



AMERICAN BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSOCIATION

March 21, 2020

To Whom it may concern:

Re: Extension of ABPA Tester or Specialist Certificates to August 31, 2020

The ABPA management team has been struggling to keep up with challenges to Administering Certification exams caused by the Coronavirus crisis. With the pace of changes increasing to daily and even hourly in some cases.

Many factors are contributing to the constant changes, including: restrictions on the locations, uneasiness of applicants on attending, cancellation and re-scheduling attempts, and proctor constraints. Many of the colleges and water districts where the exams are being held are not allowing any group gathering and cancelling our exams.

As such, effective immediately, ABPA is cancelling all certification exams until June 1, 2020. ABPA will continue to monitor the current information and adjust our response as new information becomes available. That information will be posted on our website at, www.apba.org.

Due to the hardship these cancellations may cause and in order to not affect the continuity of certification for our certified testers and specialists – ABPA is offering an extension to all existing certificates (tester and specialist) that have an **expiration date between March 1, 2020 to June 1, 2020.** This extension will last **until August 31, 2020.** The tester or specialist is still responsible to register for a re-certification exam before the certificate expires once exams are rescheduled.

Public water systems and other administrative authorities are encouraged to understand the unprecedented extenuating circumstances that led to these decisions.

ABPA is taking this action to protect the health of our testers, specialists, applicants, proctors, and examination monitors and the public-at-large.

Sincerely,

Mike Ahlee

ABPA Certification Programs Administrator