54-2402. License required. It shall be unlawful for any person who is not licensed under the provisions of this chapter to operate, offer to operate, be in responsible charge of, or to otherwise serve as operating personnel at any public drinking water system or any public wastewater system as defined in the provisions of this chapter. Operating personnel shall include every person making system control or system integrity decisions about water quantity or water quality that may affect public health. It shall be unlawful for any person to use, in connection with their name or otherwise assume or advertise, any title or description tending to convey the impression of being a water or wastewater system operator, unless such person has been duly registered and possesses a current license in good standing issued by the board or is otherwise exempted under the provisions of this chapter. Furthermore, it shall be unlawful for any person who is the designated responsible charge operator of a drinking water or wastewater system to not be licensed at a category class equal to or greater than the classification of the drinking water or wastewater system. It shall be unlawful for any person to perform backflow assembly testing or inspection unless such person is licensed under the provisions of this chapter. The right to practice as a drinking water operator, wastewater operator, or backflow assembly tester shall be deemed a personal right, based on the qualifications of the individual as evidenced by a current license, and shall not be transferable. Provided however, that persons licensed, registered or otherwise regulated by the state of Idaho to practice a profession shall not be required to obtain a license under this act in order to practice within the scope of practice of the profession for which they are licensed, registered or otherwise regulated.

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