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**IDAPA 07  
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CHAPTER 05**

**07.02.05 - RULES GOVERNING PLUMBING SAFETY LICENSING  
DIVISION OF BUILDING SAFETY**

**000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.**

In accordance with Section 54-2605(1), Idaho Code, the Idaho Plumbing Board shall make, promulgate, and publish such rules as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of this act in order to effectuate the purposes thereof and for the orderly and efficient administration thereof, and except as may be limited or prohibited by law and the provisions of this act, such rules so made and promulgated shall have the force of statute. (2-26-93)

**001. TITLE AND SCOPE.**

These rules shall be cited as IDAPA 07.02.05, "Rules Governing Plumbing Safety Licensing," Division of Building Safety. These rules prescribe the criteria for the issuance of licensing for plumbing installations. (2-26-93)

**002. WRITTEN INTERPRETATIONS.**

This agency has written interpretations of this chapter in the form of legal memoranda. (2-26-93)

**003. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS.**

The Idaho Rules of Administrative Procedure of the Attorney General, IDAPA 04.11.01, govern license revocation/suspension proceedings. (2-26-93)

**004. -- 010. (RESERVED).**

**011. APPRENTICE REGISTRATION.**

The minimum age for any apprentice shall be sixteen (16) years. All apprentices shall be registered with the division. The registration fee shall be as prescribed by Section 54-2614, Idaho Code. No examination is required. In order to maintain registration properly, an individual must be working at the trade under the constant on-the-job supervision of a journeyman and in the employ of a contractor. The apprentice must also be enrolled and active in an approved related training class for a total of four (4) years. Unless prior approval has been granted by the plumbing bureau, the apprentice must complete the required course work sequentially: year one (1) must be completed prior to beginning year two (2); year two (2) must be completed prior to beginning year three (3); and year three (3) must be completed prior to beginning year four (4). A minimum of one hundred forty-four (144) hours of classroom and/or other board approved instruction time per school year is required. A grade average of seventy percent (70%) must be maintained in these courses. Upon completion of apprenticeship training, the apprentice must obtain a certificate of completion, or a letter signed by the chairman of his apprenticeship committee, and attach the certificate or letter to his application for a journeyman license. In order to maintain registration, the apprentice shall renew his registration annually in the month of his initial registration. The renewal fee shall be as prescribed by Section 54-2614, Idaho Code. (4-6-05)

**012. JOURNEYMAN.**

**01. Qualifications for Journeyman Plumber.** An applicant for a journeyman plumber's license must have at least four (4) years experience as an apprentice making plumbing installations under the constant on-the-job supervision of a qualified journeyman plumber, as provided by Section 54-2611, Idaho Code. Pipe fitting will not be accepted as qualifications for a journeyman plumber's license. The first step in obtaining a journeyman certificate of competency is to submit an application for examination and license. The application must be accompanied by proof the applicant has completed the minimum of four (4) years experience in the trade as provided in IDAPA 07.02.05.011. Exhibition of a current license or photostatic copy of it from another jurisdiction may be accepted as proof of experience. The examination fee shall be as prescribed by Section 54-2614, Idaho Code, and must accompany the application. (8-25-88)

**02. Examination.** The journeyman examination grade is based on (1) answers to written questions and (2) practical work performed on a job in progress after successful completion of the written work. Time allowed for the written examination is four (4) hours. A passing grade is required on the written examination. The practical work must pass with no violations. (8-25-88)

**013. PLUMBING CONTRACTOR.**

**01. Qualifications for Plumbing Contractor.** A plumbing contractor must be certified as competent by the board and the director of the department before he offers his service to the public. To obtain the certificate, he must first submit an acceptable application. The application must show, among other things, a provable minimum of two and one-half (2 1/2) years experience as a journeyman plumber either in the state of Idaho or another State. Such experience may be proven by the submission with the application of a photostatic copy of the license from another jurisdiction, which has been held for the required period of time. However, if the applicant is from a state which does not require or provide for formal journeyman licensing, then said experience may be proven by the submission of three (3) sworn affidavits from individuals attesting to the fact that the applicant has had at least two and one-half (2 1/2) years experience as a journeyman plumber. Applications which are incomplete in any detail will be returned as unacceptable. A compliance bond must also be on file in the department before an examination will be given. The examination fee shall be as prescribed by Section 54-2614, Idaho Code, and must accompany the application.

(8-25-88)

**02. Restrictive Use of Contractor Certificate.** Any individual holding a contractor certificate and designated by a firm to represent that firm for licensing purposes shall represent one (1) firm only, and shall immediately notify the department in writing when his working arrangement with that firm has been terminated for purposes of becoming self-employed or affiliation with another firm, or for any other reason. A license holder cannot represent any other person or firm, self-employed or otherwise, than originally stated on his application for license. When a change is made, he is required to so inform the department. Otherwise, he is guilty of transferring his license in violation of Section 54-2610, Idaho Code, and is subject to license suspension, revocation, or refusal to renew under Section 54-2608, Idaho Code, or to prosecution under the provisions of Section 54-2628, Idaho Code.

(8-25-88)

**03. Previous Revocation.** Any applicant for a plumbing contractor's license who has previously had his plumbing contractor's license revoked for cause, as provided by Section 54-2608, Idaho Code, shall be considered as unfit and unqualified to receive a new plumbing contractor's license so long as such cause for revocation is continuing, and of such a nature that correction can be made by the applicant.

(11-14-85)

**04. Reviving an Expired License.** Any applicant for a plumbing contractor's license who has allowed his license to expire and seeks to revive it under the provisions of Section 54-2617, Idaho Code, may be denied a license as unfit and unqualified if, while operating under the license prior to expiration, he violated any of the laws, rules and/or regulations applicable to plumbing contractors, and such violation is continuing, and of such a nature that corrections can be made by the applicant.

(11-14-85)

**05. Effective Dates.** The effective dates of the compliance bond referred to in IDAPA 07.02.05.013.01 shall coincide with the effective dates of the contractor's license. Proof of renewal of the compliance bond must be on file with the Department before the contractor can renew or revive his license.

(4-6-05)

**06. Plumbing Contractor's Responsibility.** It shall be the responsibility of the plumbing contractor to ensure that all his employees working at the plumbing trade are licensed as provided by Idaho Code and these rules.

(8-25-88)

**014. APPLICATIONS.**

All applications for licenses shall be properly completed giving all pertinent information, and signatures shall be notarized. Applications for plumbing contractor's license shall be accompanied by a license fee in the amount prescribed by Section 54-2616, Idaho Code. An application for a journeyman license shall be accompanied by a license fee in the amount prescribed by Section 54-2616, Idaho Code, and an examination fee as provided by Section 54-2614, Idaho Code. An application for a license shall be submitted to the director of the department and shall be approved by an authorized representative of the department before any examination is given and before any license is issued. The provisions of this section shall not apply to renewal of licenses.

(11-14-85)

**015. EXAMINATIONS.**

**01. Examinations for Journeyman Plumber.** Written examinations for any journeyman plumber's license shall be formulated and approved by the board. Examination questions shall be based on the practical

application of the Uniform Plumbing Code. No license shall be issued unless the applicant receives a final grade of seventy-five percent (75%) or higher on the written examination and passes the practical portion with no violations. An applicant receiving a grade of less than seventy-five percent (75%) may apply for reexamination upon payment of the examination fee. An applicant has six (6) months to achieve a passing score. If an applicant does not achieve a passing score in six (6) months, the applicant must enroll in year four (4) in a Board-approved related training course, complete year four (4), be registered with the Plumbing Bureau as an apprentice, and maintain registration as per Section 011 before the applicant will be eligible to apply for examination. A completion certificate for year four (4) and the proper application fee must accompany a new application for a journeyman examination. (3-15-02)

**02. Frequency of Conducting of Examinations.** Examinations for all classifications under the Plumbing Laws and rules will be given a minimum of four (4) times each year in three (3) locations: One (1) to be in northern Idaho, one (1) to be in central Idaho, and one (1) to be in southern Idaho. (8-25-88)

**03. Professional Testing Services.** In lieu of the administration by the Idaho Plumbing Board of the examination for licenses pursuant to this rule, the Board may contract with a professional testing service to administer the examination, and require license applicants to pay to the testing service the fee that they have set for the examination and to take such examination at the time set by such service. If the examination is conducted in this fashion, the Board may charge and retain the application fee provided for by Section 54-2616, Idaho Code, to cover the cost of reviewing the applicant's application. (8-25-88)

**016. CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY -- ISSUANCE, RENEWAL, EXPIRATION, REVIVAL -- FEES.**

**01. Issuance.** Certificates of competency shall be issued in such a manner as to create a renewal date that coincides with the birthdate of the individual to whom the certificate is issued and allows for renewals every three (3) years. (4-6-05)

**a.** Certificates of competency shall be issued for a period of no less than one (1) year and no more than three (3) years. For example: a qualified applicant who applies for a certificate of competency in August of year one (1) but whose birthday will not occur until March of year two (2) shall be issued a certificate of competency renewable on the anniversary of the applicant's birthdate. (4-6-05)

**b.** The fee for issuance of certificates of competency shall be prorated based on the number of months for which it is issued. (4-6-05)

**02. Renewal.** Certificates of competency shall be renewed in such a manner as will achieve a staggered system of certificate renewal using the birthdate of the individual to whom the certificate is issued as the expiration date. (4-6-05)

**a.** Certificates of competency shall be renewed for a period of no less than one (1) year and no more than three years. (4-6-05)

**b.** The fee for renewal of certificates of competency shall be prorated based on the number of months for which it is issued. (4-6-05)

**03. Expiration - Revival.** (4-6-05)

**a.** Certificates that are not timely renewed will expire. (4-6-05)

**b.** A certificate that has expired may be revived within twelve (12) months of its expiration by submitting a completed application and paying the same fee as for an initial certificate and meeting all other certification requirements. (4-6-05)

**c.** Revived certificates shall be issued in such a manner as to create a renewal date that coincides with the birthdate of the applicant to achieve a staggered system of renewal. (4-6-05)

**017. SPECIALTY PLUMBING LICENSES.**

The purpose of this section is to set out the special types of plumbing installations for which a specialty license is required; to set out the minimum experience requirements for such licenses; and to describe the procedure for securing such licenses. (8-25-88)

**01. Qualified Journeyman Plumbers.** Qualified journeyman plumbers as defined in Section 54-2611(b), Idaho Code, shall be permitted to make installations as subsequently described herein without securing an additional license for said installation. (11-14-85)

**02. Minimum Experience Requirements.** (8-3-83)

**a.** Experience gained by an individual while engaged in the practice of mobile home hook-ups shall not be considered towards the satisfaction of the minimum experience requirements for licensing as a journeyman plumber. (8-3-83)

**b.** All installers shall be licensed and be in the employ of a licensed plumbing contractor or specialty contractor limited to this category. (8-3-83)

**03. Mobile Home Set-Up or Installers.** (8-25-88)

**a.** Any person qualifying for and having in his possession a current license in this category may make the proper connections of sewer and water to existing facilities on site. All material and workmanship shall comply with the requirements of the Uniform Plumbing Code. (8-3-83)

**b.** All installers shall be licensed and be in the employ of a licensed plumbing contractor or specialty contractor limited to this category. This specialty license does not permit any extension, alteration, or addition to the plumbing system within the mobile home or the installation of any underground plumbing outside the mobile home. (8-3-83)

**04. Applications for Specialty Licenses.** Applications for the above specialty licenses may be obtained from the Plumbing Division, Idaho Division of Building Safety. The forms shall be returned with the examination fee provided by Section 54-2614, Idaho Code, with proof of the required two (2) years experience in the field of this specialty. (8-25-88)

**05. Examinations for Specialty Licenses.** Written examinations for specialty plumbing licenses shall be formulated from the practical application of the sections of the Uniform Plumbing Code as adopted by the Idaho Plumbing Board under Section 54-2601, Idaho Code. (11-14-85)

**06. Fees.** Fees for certificates shall be required in accordance with Section 54-2616, Idaho Code. (11-14-85)

**018. APPLIANCE PLUMBING SPECIALTY LICENSE.**

The purpose of this section is to set out the special types of plumbing installations for which an appliance plumbing specialty license is required; to set out the minimum experience requirements for such licenses; and to describe the procedure for securing such licenses. (7-1-99)

**01. Qualified Journeyman Plumbers.** Qualified journeyman plumbers as defined in Section 54-2611(b), Idaho Code, shall be permitted to make installations as subsequently described herein without securing an additional license for said installation. (7-1-99)

**02. Qualified Apprentice Plumbers.** Qualified apprentice plumbers as defined in Section 54-2611(c), Idaho Code, shall be permitted to make installations as subsequently described herein without securing an additional license for said installation. (7-1-99)

**03. Minimum Experience Requirements.** (7-1-99)

**a.** Experience gained by an individual while engaged in the practice of appliance plumbing specialty shall not be considered towards the satisfaction of the minimum experience requirements for licensing as a

journeyman plumber. (7-1-99)

**b.** All qualified appliance plumbing specialty journeymen shall be licensed and be in the employ of a licensed plumbing contractor or specialty contractor limited to this category. (7-1-99)

**c.** Appliance plumbing specialty contractors must have a two thousand dollars (\$2,000) surety bond, thirty (30) months minimum journeyman experience, and successful completion of appliance plumbing specialty contractor's test. (7-1-99)

**d.** Appliance plumbing specialty journeymen must have eighteen (18) months apprentice on-the-job experience, satisfactory completion of seventy-two (72) hours of approved, related training classes and successful completion of the appliance plumbing specialty journeyman's test. (7-1-99)

**e.** Appliance plumbing specialty apprentices must be employed by a licensed contractor, under the supervision of a journeyman, be enrolled in or have completed approved related training classes and maintain state registration. (7-1-99)

**04. Special Grandfathering Provision.** (7-1-99)

**a.** Contractor: In lieu of the thirty (30) months minimum journeyman experience requirement, an individual may use five (5) years experience of owning and operating a business where this specialty applies AND satisfactory completion of seventy-two (72) hours of approved related training classes. For this purpose, a business is defined as an activity in which tax returns were required to be and have been filed for at least five (5) years. (7-1-99)

**b.** Journeyman: In lieu of the eighteen (18) months apprentice on-the-job experience requirement, an individual may use five (5) years experience working for a business where this specialty applies. For this purpose, working for a business is defined as being issued a W-2 earning form from a related business or businesses for at least five (5) years. (7-1-99)

**05. Applications for Specialty Licenses.** Applications for the above specialty licenses may be obtained from the Plumbing Bureau, Division of Building Safety. The forms shall be returned with the examination fee provided by Section 54-2614, Idaho Code, with proof of the required experience in the field of this specialty. (7-1-99)

**06. Examinations for Specialty Licenses.** Written examinations for specialty plumbing licenses shall be formulated from the practical application of the sections of the Uniform Plumbing Code as adopted by the Idaho Plumbing Board under Section 54-2601, Idaho Code. (7-1-99)

**07. Fees.** Fees for certificates shall be required in accordance with Section 54-2616, Idaho Code. (7-1-99)

**08. Scope of Work Permitted.** Permitted to disconnect, cap, remove, and reinstall within sixty (60) inches of original location: water heating appliance, water treating or filtering devices; air or space temperature modifying equipment which involves potable water; humidifier; temperature and pressure relief valves; condensate drains and indirect drains in one (1) and two (2) family residences only. Does not include installation, testing, or certifying of backflow prevention devices. Does NOT include any modification to the drain, waste or vent systems. Must comply with all Idaho State Plumbing laws and rules and the requirements of the Uniform Plumbing Code. (7-1-99)

**019. WATER PUMP PLUMBING SPECIALTY LICENSE.**

The purpose of this section is to set out the special types of plumbing installations for which a water pump plumbing specialty license is required; to set out the minimum experience requirements for such licenses; and to describe the procedure for securing such licenses. (7-1-99)

**01. Qualified Journeyman Plumbers.** Qualified journeyman plumbers as defined in Section 54-2611(b), Idaho Code, shall be permitted to make installations as subsequently described herein without securing an additional license for said installation. (7-1-99)

**02. Qualified Apprentice Plumbers.** Qualified apprentice plumbers as defined in Section 54-2611(c), Idaho Code, shall be permitted to make installations as subsequently described herein without securing an additional license for said installation. (7-1-99)

**03. Minimum Experience Requirements.** (7-1-99)

**a.** Experience gained by an individual while engaged in the practice of water pump plumbing specialty shall not be considered towards the satisfaction of the minimum experience requirements for licensing as a journeyman plumber. (7-1-99)

**b.** All qualified water pump plumbing specialty journeymen shall be licensed and be in the employ of a licensed plumbing contractor or specialty contractor limited to this category. (7-1-99)

**c.** Water pump plumbing specialty contractors must have a two thousand dollars (\$2,000) surety bond, thirty (30) months minimum journeyman experience, and successful completion of water pump plumbing specialty contractor's test. (7-1-99)

**d.** Water pump specialty journeymen must have eighteen (18) months apprentice on-the-job experience, satisfactory completion of twelve (12) hours of approved, related training classes and successful completion of the water pump plumbing specialty journeyman's test. (7-1-99)

**e.** Water pump plumbing specialty apprentices must be employed by a licensed contractor, under the supervision of a journeyman, be enrolled in or have completed approved related training classes and maintain state registration. (7-1-99)

**04. Special Grandfathering Provision.** (7-1-99)

**a.** Contractor: In lieu of the thirty (30) month minimum journeyman experience requirement, an individual may use three (3) years experience of owning and operating a business where this specialty applies and satisfactory completion of twenty-four (24) hours of approved related training classes. For this purpose, a business is defined as an activity in which tax returns were required to be and have been filed for at least three (3) years. (7-1-99)

**b.** Journeyman: In lieu of the eighteen (18) months apprentice on-the-job experience requirement, an individual may use three (3) years experience working for a business where this specialty applies. For this purpose, working for a business is defined as being issued a W-2 earning form from a related business or businesses for at least three (3) years. (7-1-99)

**05. Applications for Specialty Licenses.** Applications for the above specialty licenses may be obtained from the Plumbing Bureau, Division of Building Safety. The forms shall be returned with the examination fee provided by Section 54-2614, Idaho Code, with proof of the required experience in the field of this specialty. (7-1-99)

**06. Examinations for Specialty Licenses.** Written examinations for specialty plumbing licenses shall be formulated from the practical application of the sections of the Uniform Plumbing Code as adopted by the Idaho Plumbing Board under Section 54-2601, Idaho Code. (7-1-99)

**07. Fees.** Fees for certificates shall be required in accordance with Section 54-2616, Idaho Code. (7-1-99)

**08. Scope of Work Permitted.** Permitted to install and connect water service piping from pump to storage expansion pressure tank in one (1) and two (2) family residences only. Does not include installation, testing or certifying of backflow prevention devices. Must comply with all Idaho State Plumbing laws and rules and the requirements of the Uniform Plumbing Code. (7-1-99)

**020. -- 999. (RESERVED).**

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