



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 1301:3-7-02 Certification as a backflow technician.

Effective: November 20, 2015

(A) Every person acting as a backflow technician in Ohio must be certified by the division as a backflow technician.

(B) An initial applicant for certification as a backflow technician shall submit a completed application to the division on a form designated by the division. In order to qualify to sit for the backflow technician examination, the applicant must successfully demonstrate to the satisfaction of the superintendent or the superintendent's designee:

(1) Significant workplace experience relevant to backflow technician work, as follows:

(a) If the applicant is experienced in the plumbing industry, the applicant must possess five years of experience with a plumbing contractor, a hydronic contractor, or a fire protection company certified by the Ohio state fire marshal; or, the applicant must hold a current plumbing inspector certification from the division or bureau of building standards.

(b) If the applicant is experienced in the water purveyor industry business, the applicant must possess five years of experience in the water purveyor industry; or, the applicant must possess a minimum of an Ohio environmental protection agency license class I distribution or an Ohio environmental protection agency water treatment operator license.

(c) If the applicant does not have the experience set forth in paragraph (B)(1)(a) or (B)(1)(b) of this rule, the board may consider other acceptable experience related to the performance of backflow technician duties.

(2) Completion of a twenty-four hour backflow course by an approved training agency which includes a mandatory hand-on testing and repairing examination administered by an approved training agency.



(3) Payment of an application fee and examination fee set forth in rule 1301:3-7-04 of the Administrative Code.

(C) If the applicant holds another state's backflow certification, then the superintendent may permit the applicant to complete an eight-hour Ohio recertification backflow course by an approved training agency and then issue the certification.