

481—476.1(135K) Definitions.

“*ABPA*” means the American Backflow Prevention Association.

“*Administrative authority*” means an individual, board, department, or agency employed by a city, county or other political subdivision of the state and authorized by local ordinance to administer and enforce the provisions of the plumbing code.

“*Approved continuing education course*” means a department-approved course designed to supplement or refresh the knowledge of a registered tester and to meet the requirements of subparagraph 476.5(2)

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“*Approved training course*” means a department-approved course designed to train individuals to test and repair backflow prevention assemblies.

“*ASSE*” means ASSE International.

“*AWWA*” means the American Water Works Association.

“*Backflow prevention assembly*,” for the purposes of this chapter, means a device or means to prevent backflow into a potable water system for which a method of testing the device in-line has been published by the Foundation for Cross-Connection Control and Hydraulic Research at the University of Southern California or by ASSE.

NOTE: The following assemblies are included under this definition. This is not intended to be an exclusive list. If new devices and test methods are introduced that meet the definition, they are included under the rules.

Backflow Prevention Assembly	Product Standards
Double Check Valve Assembly	ASSE 1015-2021, AWWA C510-07
Double Check Detector Assembly	ASSE 1048-2021
Pressure Vacuum Breaker	ASSE 1020-2021
Reduced Pressure Principle Backflow Preventer	ASSE 1013-2021, AWWA 511-07
Reduced Pressure Detector Assembly	ASSE 1047-2021
Spill Resistant Pressure Vacuum Breaker	ASSE 1056-2013-R2021

“*Certified*” means certified as a backflow prevention assembly tester under the requirements of ABPA, ASSE, or another third-party certification agency.

“*Department*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 135K.1(3).

“*Proctor*” means an individual designated by a third-party certification agency to conduct certification examinations of backflow prevention assembly testers.

“*Registered backflow prevention assembly tester*” or “*registered tester*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 135K.1(4).

“*Third-party certification agency*” means ABPA, ASSE or another agency approved by the department to certify the knowledge and skills of backflow prevention assembly testers.

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