



October 15, 2013

MN Department of Labor & Industry
Attn: Mr Jim Lungstrom, Assistant Director
443 Lafayette Road North
St Paul, MN 55155

Dear Jim,

ASSE International has determined that the following five (5) categories pertaining to performing Backflow Testing and/or Repairing in Minnesota shall be required.

ASSE International will allow an individual, who has a current MN State issued Backflow Prevention Tester or Backflow Prevention Rebuilder Certification, to upgrade/convert to the *ASSE 5110 Professional Qualifications Standard for Backflow Prevention Assembly Testers* certification by meeting all of the following requirements:

- 1) Completing an ASSE approved Backflow Tester course at an ASSE approved school that is a minimum of sixteen (16) hours
- 2) Passing a Proctored ASSE approved fifty (50) question written exam, with a score of 70% or higher, after the completion of the sixteen (16) hour course (Exam shall not be completed during the course hours)
- 3) Successfully performing a Proctored ASSE approved practical exam, after the completion of the sixteen (16) hour course, which includes testing an ASSE 1013, 1015, 1020 and 1056 as per the *ASSE 5110 Professional Qualifications Standard for Backflow Prevention Assembly Testers* requirements (Exam shall not be completed during the course hours)

ASSE International will allow an individual, who has a current ASSE 5110 Tester certification and a MN State issued Re-Builder certification, to upgrade/convert to the *ASSE 5130 Professional Qualifications Standard for Backflow Prevention Assembly Repairers* certification by meeting all of the following requirements:

- 1) Completing an ASSE approved Backflow Repairer course at an ASSE approved school that is a minimum of eight (8) hours
- 2) Passing a Proctored ASSE approved fifty (50) question written exam, with a score of 70% or higher (exam may be completed during the course hours)
- 3) Successfully performing a Proctored ASSE approved practical exam, which includes disassembling and assembling of an ASSE 1013, 1015 and 1020 as per the *ASSE 5130 Professional Qualifications Standard for Backflow Prevention Assembly Repairers* requirements (exam may be completed during the course hours)



Any individual not holding a current MN Tester or ASSE 5110 Tester certification shall meet all of the following requirements to obtain an *ASSE 5110 Professional Qualifications Standard for Backflow Prevention Assembly Testers* certification.

- 1) Prior to enrolling in an ASSE approved Tester course at an ASSE approved school, the applicant shall provide verification of five (5) years of experience in plumbing or a related industry field
- 2) Complete an ASSE approved Tester course that is a minimum of forty (40) hours
- 3) Passing a Proctored ASSE approved one hundred (100) question written examination with a score of 70% or higher (exam may be completed during the course hours)
- 4) Successfully performing a Proctored ASSE approved practical exam, which includes testing an ASSE 1013, 1015, 1020 and 1056 as per the *ASSE 5110 Professional Qualifications Standard for Backflow Prevention Assembly Testers* requirements (Exam may be completed during the course hours)

Any individual not holding a current MN Rebuilder or ASSE 5130 Repairer certification shall meet all of the following requirements to obtain an *ASSE 5130 Professional Qualifications Standard for Backflow Prevention Assembly Repairers* certification.

- 1) Prior to enrolling in an ASSE approved Repairer course at an ASSE approved school, the applicant shall possess a current *ASSE 5110 Professional Qualifications Standard for Backflow Prevention Assembly Testers* certification and a MN Plumbing License per MN Statute 326B.437 and 326B.46
- 2) Complete an ASSE approved Repairer course that is a minimum of twenty (20) hours
- 3) Passing a Proctored ASSE approved fifty (50) question written examination with a score of 70% or higher (exam may be completed during the course hours)
- 4) Successfully perform a Proctored ASSE approved practical exam consisting of the disassembly and reassembly of at least five (5) assemblies per the *ASSE 5130 Professional Qualifications Standard for Backflow Prevention Assembly Repairers* requirements (Exam may be completed during the course hours)



The *ASSE 5110 Professional Qualifications Standard for Backflow Prevention Assembly Testers* and/or *ASSE 5130 Professional Qualifications Standard for Backflow Prevention Assembly Repairers* certifications shall be valid for a period of three (3) years. The individual may recertify by completing the following requirements:

- 1) Completing an ASSE approved Cross Connection Control course at an ASSE approved school that is a minimum of three (3) hours
- 2) Passing a Proctored ASSE approved twenty five (25) question written exam, with a score of 70% or higher (Exam may be completed during the course hours)
- 3) Successfully performing a Proctored ASSE approved practical exam, which includes testing an ASSE 1013 and 1015 as per the *ASSE 5110 Professional Qualifications Standard for Backflow Prevention Assembly Testers* requirements (Exam may be completed during the course hours)

Respectfully,

Scott Hamilton
Executive Director
ASSE International