

**1301:3-7-02 Application for Initial Certification as a Backflow Technician. Amend**

- (A) Every person acting as a backflow technician in Ohio must be certified by the Division as a backflow technician.
- (B) ~~(A)~~ An initial applicant for certification as a backflow technician shall submit a completed application to the division on a form designated by the division, ~~and submit payment of a \$ 50.00 application fee. The applicant shall meet one of the following requirements: (1) If the applicant is experienced in the plumbing industry, demonstrate to the satisfaction of the superintendent or to the superintendent's designee that the applicant shall possess five years of experience in one of the following: (a) Employed by a plumbing contractor; or (b) Employed by a hydronic contractor; or (c) Employed with a fire protection company certified by the Ohio state fire marshal; or (d) Hold a current plumbing inspector certification from the division or bureau of building standards. (2) If the applicant is experienced in the water purveyor industry business, demonstrate to the satisfaction of the superintendent or to the superintendent's designee that the applicant shall possess one of the following: (a) Five years of experience in the water purveyor industry; (b) A minimum of an Ohio environmental protection agency license class I distribution; or (c) A minimum of an Ohio environmental protection agency water treatment operator license.~~ 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 paragraphs (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 hands-on testing and repairing examination administered by an approved training agency.
  3. Payment of an application fee and examination fee set forth in Ohio Adm. Code 1301:3-7-04.

~~(B) If an individual cannot meet the requirements outlined in paragraphs (A)(1) or (A)(2) of this rule, then the superintendent or superintendent's designee may consider: (1) 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 and then issue the certification. (2) If the applicant has other experience acceptable to the board, then the superintendent may permit the individual to take the examination.~~

(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.

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