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BACKFLOW TESTER CERTIFICATION APPLICATION
LAWN IRRIGATION ONLY

- A. All statements in this application are subject to investigation by the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Industrial Compliance, Backflow Section.
B. The completed application shall be returned to: Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Industrial Compliance-Plumbing/Backflow Section, 6606 Tussing Road, PO Box 4009, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068-9009.
C. MUST BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone Number (____) _____ E Mail _____
REQUIRED

List 5 years MINIMUM experience employed with a Lawn Irrigation Company
OR a LICENSED plumbing contractor. Please provide W2s (redact SS#).

Current Employment

Company Name Years Phone Number
1. _____
Address _____

Specific Duties: _____

Previous Employment

Company Name Years Phone Number
2. _____
Address _____

Specific Duties: _____

Previous Employment

Company Name

Years

Phone Number

3. _____

Address _____

Specific Duties: _____

More information can be added to back of this page.

In pursuant to ORC 4101:16-3-03: the approval to take the examination shall be effective or ONE YEAR. An applicant who fails to take the examination within ONE YEAR from the date approved shall submit a new application in accordance with this rule.

REQUIRED LIMITATION

LAWN IRRIGATION BACKFLOW CERTIFICATION is limited to testing ONLY backflow assemblies within a lawn irrigation process piping system. This certification does not include the testing of any isolation or containment backflow assemblies within a plumbing system according to ORC 4740 and OAC 4101:3-13 as the Ohio Plumbing Code.

The applicant shall submit payment of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) NON-REFUNDABLE for the application and examination fee.

Make checks payable to: Treasurer, State of Ohio

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Office Use Only

Application & Examination Fee paid Check # _____ **Date:** _____

Date Received: _____

APPROVED ()

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED ()

DENIED ()

ADVISORY BOARD DECISION: _____

COMMENTS: _____

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

INDUSTRIAL COMPLIANCE

LABOR & WORKER SAFETY

LIQUOR CONTROL

REAL ESTATE & PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

SECURITIES

STATE FIRE MARSHAL

UNCLAIMED FUNDS

"An Equal Opportunity Employer and Service Provider"

**AGREEMENT TO CERTIFY TO TEST LAWN IRRIGATION BACKFLOW
PREVENTION ASSEMBLIES ONLY**

TERMS OF CODICIL AGREEMENT

- Article 1.** In consideration of being permitted by the Ohio Department of Commerce to obtain the Backflow Technician Certification Exam
I acknowledge that the Ohio Department of Commerce Backflow Technician Certification permits me to test only those backflow prevention assemblies that are installed on a lawn irrigation process piping system.
- Article 2.** I acknowledge and understand that I am not authorized to perform any test of any other backflow prevention assembly except those installed in a lawn irrigation process piping system.
- Article 3.** I acknowledge that understand that my Ohio Department of Commerce "Backflow Technician" certification may be revoked if I am found to be in violation of any article of this agreement.
- Article 4.** The members of the State of Ohio Backflow Prevention Advisory Board, Backflow Instructors and the Ohio Department of Commerce, its Officers and Employees, shall be held harmless in any dispute concerning my Ohio DOC "Backflow Technician" certification.
- Article 5.** I acknowledge and understand that this Agreement shall be complete and binding.

I solemnly swear that I have read, understand and agree to the terms of this agreement between the State of Ohio Backflow Prevention Advisory Board, the Ohio Department of Commerce, and myself.

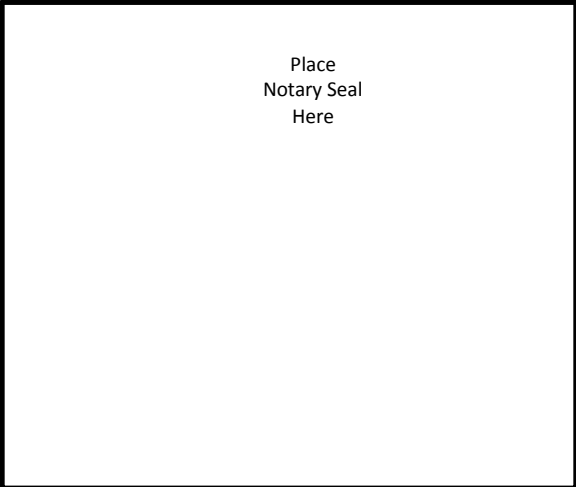
Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Print Name: _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me according to the law
this _____ day of _____, 20__.

County of _____ State of _____

Notary Signature



LAWN IRRIGATION BACKFLOW APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicant mails application to the State with a **One Hundred Dollar (\$100) NON-REFUNDABLE** fee.

Backflow Advisory Board reviews application:

The Advisory Board meets quarterly- March, June, September and December

1. **Approved** -> mail copy of application, acceptance letter and list of training agencies to applicant.
2. **More Information Requested** -> letter sent to applicant stating the burden of proof to verify his length of employment in the plumbing or lawn irrigation trade.
3. **Denied** -> Application has gone to the Backflow Advisory Board and that applicant was denied. You will receive a denial letter stating the reason.

BACKFLOW TRAINING

Upon receiving an approved backflow application, the applicant attends one of the authorized backflow training agency schools.

COMPLETION OF THE COURSE

Upon successful completion of the course the applicant should receive a certificate of proficiency.

THE STATE TEST

The written State test will be given on the 3rd Monday of the month with the exceptions of Holidays falling on Monday. When this occurs the exam will be given on the following day at:

6606 Tussing Road, Reynoldsburg Ohio 43068-9009

The doors will open at 9:30 A.M. with the test beginning at 10 A.M. and ending at 12 noon.

The student **MUST** bring to the test:

- Copy of application
- Certificate of proficiency
- Photo identification

PASSING / FAILING THE TEST

A score of 70% or higher on the state test is considered passing.

Passing applicants will receive a pass letter with invoice for \$75.00 certification fee.

When the \$75 is received, a 3 year Certificate is processed and sent by mail and will also be processed into the Backflow Data Base (available on line).