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BATalk - is an electronic newsletter sharing important certification program information with Washington's Backflow Assembly Testers (BAT).

REGISTER FOR PROFESSIONAL GROWTH EXAM

TIME IS ALMOST UP!

BATs certified before January 1, 2016 have until December 31st, 2018 to pass the professional growth exam. That is only a few months away! Find out when your professional growth deadline is and whether you have already passed your exam by using the [professional growth status report](#). Apply and pay for a professional growth exam using the [online application](#).

ONLINE VALIDATION CARDS

Need a replacement copy of your 2018 BAT validation card? You can view, save, and print yours online. 2018 cards will be available until October 31st, 2018. Your 2019 card will be available after you pay your 2019 renewal fee.

BAT RENEWALS OPEN NOVEMBER 1st

[Renewal payments](#) will be accepted beginning November 1st through the online system via credit or debit card. Renewal notices will be emailed November 1st, however you do not need a notice to pay your fee.

Mark "BAT Renewal Payments" as a recurring task on your calendar 11/1 of each year as a reminder to pay each year.

You are eligible to renew if:

- Your professional growth deadline is 12/31/18 and you have passed your examination.
- Your professional growth deadline is 12/31/21.
- You become certified as a new BAT between 10/1/18 and 12/31/18. No payment is required and you will be automatically be renewed for 2019.

USC RESOURCES AVAILABLE ONLINE

The USC Foundation for Cross Connection Control and Hydraulic Research has been a pioneer in cross connection control and backflow assembly testing. Washington State requires all backflow assemblies relied upon to protect the drinking water distribution system to be on the [List of Approved Assemblies](#). It is available at no cost in a spreadsheet or as a convenient mobile compatible website.

Another free resource is the archive of the quarterly [Crosstalk newsletter](#). It has been published since 1967 and covers both current issues as well as historical perspectives.

WOMEN'S AWARDS: GLASS HAMMER AND GLASS STAIRS AWARDS

[The Glass Hammer and Glass Stairs Awards](#) will be opening November 1st. These financial awards support the Washington Waterworks Operator Certification Program's workforce development initiative by promoting women's involvement and longevity in the backflow field.

WOMEN'S AWARDS OPEN FOR APPLICATION NOVEMBER 1ST!

Along with providing financial assistance for taking the State BAT examinations, this year [Washington Environmental Training Center](#) has partnered with Washington Certification Services to offer training to each award recipient. This is a valuable opportunity for women interested in backflow assembly testing in Washington State. Please share this opportunity with women that are interested in becoming certified as a Backflow Assembly Tester or that are already certified but need financial assistance to meet the professional growth requirement.

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