



5. All results, information, and opinions expressed by testers shall be based only on their education, experience, and honest convictions.
6. No tester shall accept compensation or any other consideration from more than one interested party for the same service without the consent of all interested parties.
7. Before the execution of a contract to perform testing on a backflow assembly, a tester shall disclose to the client any interest he or she has in a business that may affect the client. No tester shall allow his or her interest in any business to affect the quality or results of the work that the tester may be called upon to perform.
8. Testers shall not engage in false or misleading advertising or otherwise misrepresent any matters to the public.
9. Testers shall not test backflow assemblies under contingent arrangements whereby any compensation or future referrals are dependent on reported results or findings.
10. Testers shall ensure that all assemblies, devices, and other appurtenances are appropriately installed and are intended for the correct purpose.
11. Testers shall maintain all required certifications, renewal certifications, licenses, and continuing education as required.
12. Testers shall perform all testing of backflow assemblies without the influence of alcohol or other mind-altering, intoxicating, or impairing substance.
13. Testers shall report any violation of this code of ethics by any other tester.

Applicants for participation in the NCRWA Cross Connection Certification Program (the "Program"), who are not grandfathered by the terms of the Program, are required to sign and date below and to return this Application to the NCRWA or NCRWA-recognized certification program from whom the Applicant is seeking certification or renewal of certification to test backflow assemblies.

By signature below, I certify that the information I am providing is accurate to the best of my knowledge and I agree to uphold and comply with the Backflow Assembly Tester Code of Ethics at all times. I also understand that this certification provides a unique opportunity for me to test backflow assemblies as required by water utilities accepting this certification across North Carolina, and I understand disciplinary action (by the organization that issued my certification) up to and including revocation of my certification may occur if I violate or do not uphold this Code of Ethics, if I engage in fraud or deception relating to backflow testing or certification, or if I fail to comply with the requirements for certification or renewal of certification. Furthermore, I understand that any organization that accepts this certification can bring disciplinary action against me if I violate this code of ethics and the outcome of this disciplinary action may result in a revocation, suspension, refusal to renew or other disciplinary action of my certification to test backflow assemblies in that water utility's jurisdiction or in all water systems that are party to the NCRWA Cross Connection Certification Program as determined by the processes agreed upon by the water systems recognizing this certification. I hereby certify that to my knowledge there is no pending disciplinary action (which includes without limitation, any formal complaint, notice of charges, suspension, revocation, or refusal to renew any certificate or authority granted by a jurisdiction to test backflow assemblies) that would affect my ability to test backflow assemblies against me by any water utility system in the State of North Carolina, except as follows:

I further acknowledge that I have read and understand the Policies for the Program, pursuant to which the reciprocity to test backflow/cross-connections in multiple jurisdictions is afforded to me, and that I voluntarily make this application, thereby subjecting myself to the terms and conditions of that policy but not making me a party to the Program. I acknowledge that the Program may be revised by NCRWA and that I continue to be subject to the terms and conditions of any revised program. I acknowledge the role and responsibility of the North Carolina Rural Water Association, Inc. (NCRWA) as Administrator of the program and do hereby voluntarily, and for valuable consideration, waive and release NCRWA and its officers, directors, Executive Director, employees, agents and insurers (the "NCRWA parties"), to the fullest extent permitted by law, from any and all claims that arise or that are alleged to have arisen that relate in any way to (i) any act or omission for all actions taken by the NCRWA Parties in good faith in the performance of its obligations as Administrator, (ii) any and all claims relating to any action taken by NCRWA or any NCRWA-recognized program to refuse to issue or refuse to renew any certificate or to suspend, revoke or otherwise take adverse action with respect to any certificate issued to me ("disciplinary action"), (iii) the refusal of NCRWA or any NCRWA-recognized program to recognize a certificate validly issued by any NCRWA-recognized program, and (iv) NCRWA, as Administrator, providing notification to NCRWA-recognized programs of any disciplinary action proposed to be taken or taken against me. I acknowledge that membership in NCRWA is not required in order to be a certificate holder pursuant to this policy.

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Signature of Applicant

Print Name

Date