



AMERICAN BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSOCIATION

May 22, 2020

To Whom it may concern:

Re: UPDATED - Extension of ABPA Tester or Specialist Certificates to August 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 June, July and August – 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 social distancing requirements. It will take some time to clear this backlog and offer recertification opportunities to testers and specialists.

Because of this limitation and in order to not affect the continuity of certification for our certified testers and specialists – ABPA is revising its initial extension to include all existing certificates (tester and specialist) that have an **expiration date between March 1, 2020 to August 1, 2020**. This extension will last **until August 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.

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