# Department of Health and Department of Labor & Industry

## Backflow Assembly Testing, Installation & Repair

### Required Certification/Registration

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<tr>
<th>Assembly Service Provided</th>
<th>DOH Issued BAT Certification</th>
<th>L&amp;I Issued Contractor Registration</th>
<th>L&amp;I Issued Specialty Plumber Certification (Effective 1/1/2003)</th>
<th>L&amp;I Issued Plumber Certification</th>
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<tr>
<td>Backflow Assembly Testing Only (No Installation, No Repair) Inside or Outside a Building</td>
<td>X</td>
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<tr>
<td>Testing, Installation and/or Repair of Backflow Assemblies Outside a Building</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>X*</td>
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<tr>
<td>Testing and Repair (No Installation) of Backflow Assemblies (Potable water) Inside a Building</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>X*</td>
<td>X* (See Note 2)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Testing, Installation and/or Repair of Backflow Assemblies Inside a Building</td>
<td>X</td>
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**NOTE 1:** If more than one certification/registration is marked in this table, the individual must possess all indicated certifications/registrations to comply with RCW 18.106, 18.27 & 70.119.

**NOTE 2:** DOH certified BATs who wish to repair potable water backflow assemblies inside buildings on or after 1/1/2003 must obtain a specialty plumber certification from Department of Labor & Industry. These changes result from legislation passed in 2001.

**EXCEPTION:** If BAT provides installation and repair for his/her employer only, and the employer owns the premises in which the assembly is located, neither contractor registration nor plumber certification is required.

If interested in obtaining contractor and/or plumbing certification, contact:

Bruce Springer  
Contractor Compliance Plumbing Certification  
Department of Labor and Industries, Safety Compliance Services Div.  
PO Box 44450, Olympia WA 98504-4450  
Phone: (360) 902-4768 Fax: (360) 902-5292  
Email: sprb235@lni.wa.gov

If interested in obtaining a Backflow Assembly Tester Certification, contact:

Washington Certification Services  
Green River College  
1221 D Street N.E.  
Auburn, WA 98002  
Phone: 253-288-3357

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