

Backflow Prevention device

All Backflow Prevention device testing must be performed as prescribed in AS2845.3-2010 and reported to Livingstone Shire Council in the approved form with ALL RELEVANT DETAILS pertaining to the test completed at the time of the test for, the test report to be valid.



It is important to note that the relevant details include the reporting of the condition of the upstream and downstream isolating valves.

For example, Appendix E - FIELD TESTING OF DOUBLE CHECK-VALVE BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE (Normative) states under E3:

"E(3)(b) To test the upstream and downstream isolating valves
(vi) Faulty isolating valves shall be repaired or replaced, and the test shall be repeated. **Leakage invalidates the test results.**"

The approved format for the test report form includes provision for reporting the condition of the upstream and downstream isolating valves during the test under **Isolating valves**, namely:

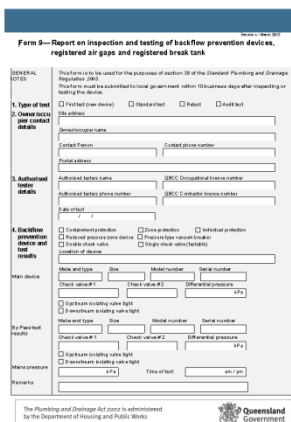


- Upstream isolating valve tight
- Downstream isolating valve tight

Section 38 of the *Standard Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2003* states:

"(4) A person who inspects or tests a testable backflow prevention device must, **within 10 business days** after inspecting or testing the device, **give the local government written results** of the inspection or test in the approved form.

Maximum penalty—10 penalty units"



The approved plumbers and drainers form 9 which is available on the Department of Housing and Public Works website (www.hpw.qld.gov.au) also provides fields for **Mains pressure** and the **Time of test**:

Therefore, any test report submitted to Council without all of the relevant details being completed at the time of the test being performed is an invalid report.

A copy of the invalid report will be returned to the tester with the following requirements:

1. the device must be retested immediately; and
2. a properly completed report form and the required administration fee must

be submitted to Livingstone Shire Council within 10 business days of the date of the advice provided with the returned forms.