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# **IMPORTANT UPDATE**

**Professional Growth Deadline Approaching Fast** BATs certified before January 1, 2013 have less than one year left to meet the professional growth requirement. Check your <u>professional growth status online</u> and <u>apply</u> for the examination now!

Over 750 BATs have not passed the professional growth (practical) examination for the reporting period ending December 31, 2015. Are you one of them?

If you were certified after January 1, 2013 you have until December 31, 2018 to meet the requirement for the first time, but **there is still no need to wait**. You can meet your requirement ANY TIME between now and your 2018 professional growth deadline.

### **PREPARING FOR A BAT EXAM**

Training is not required to apply for a state BAT examination. Department of Health doesn't endorse any training course or provider, and the state examination is not scheduled as part of any training course. To schedule training, contact ERWOW, WETRC or another BAT trainig provider of your choice and select a course that most closely meets your needs.

Additional information about preparing for a certification examination, self-study materials, and examination references is available online.

You must apply and pay for a BAT examination separately from any training. Washington Certification Services only administers the state BAT examinations.



Do you just need to practice? The Part Works, Inc. in Seattle now has a wet lab with a simulator available for hands-on practice testing assemblies at no cost. Call 206-632-8900 for more information and to schedule an appointment.

## **IS YOUR BAT EXAM APPLICATION INCOMPLETE?**

Washington Certification Services receives many BAT examination applications that are incomplete. This creates a delay in enrollment. If your incomplete application is returned you may miss the deadline date for the examination you selected.

> Examination confirmation is sent to you by email shortly after the application deadline date. Make sure the email address you provide is accurate and legible!

BAT certification and professional growth applications are brief and simple. Make sure you provide all of the information requested on the form including your high school graduation date and your current email address.

# **BAT PUBLIC LIST AUTHORIZATION**

As a service to both BATs and the public, Department of Health authorizes Washington Certification Services to maintain a Public List of certified BATs available to perform backflow assembly testing services.



BAT Public List authorization forms can now be completed online and submitted electronically!

If you are not on the list but want to be, or if you are already on the list and need to update your contact information, complete and submit an online <u>authorization form</u>.

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