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STATE OF WASHINGTON BACKFLOW ASSEMBLY TESTER

CERTIFICATION PROGRAM UPDATE

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Professional Growth Examinations

- The Washington State BAT Professional Growth Examination is a practical (hands-on) examination.
- Applicants must demonstrate competency in testing the PVBA, SVBA, DCVA, and RPBA using USC 10th Edition Field Test Procedures.
- WCS offers professional growth examinations monthly (not just during the final year of reporting periods).
- Most in this room have pro gro periods ending 12/31/2018. There is no need to wait!

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Reporting Periods

Certified Before 1/1/2013	From Jan. 1, 2016	to	Dec. 31, 2018
Certified Between 1/1/13-12/31/15	From your certification date	to	Dec. 31, 2018
Certified After 1/1/2016	From your certification date	to	Dec. 31, 2021

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There is no reason to put it off!

- For most, your reporting period **ends** 12/31/2018. You can come in anytime between now and 12/31/2018.
- If you pass your professional growth exam now, your next period will begin 1/1/2019 and end 12/31/2021.
- If you wait until the very end of 2018 to pass your exam, your next period will still begin 1/1/2019 and end 12/31/2021.
- A common misconception is you should wait until the very last minute, but there is absolutely no benefit in doing so.

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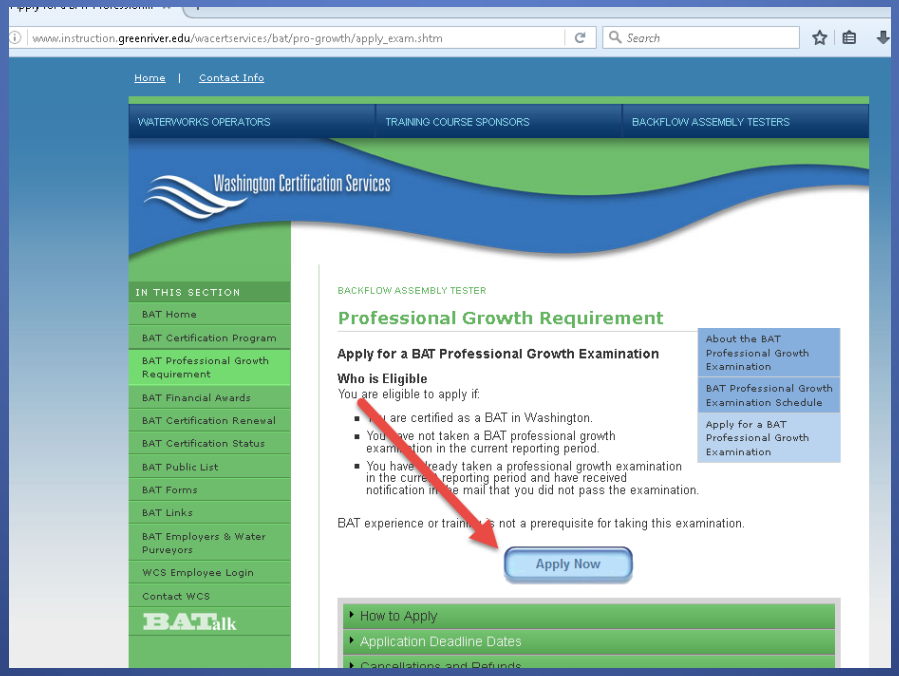
Exam Applications are now online!

- www.wacertservies.org → Backflow Assembly Testers → Professional Growth Requirement → Apply for a BAT Professional Growth Exam



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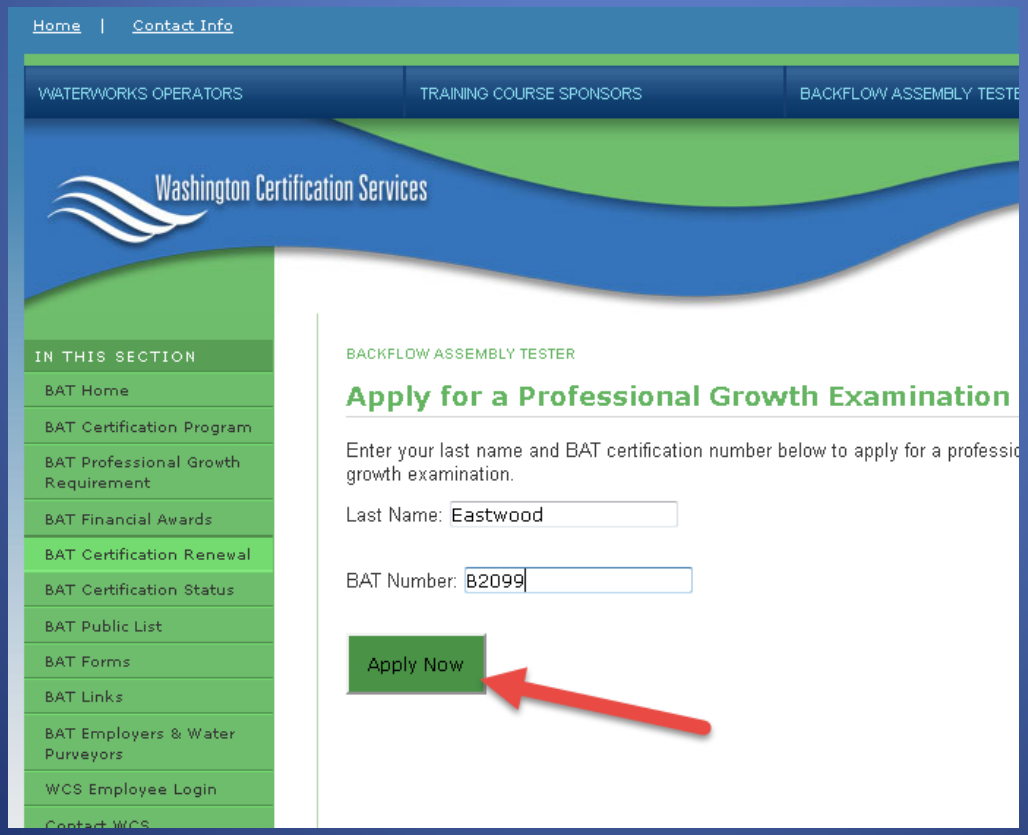
- You will need your last name and BAT Number:



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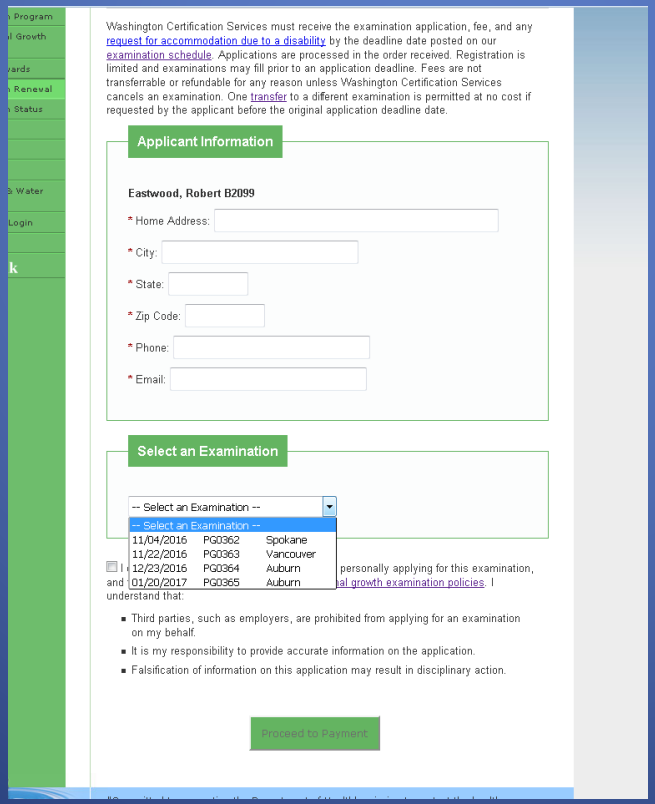
- Fill out your information, and select an open examination



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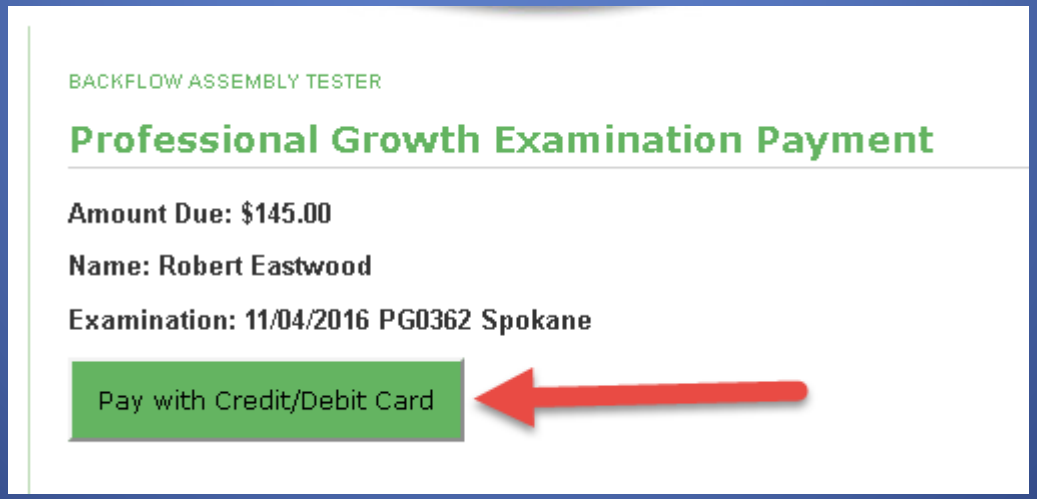

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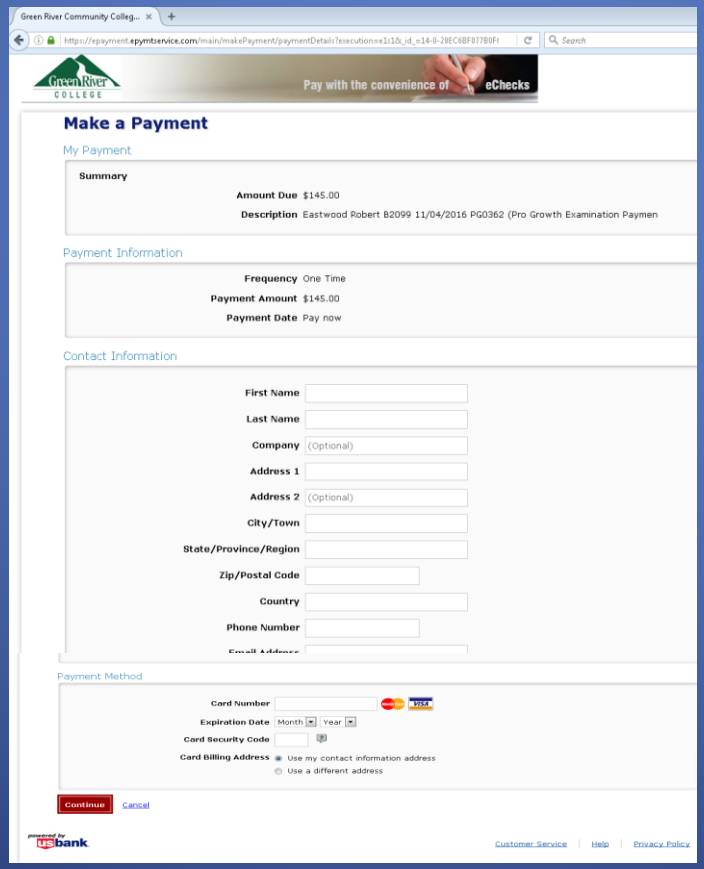

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- The system displays a receipt you can save or print right away, and also emails you a receipt.
- WCS will process your application, and email you an enrollment confirmation upon receipt.
- You will receive a confirmation via email approximately 8 business days before the examination with your appointment time.

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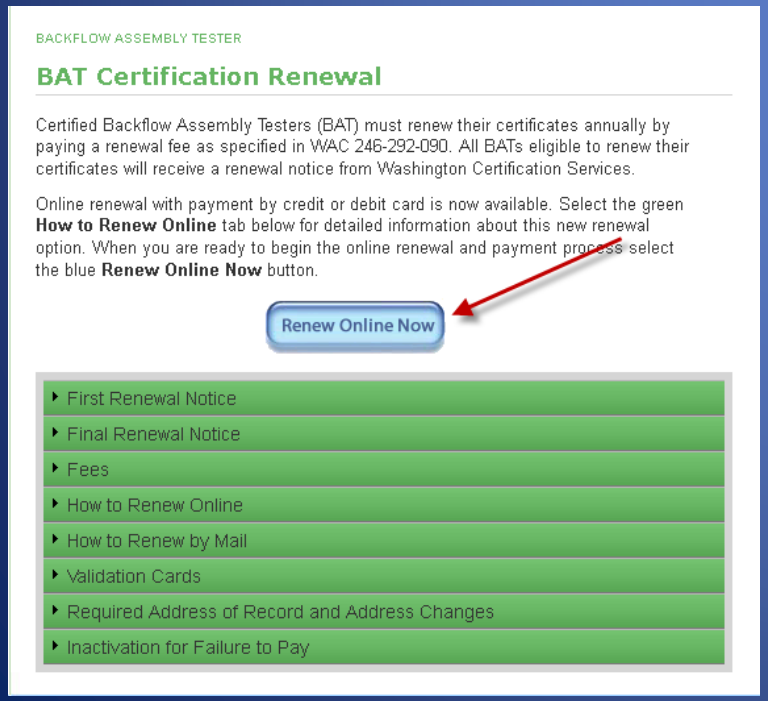
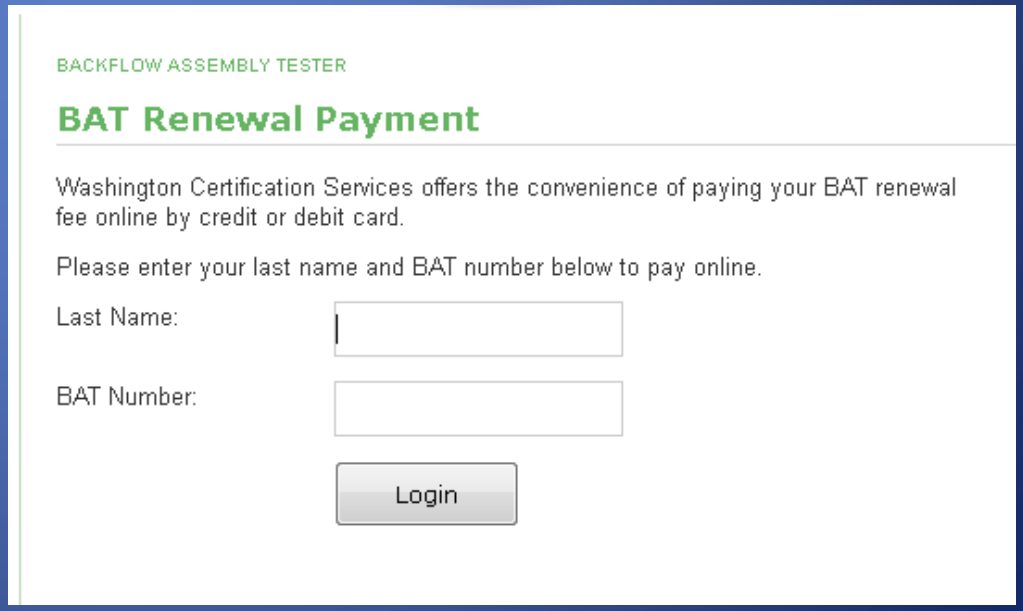
BAT Certificate Renewal

- www.wacertservices.org/renewal (only available November through February)





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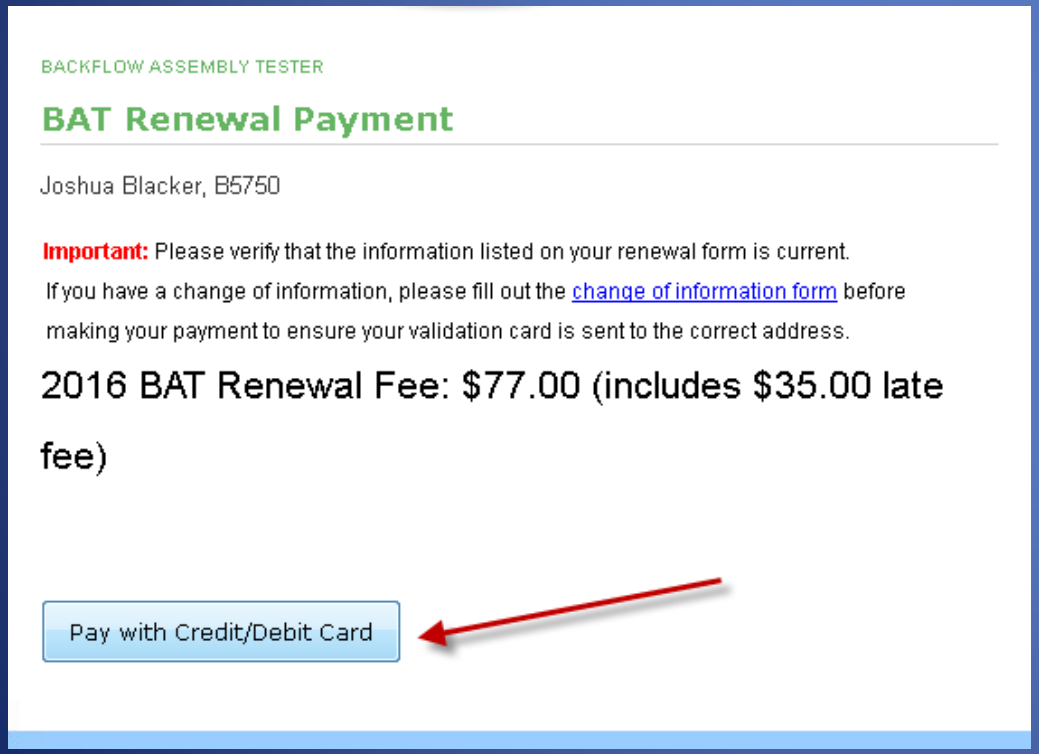

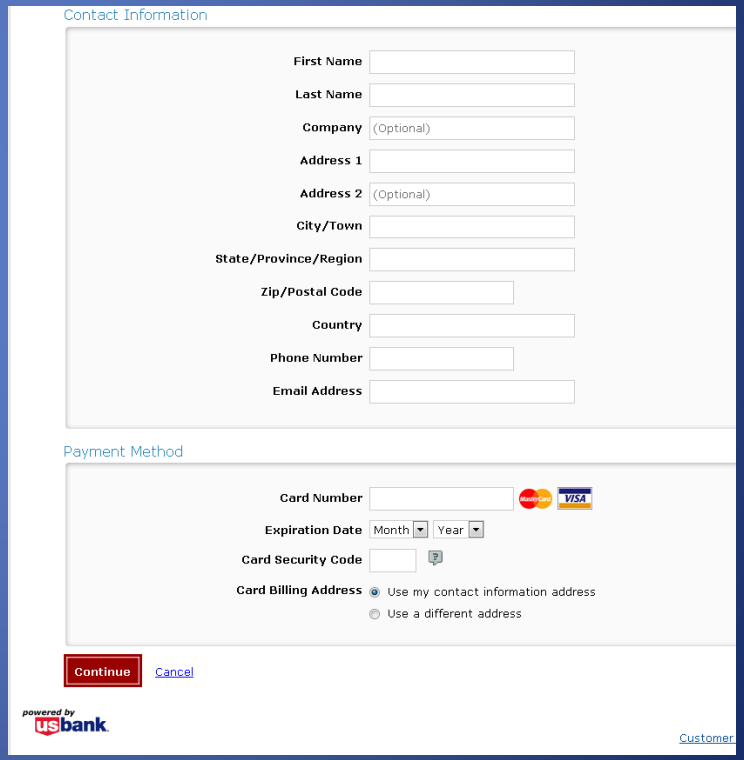

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BAT Renewal Payment

Carl Adams, B3844

You have paid your renewal fee for 2016. Please watch for your 2016 BAT validation card via USPS mail.

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BAT Financial Awards Promote Industry Diversity

- Washington Certification Services is launching 2 new financial awards in support of the Washington Waterworks Operator Certification Program's workforce development initiative.
- Did you know only 3.5% of BATs are women?
- www.wacertservices.org → Backflow Assembly Testers → BAT Financial Awards

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Certification Glass Hammer Award

- May be awarded to any women who:
  - Is not currently a certified BAT in WA state
  - Holds a high school diploma or GED
  - Is not currently enrolled in a future BAT certification exam

- Award is for the practical portion of the BAT Certification exam only ($200).

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Professional Growth Glass Stairs Award

- May be awarded to any women who:
  - Is currently a certified BAT in WA state
  - Has not yet met the professional growth requirement for their current reporting period

- Award is for one professional growth exam ($145) to be taken in 2017.

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BAT Financial Awards Promote Industry Diversity

- Both application processes open November 1st , 2016.
- First review of applications will be January 9th, 2016.
- Award applications will be accepted after January 9th if two awards have not yet been granted.

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