



COURT INTERPRETER CERTIFICATION PROCEDURE

SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER CERTIFICATION

INSTRUCTIONS

Certification of sign language interpreters is described in Superintendence Rule 82. Although there are many certifications available by national testing entities, the Supreme Court of Ohio selected the specialized credential, Specialist Certification: Legal, offered by the Registry of Interpreter for the Deaf, as the preferred credential for court interpretation. Holders of this specialist certificate demonstrate specialized knowledge of legal settings and superior familiarity with language used in the legal system. Prior to sitting for this exam, candidates are required to submit documented training and legal interpreting experience.

Candidates who wish to apply to receive Supreme Court of Ohio Sign Language certification must meet the following conditions:

- An application for certification as a Supreme Court certified sign language interpreter
- Verification of U.S. citizenship or legal residency, or legal right to remain and work in the United States
- Background check demonstrating no convictions on any crimes involving moral turpitude
- Proof of receiving a passing score on the “Specialist Certification: Legal” examination
- A signed Oath or affirmation acknowledging knowing, understanding and acting in accordance with the Code of Professional Conduct for Court Interpreters and Translators, as set forth in Appendix H to the Rules of Superintendence.

Additionally, in accordance with Superintendence Rule 85, a Supreme Court-certified sign language interpreter must complete and report at least 24 credit hours of continuing education offered or accredited by the Interpreter Services Program for each two-year reporting period, including six credit hours of ethics.

Candidates who meet the above-mentioned conditions will be placed in a statewide roster on the Supreme Court Web site and made available for assignments to all courts in Ohio.

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

A \$10.00 fee (\$15 for non-residents) is assessed to apply for certification. Applications without payment will not be accepted. Make payments to: The Supreme Court of Ohio,

Mail to: Supreme Court of Ohio
Interpreter Services Program
65 S. Front Street, 6th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3431

Acceptable forms of payment: money order, personal check, and company check. A \$25 return check fee will be charged.



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APPLICATION FORM

Please complete the entire application. Do not leave any fields blank. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Mr./Mrs./Ms./Dr.:

_____|_____|_____|_____
(circle preferred) Last Name First Name Middle Name

Mailing Address:

_____|_____|_____|_____
City State County Zip

Home Phone: (_____) _____ Cell Phone: (_____) _____

Social Security No.: _____ Driver's License No.: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Language(s) of Expertise: _____

SIGN LANGUAGE CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

If you are seeking credentialing for Supreme Court interpreter certification, complete the following information below. Check the exam(s) and level(s) (where applicable) for which you have received certification. Please also attach copies of any credentials that support your application for Supreme Court certification.

RID	NAD	NAD-RID
<input type="checkbox"/> Passed Written Test	<input type="checkbox"/> Level I	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed NIC Written Test
<input type="checkbox"/> CI	<input type="checkbox"/> Level II	<input type="checkbox"/> NIC
<input type="checkbox"/> CT	<input type="checkbox"/> Level III	<input type="checkbox"/> NIC Advanced
<input type="checkbox"/> CSC	<input type="checkbox"/> Level IV	<input type="checkbox"/> NIC Master
<input type="checkbox"/> MCSC	<input type="checkbox"/> Level V	
<input type="checkbox"/> CDI		
<input type="checkbox"/> OTC		
<input type="checkbox"/> SC:L		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

<p>Have you ever been licensed as an interpreter in another state? If yes, where? _____</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Score No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Have ever been convicted of a felony? If yes, explain: _____ _____ _____ _____</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor other than a traffic violation? If yes, explain: _____ _____ _____ _____</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Do you have a legal right to live and work in the United States?</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>

Certification

I certify that the answers I provided to the questions in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if this application is not completed in its entirety, it may not be processed and it will be returned to me at the address on the form. I also understand that a background check will be required prior to the oral examination.

<p>Applicant Signature</p>	<p>Date</p>
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