Board for review and approval.

In the alternative, the Board may grant approval if the course is:

1. Recognized by the AWWA recognized instructor; or
2. Recognized by the ABPA instructor.