37.03.02 - BENEFICIAL USE EXAMINATION RULES

000. LEGAL AUTHORITY (RULE 0).

The <u>director Director</u> of the Department of Water Resources adopts these rules under the authority provided by <u>Section Sections 42-217a and 42-1805(8)</u>, Idaho Code. (3-18-22)()

001. TITLE AND SCOPE (RULE 1).

Sections 42 217 and 42 221, Idaho Code, requires a license examination fee be submitted together with the written proof of beneficial use or that a field examination report prepared by a certified water right examiner be submitted together with the written proof of beneficial use. The statutes also provided that field examinations could be conducted by certified water right examiners appointed by the director.

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- **01. Title.** These rules are titled IDAPA 37.03.02, "Beneficial Use Examination Rules."
- **O2. Scope.** These rules set the procedures for appointing certified water right examiners and govern beneficial use examinations and the filing of beneficial use examination reports.
- **6103. Examination Requirements.** The examination requirements listed are intended as a guide to establish acceptable standards to determine the extent of application of water to beneficial use. The requirements are not intended to restrict the application of other sound examination principles by water right examiners. The director Director will evaluate any deviation from the standards hereinafter stated as they pertain to the review of any given examination. Certified Waterwater right examiners are encouraged to submit new ideastechniques which will advance the artpractice of examination and provide for accomplish the public benefit.
- 002. -- 008. (RESERVED)
- 009. APPLICABILITY (RULE 9).
- **01. Proof of Beneficial Use**. These rules apply to all permits for which proof of beneficial use is not yet due and has not been submitted to the <u>departmentDepartment</u>. (3 18 22)(_____)
 - **Examination**. These rules apply to all permits for which an examination has not been conducted. (3-18-22)
- **03. Re-Examination**. These rules apply to all permits that have been examined but the license has not been issued due to a request for a re-examination by the permit holder. (3-18-22)
- **O4. Examination Fee.** The examination fee requirements of these rules do not apply to a permit for ground water use for single family domestic use, stockwatering, or any other small uses for which the use does not exceed four one hundredths (0.04) cfsCFS or four (4) AF/yeara permit is not required by statute. The examination fee is required for multiple use permits which exceed four one-hundredths (0.04) cfs or four (4) AF/yearaf even though single family domestic use or stockwater use is included as one (1) of the uses on the permit.

010. **DEFINITIONS** (RULE 10).

Unless the context otherwise requires, the following definitions govern these rules. (3 18 22)

01. Acre-Foot (AFaf). A volume of water sufficient to cover one (1) acre of land one (1) foot deep and is equal to forty three thousand, five hundred sixty (43,560) cubic feet. three hundred twenty-five thousand, eight hundred fifty (325,850) gallons.

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(surface water or ground water) by which water can be diverted from its natural course of flow and/or measured.

Headworks or Diversion Works. The constructed barriers or devices on the source of water

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13. plant growth for	Irrigation. The application of water to cultivated land in sufficient quantity or manner to cause a useful purpose.	
14. confirming the e	License . The certificate issued by the Director in accordance with Section 42-219, Idaho Code extent of diversion and beneficial use of the water that has been made in conformance with the s. (3-18-22)()	
15. also termed an ex	License Examination Fee . The fee required prescribed in Section 42-221K, Idaho Code, and is camination fee.	
Government Lot	Legal Subdivision . A tract of land described by the government land survey and usually is vernment lot or quarter quarter, section, township and rangenearest forty (40) acre subdivision or of the Public Land Survey System. A lot and block of a subdivision plat recorded with the county used in addition to the government lot, quarter quarter, section, township and range Public Land on. (3 18 22)()	
17. volume of water case by case bas	Measuring Device. A generally accepted structure or apparatus used to determine a rate of flow or Examples are weirs, meters, and flumes. Less typical devices may be accepted by the Director on a is.	
18. domestic, irrigat 19. used	Nature of Use. The characteristic purpose of use for which water is applied. Examples are ion, mining, industrial, fish propagation, power generation, municipal, etc. (3-18-22)() Period of Use. The time period during which water under a given water right can be beneficially	
20. issued or assigne	Permit Holder or Owner. The person, association, or corporation to whom a permit has been edconveyed as shown by the records of the Department.	
	Permit or Water Right Permit. The water right document issued by the Director authorizing the e of unappropriated public water of the state or water held in trust by the state. (3-18-22)	
2221. of the diverted w	Place of Use (P.U. or POU). The location where the beneficial use of appropriated water is made. (3-18-22)()	
2322. is diverted. Exam	Point of Diversion (P.D. or POD). The location on the public source of water from which water nples are pump intake, headgate, well locations, and dam locations.	
	Project Works . A general term which that includes diversion works, conveyance works, and any may be used to measure the water or to apply the water to the intended use. Improvements which as a result of application of water, such as land preparation for cultivation, are not a part of the (3 18 22)()	
2524. submittal is com	Proof of Beneficial Use (Proof). The submittal required in Section 42-217, Idaho Code. This monly termed proof.	
2625.	Source. The name of the natural water body at the point of diversion. Examples are Snake River, ound water, spring, etc.	

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26. Water Right Permit (Permit). The water right document issued by the Director authorizing the diversion and use of unappropriated public water or reallocated trust water.

011. ABBREVIATIONS. AF. Acre Foot or Acre Feet. (3.18.22) CFSCFS. Cubic Foot Per Second. P.D. or POD. Point of Diversion. P.U. or POU. Place of Use. USGS. United States Geological Survey. 01211. -- 024. (RESERVED) 025. AUTHORITY OF REPRESENTATIVE (RULE 25). 01. **Proof of Beneficial Use.** When the proof of beneficial use, <u>fieldexamination</u> report, and drawings are filed by the water right examinera CWRE on behalf of an owner, written evidence of authority to represent the owner shall be filed with the proof, field report, and drawings. 02. Responsibility. It is the responsibility of the permit holder or authorized representative to submit proof of beneficial use and provide for the timelyensure submission of a completed fieldexamination report by the due date in acceptable form to the director Director by either paying the required examination fee to the department Department or by employing a certified water right examiner CWRE. (3 18 22)() 026. -- 029. (RESERVED) QUALIFICATION, EXAMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF CERTIFIED WATER RIGHT **EXAMINER** (RULE 30). Consideration. Any professional engineer or geologist qualified and registered in the state of Idaho who haswith the knowledge and experience necessary to satisfactorily complete water right field examinations an examination as determined by the Director shall be considered for appointment as a water right examinerCWRE upon application to the Director. The application shall be in the form prescribed by the Director and shall be accompanied by a non-refundable fee in the amount provided by statuteprescribed in Section 42-217a, Idaho Code. **Information**. The Director may require an applicant for appointment to the position of water right examinerCWRE to provide detailed information of past experience, provide references, and to satisfactorily complete a written or oral examination. (3.18.22)

- **O3. Denial**. If the Director determines an applicant is not qualified, the application will be denied. If the Director determines an applicant is qualified, a certificate of appointment will be issued. (3-18-22)
- **04. Expiration**. Every water right examiner CWRE certificate of appointment shall expire March 31 of each year unless renewed by application in the manner prescribed by the Director. A non-refundable fee in the amount provided by statute prescribed in Section 42-217a, Idaho Code, shall accompany an application for renewal. _-
- **05. Refusal or Revocation**. An appointment or renewal may be refused or revoked by the Director at any time upon a showing of reasonable cause. A party aggrieved by an action of the Director may request an administrative hearing pursuant to Section 42-1701A (3), Idaho Code. (3-18-22)
- **06. Reconsideration**. An application for appointment or renewal which has been refused or revoked by the Director may not be reconsidered for six (6) months. (3-18-22)
 - 07. Liability. The state of Idaho shall not be liable for the compensation of any water right examiner

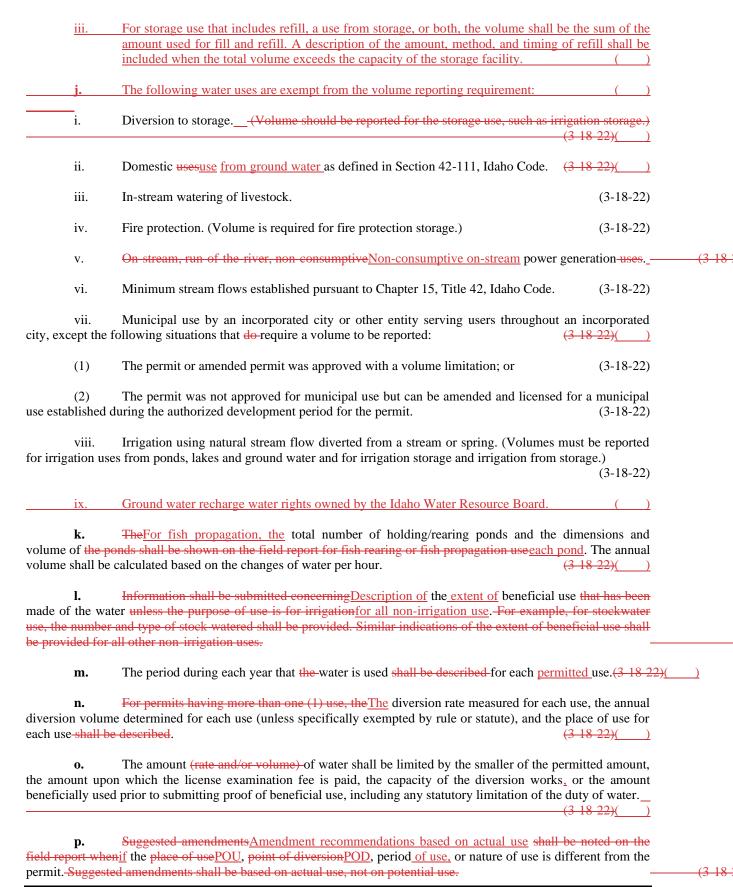
other than department employees CWRE. The permit holder shall be responsible for costs associated with proof submittal including examination and field examination report preparation. $\frac{(3.18.22)}{}$ 08. Examinations. The Director may authorize sufficiently knowledgeable and experienced department Department employees to conduct water right examinations during the course and scope of their employment with the departmentDepartment. Upon termination of employment with the departmentDepartment, such examiners, unless reappointed as a non department certified examinerCWRE under provisions of these rules, are not authorized to conduct field examinations. The fee provisions of these rules do not apply to department employees. (3 18 22)(Ingress or Egress Authority. Appointment as a water right examiner CWRE does not grant ingress or egress authority to non department examiners and does not convey authority unless explicitly prescribed in these rules.-10. **Reports**. The Director will not accept a fieldan examination report prepared by a certified water right examiner CWRE or a department employee Department examiner who has any past or present interest, direct or indirect, in either the water right permit, the land or any enterprise benefiting, or likely to benefit, from the water right. Among those that the The Director will presume to have an actual or potential conflict of interest exists and from whom he will not accept a field an examination report are from the following: The person or persons owning the water right permit or the land or enterprise benefiting from the water right permit, members of their families family (spouse, parents, grandparents, lineal descendants including those that are adopted, lineal descendants of parents; and spouse of lineal descendants), and their employees. (3-18-22)(b. The person-or persons, who sold or installed the diversion project works-or distribution system. Money Received. All moneys received by the department Department under the provisions of 11. these rules shall be deposited in the water administration fund created under Section 42-238a, Idaho Code. (3-18-22)(031. -- 034. (RESERVED) 035. **EXAMINATION FOR BENEFICIAL USE (RULE 35).** FieldExamination Report. An examination report must include the following information in sufficient detail for the Director to determine the extent of water use developed consistent with the permit: (3-18-22)(All items of the field report must be completed and must provide sufficient information for the Director to determine the extent of the water right developed in order for the report to be acceptable to the Director. Permitted uses Each permitted use developed or partially developed. by the permit holder shall be described in detail. Permitted uses which were not developed by the permit holder Any undeveloped permitted use shall be noted. Uses Any use determined to exist which are not authorized by the permit being examined shall also be described in detail. The location of the POD described by legal subdivision and Aa concise description of the diversion works and a general description of the distribution conveyance works, shall be given. This description must trace the water from the point of diversion POD to the place of use POU, and the return to a public water source, if any. Any reservoir, diversion dam, headgate, well, canal, flume, pump and other related structure shall be included. If water is stored, the timing and method of storage, release, rediversion and conveyance to the place of use shall be described. The make, capacity, serial number and model number of all pumps, boosters or measuring devices associated with the point of diversion POD at the source of the water supply shall be described. on the field examination report. Schematic Any schematic diagrams, photographs, digital images, and maps sufficient to locate

Any interconnection of the water use being examined with other another water rightsright or with

and describe the diversion, conveyance and usage systems shall also be provided in the examination reportincluded.

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	If water is returned <u>directly</u> to a public water source after use, <u>a description of the conveyate</u> legal description of the point where the water is returned, <u>and source to which discharge is made.</u> Examples of uses which generally have an effluent discharge include fish propagation and point (3 18 22)()	ade
fe. the field report l	The method of compliance with each <u>permit</u> condition of approval. of a <u>permit shall be shown</u> by the examiner. (3 18 22)(1 on)
<u>gf</u> .	The location of the POU of each use described by legal subdivision.	
g. acre legal subdiv (0.10) acre.	The number of irrigated acreage shall be described to the nearest whole acre in each forty (40) vision. For irrigation of less than ten (10) acres, acreage shall be described to the nearest one-tently (<u>h</u>)
i.	If the water is used for irrigation, the The boundaries of the irrigated areasarea and the location the project works providing water to each area shall be platted shown on the mapsa map submit with the examination report, and the The full or partial acreage in each legal subdivision of for (40) acres or government lot shall be shown.	tted orty
h.	Irrigated acreage shall be shown on the field report to the nearest whole acre in a legal subdivisexcept the acreage shall be shown to the nearest one tenth (0.10) acre for permits covering land less than ten (10) acres.	
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annual diversio variations in fa volume shall be appended to the and cooling use cooling season permit. For stor losses througho replenishment.	For each use of water, the examiner shall report an The annual diversion volume based on acturing the development period for the permitfor each permitted use. The method of determining on volume shall be showndescribed. The annual diversion volume shall account for season actors affecting water use, including seasonal variations in water availability. For irrigation, a based on the field headgate requirements in the map titled Irrigation Field Headgate Requirements are rules (see Appendix A located at the end of this chapter). Annual diversion volumes for heades may be adjusted to account for documented weather conditions during any single heating from among the fifty (50) years immediately prior to submitting proof of beneficial use for rage uses that include filling the reservoir and periodically replenishing evaporation and seep ut the year, the annual diversion volume shall be the sum of the amounts used for filling and Volumes may include reasonable conveyance losses actually incurred by the water user.— The value of the volume reporting requirement: (3-18-22)(the onal the nent ting the age for The
<u>i.</u>	For irrigation, volume shall be based on the standard field headgate requirement as determined the Director.	l by)
<u>ii.</u>	For heating, cooling, or commercial snowmaking, the volume may be adjusted to account documented weather conditions during any single season from among the fifty (50) ye immediately prior to submitting proof for the permit.	



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- An aerial photoA map consistent with Subsection 045.03 marked to depict the point(s) of diversion and place(s) of use for each use must accompany each field report unless waived by the Director. If existing photos are not available, the Director will accept a USGS Quadrangle map at the largest scale available. (3 18 22)(Unless required as a condition of permit approval, an on-site examination and direct measurement r. of the diversion rate areis not required for the following water uses if the extent of beneficial use, place of use, season of use, and point of diversion can be confirmed by documentary means such as well driller reports, property tax records, receipts and other records of the permit holder, or photographs, including aerial photographsimagery, or (3 18 22)(____) other records: i. Irrigation up to five (5) acres. (3-18-22)Storage of up to fourteen point six (14.6) acre-feet of water solely for stock watering ii. purposes stockwater, aesthetic, recreation, or wildlife. (3.18.22)(Any uses other than irrigation or storage if the total combined diversion rate for all the uses
- established in connection with the permit does not exceed twenty-four one hundredths (0.24) cubic feet per second.

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02. Field Examination Report Acceptability.

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- a. All field reports An examination report shall be prepared by or under the supervision of certified water right examiners CWRE or authorized department employees. Reports An examination report submitted by certified water right examiners CWRE must be properly endorsed with anthe CWRE's engineer or geologist seal and signature. Field reports An examination report received from certified water right examiners CWRE will be accepted if the report includes all the information required to complete the report and provides including the information required by Rule Subsection 035.01.
- **b.** Field reports An examination report not completed as required by these rules will be returned to the certified water right examiner for completion. If the date for submitting proof of beneficial use has passed, the The penalty provisions of Rule Section 055 shall apply.
- c. If the Director determines that a fieldan examination report prepared by a certified water right examiner with its acceptable but that additional information is needed to clarify the fieldexamination report, hethe Director will notify the examiner will notify the examiner will notify the examiner will not its not submitted within thirty (30) days or within the time specified in the written notice, the Director will return the examination report and proof to the permit holder priority date of the permit will be advanced one (1) day for each day the information submittal is late. Failure to submit the required information within one (1) year of the date of the department's request is becomes cause for the Director to take action to cancel the permit.
- **d.** Field reports An examination report which indicates that a measuring device or lockable controlling works, required as a condition of approval of the permit, has is not been installed, areor is not acceptable and will be returned to the examiner unless the Director has formally waived the measuring device requirement or lockable controlling works requirement. has been formally waived or modified by the Director. (3 18 22)(

03. General. (3-18-22)

- **a.** For irrigation—purposes, the duty of water shall not exceed five (5) acre feet of stored water for each acre of land to be irrigated or more than one (1) cubic foot per second for each fifty (50) acres of land to be irrigated unless it can be shown to the satisfaction of the Director that a greater amount is necessary. (3 18 22)(
- **b.** For irrigated acreage of five (5) acres or less, a diversion rate up to three one-hundredths (0.03) cfs per acre may be allowed on the license to be issued by the Director. (3-18-22)

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Conveyance losses of water from the point of diversion POD to the place of use POU which are determined by actual measurement may be allowed by the Director if the diversion rate does not exceed the permitted rate and the loss is determined by the Director to be reasonable. (3 18 22)(d. The duty of water described in Subsections 035.03.a. or 035.03.b. may be exceeded if the department has authorized permit or amended permit was approved with a greater diversion rate per acre when the permit was issued and good cause acceptable to the Director has been demonstrated. For irrigation, the irrigated areas may be generally described if systems which the project works cover twenty-five thousand (25,000) acres or more, are within irrigation districts organized and existing under the laws of the state of Idaho, and for irrigation projectsor were developed under a permit held by an association, company, corporation, or the United States authorized to deliver surface water to more than five (5) water users under an annual charge or rental, the field report does not need to irrigated acres may be describe the irrigated land by legal subdivision, but may described generally the lands under the project works if the total irrigated acres has been accurately determined and isare shown onin the field examination report. The amount of water beneficially used under such projects must be shown onin the field examination report. 036. -- 039. (RESERVED) 040. WATER MEASUREMENT (RULE 40). Measurement Terminology. A rate of flow measurement shall be shown in units of cubic feet per second (cfs) with three (3) significant figures and no more precision than hundredths. A volume measurement shall be shown in units of acre-feet (af) with three (3) significant figures and no more precision than tenths. (3 18 22)(Rate of flow measurements shall be shown in units of cubic feet per second (cfsCFS) with three (3) significant figures and no more precision than hundredths. b. Volume measurements shall be shown in units of acre feet (AF) with three (3) significant figures, and no more precision than tenths. Rate of Diversion. The rate of diversion measurement shall be conducted as close as reasonably possible to the source of supply and shall be measured with the project works fully in place operating at normal capacity. For example, if a sprinkler system is used for irrigation purposes, discharge from the pump must be measured with the sprinkler system connected. **Measurements.** Water measurements may be made by vessel, weir, meter, rated flume, reservoir capacity table or other standard method of measurement acceptable to the Director. The fieldexamination report shall describe the method used in making the measurement, the date when made, the name of the person making the measurement, the legala description of the location where the measurement was taken and shall include sufficient information, including current meter notes, rating tables, and/or calibration information to enable the Director to check the quantity of water measured in each case. (3.18.22)(Unacceptable Measurements. Theoretical diversion rates or theoretical carrying capacities are not acceptable as a measure of the rate of diversion except as indicated in these rules and for some-diversion systems works where the flow rate cannot be measured accurately due to the physical characteristics of the diversion and distribution system. **Method**. Rate of flow measurements shall be determined using equipment and methods capable of obtaining an accuracy of plus or minus ten percent (10%). (3-18-22)041. -- 044. (RESERVED) 045. DRAWINGS, MAP, AND SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM (RULE 45).

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- **O1. Submittal of Drawings, Maps, Photos and Schematic Diagrams**. Drawings, maps, photos and schematic diagrams used as an attachment to the <u>fieldexamination</u> report shall be on eight and one-half by eleven (8 1/2 x 11) inch paper whenever possible. (3 18 22)()
 - **02. Attachment Sheets**. Attachment sheets shall depict information on one (1) side only. (3-18-22)
- **O3.** Seale of Map. The map An aerial image or United States Geological Survey Quadrangle map depicting the point of diversion POD and place of use POU shall be of a reasonable scale but not less than two (2) inches equals one (1) mile. The map shall and show the location of the point(s) of diversion POU and POD to the nearest forty (40) acre tract. or to a ten (10) acre tract for springs. The location of ditches, canals, mainlines, distribution systems and the place of use by forty (40) acre tract any ditch, canal, mainline, or other conveyance work must be shown.

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- **04. Drawings**. Drawings need to must include a scale and generally depict the size and type of diversion works, measuring device, conveyance system, water application method, and the location of any measurements taken.
- **Photographs**. Photographs of the diversion works, the typical distribution conveyance works, and other prominent features of the system project works shall be provided with the field clearly labeled and attached to the examination report.

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050. LICENSE EXAMINATION FEE (RULE 50).

01. Examinations Conducted by Department Staff.

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- **a.** The examination fee shall be payable to the Department of Water Resources unless the field examination is conducted by a certified water right examiner CWRE.
- b. The <u>departmentDepartment</u> will not conduct an examination for which the fee has not been paid to the <u>departmentDepartment</u> unless exempted in <u>Rule-Subsection 009.04</u>, except that for any prior examination, whether conducted by a <u>certified water right examinerCWRE</u> or by <u>department staffa Department employee</u>, the <u>departmentDepartment</u> may conduct a supplemental examination on its own initiative at any time. No examination fee shall be charged for a supplemental examination conducted by the <u>departmentDepartment</u> on its own initiative.
- c. A license shall The Department will not be issued issue a license for an amount of water in excess of the amount covered by the examination fee. Subsequent to the examination and prior to a license being issued, the Director will notify the permit holder that the licensed amount will be limited because an insufficient examination fee was paid. The permit holder will be allowed thirty (30) days after the notice is mailed to pay the additional examination fee, along with a late payment penalty of twenty five dollars (\$25) or twenty percent (20%) of the amount of the additional required fee whichever is more. If payment is received within the thirty (30) day period, the Department will not reduce the rate or volume licensed shall not be reduced by reason of based on the examination fee. If payment is not received within the thirty (30) day period, The Department will limit the rate or volume licensed shall be limited by based on the original examination fee paid. For the purpose of determining advancement of priority for late fee as provided fees in accordance with Section 42-217, Idaho Code, fees shall not be considered as having been paid until paid in full, including any subsequent fee.
 - **d.** Excess examination fees are non-refundable.

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e. An examination fee equal to the initial examination fee paid to the <u>department Department</u> shall be paid for a re-examination made at the request <u>forof</u> the permit holder except upon a showing of error by the

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02. Examinations Conducted by Non-Department Certified Water Right Examiners. (3-18-22)

- a. The examination fee required by Section 42-217, Idaho Code is not applicable for <u>an examination</u> conducted by or under the supervision of <u>certified water right examiners</u> CWRE. (3 18 22)()
- **b.** A permit holder may not choose to have the examination conducted by the department after selecting a certified water right examiner CWRE.
- **c.** After submitting proof of beneficial use and paying an examination fee to the department between before the department's actual examination, a permit holder may submit an examination report completed by a certified water right examiner CWRE. Because the examination fee is an essential component of timely proof submittal, the department will not refund the examination fee.

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055. PENALTY (RULE 55).

- **O1. Permits for Which Proof Has Not Been Submitted**. The submittal required is the proof and the examination fee or the proof and a completed fieldan examination report completed by a CWRE. (3-18-22)()
- **60. Failure to Submit.** Failure to submit either the license examination fee or an acceptable field examination report prepared by or under the supervision of a certified water right examiner with Evan by the proof due date is cause to lapse the permit pursuant to Section 42-218a, Idaho Code, unless the Department approved an extension of time pursuant to Section 42-204, Idaho Code, extending the proof of beneficial use due date. has been approved. (3 18 22)(_____)

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