



AMERICAN BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSOCIATION

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To Whom it may concern:

Re: SECOND UPDATE - Extension of ABPA Tester or Specialist Certifications to December 31, 2020

The ABPA management and certification teams are working hard to re-schedule ABPA certification exams. Several certification exams are scheduled in various locations throughout the remainder of the 2020 calendar year – please check our website (https://abpa.site-ym.com/events/event_list.asp) for specific dates and locations.

There is a backlog of tester and specialists needing to recertify due to the cancellation of the many certification exams in March, April and May of this year. In addition, many of the up-coming exam will have limited capacity in order to comply with CDC guidelines. It will take some time to clear this backlog and offer recertification opportunities to testers and specialists.

In these uncertain times, as the country tries to establish a “new normal” and an ABPA transition back to a anything close to the previous exam site logistics appears to be further out into the future – **If any of the scheduled exams are accessible to you – we highly encourage you to register for that exam and complete your recertification requirements.**

Because of the limited availability of exam sites and exam seats and in order to not affect the continuity of certification for our certified testers and specialists – ABPA is again revising its initial extension to include all existing certifications (tester and specialist) that have an **expiration date between March 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020**. This extension will last **until December 31, 2020**.

The tester or specialist is still responsible to register and successfully complete their re-certification exam before the certificate expires once exams are rescheduled. Upon successful completion of the recertification process, each individual will retain the month and day of their original expiration date to maintain a written history of uninterrupted certification.

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,

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