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ISP Forensic Services Breath Testing Operator and BTS Cards

It has become an issue in several jurisdictions that the ISPFs issued "Operator Card" or "BTS Card" states that the certification is for the Intoxilyzer 5000. It has been interpreted by some that the card does not cover certification for the Intoxilyzer 5000EN. The Intoxilyzer 5000EN (or 5000 Enhanced) is just an upgraded version of the Intoxilyzer 5000. The 5000EN is updated to better discriminate between Ethyl Alcohol and other volatile interferences that may be present on human expired breath. Both instruments use infrared technology and are operated in the same manner.

The official position of ISP is that ISPFs Operator and BTS certification process qualifies the Operator and/or BTS for the Intoxilyzer 5000 series of instruments. The Operator and BTS courses cover both instruments. While the old certification card for the BTS or Operator states "Intoxilyzer 5000," it should be interpreted to mean that the Operator and/or BTS is certified for the Intoxilyzer 5000 series of instruments that are in use within the state of Idaho. BTS/Operator certification cards on Alco-Sensor and/or Lifeloc instruments (approved for use in Idaho) are also valid for the instrument series, not just a single model.

Because of the number of questions we have been asked on the topic, newly issued ISPFs cards will explicitly state "Intoxilyzer 5000 series." The old cards will still be valid until the expiration date listed on the card. If necessary, a new operator card with the clarification information may be requested from the instructing BTS. The BTS may request a replacement BTS card from ISPFs. The replacement cards will have the same expiration date as the old card. Questions regarding BTS card replacement should be addressed to Jeremy Johnston at 208-209-8706 or [jeremy.johnston@isp.idaho.gov](mailto:jeremy.johnston@isp.idaho.gov)

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Sincerely,

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