

## **States That Require or Accept the EIPA: Summary**

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### **Impressions of changes during 2014 updating**

In general, perhaps two-thirds of the states' standards for educational interpreters can be found via an internet search such as "Wyoming educational interpreters."

- That means states in process of developing standards can easily explore what other states have done.
- More states are establishing simple standards, such as:
  - EIPA 3.5 or NIC, and pass EIPA Written regardless of which skill exam, (Washington - 2014)
  - EIPA written and performance tests, at the level of 4.0 or higher (Rhode Island, 2011)
- Some states continue to stratify, with lengthy specifications of situations in which developing interpreters can work (Michigan, 2014).
- The focus of more recent changes has been on demonstration of interpreting skills, with a higher percentage of states adding the EIPA Written exam than before.
- College degrees (ITP to BA) are not often required. (If the state requires RID certification, they are likely defaulting to RID's BA requirement, and have no need to specify it)
- Most states have a version of a provisional standard to ease their system into a permanent standard, allowing developmental interpreters who cannot yet meet the standard to work.
  - Some of the provisional standards serve to nullify the standard (e.g., waivers, or annual renewal of provisional licenses, permitted if the district can't find someone who meets the standard).
  - Some states' provisional standards are expiring and being removed (e.g., Kentucky, whose standard was raised to an EIPA 4.0+ in 2013, reported, "we did lose a couple waves of interpreters whose 5-year provisional licenses expired, but it seems to be settling down now.")

### **The Numbers**

This information represents what has been documented to date. As additional information is found, updates will be made\*.

- 42 states (82% of 51, including D.C.) use the EIPA as, or as part of, their standards. All but one of the states that require a skill assessment use the EIPA in some way. 37 states also accept other types of skill evaluations (such as RID, QAST, BEI).
- 35 of those 42 states (83%) use an EIPA 3.5 or 4.0 as their initial, or revised, standard.
- It appears the only state establishing a 3.0 recently was Mississippi, 2011.
- 16 of those 34 states (47%) also use the EIPA Written exam, demonstrating knowledge of working with children in an education setting, in addition to interpreting skill.

**\*This is work in progress. Please send updates and corrections to the DO IT Center.**

# EIPA States and Levels

Minimum EIPA Levels - (w) = state requires EIPA Written

| EIPA 3.0                                | EIPA 3.5  |        | EIPA 4.0  | Have a standard, no skill or knowledge specified | No Standards    |
|---|---|--------|---|--|-----------------|
| AL                                      | AZ  | NE     | AK + w  | AR   | DC              |
| LA                                      | CO + w  | NH + w | CA  | CT (ITP)   | FL              |
| MS                                      | GA  | ND     | DE  | MO (CEUs)  | MD              |
| NJ                                      | HI  | OK     | KS  | OH (College)                                     | NY              |
| NC                                      | ID  | OR     | KY + w  |  | VT              |
| TN                                      | IL + w  | PA     | MN  |  |                 |
| WI                                      | IN + w  | SC + w | NM + w  |  |                 |
|   | IA  | SD     | NV  |  |                 |
|   | MA  | VA     | RI + w  |  |                 |
|   | ME  | WA + w | TX + w  |  |                 |
|   | MI + w  | WV + w | UT + w  |  |                 |
|   | MT + w  | WY + w |   |  |                 |
| <b>7 STATES<br/>No EIPA<br/>Written</b> | <b>24 STATES<br/>38% use the<br/>EIPA Written</b> |        | <b>11 STATES<br/>70% use the<br/>EIPA Written</b> | <b>4 STATES</b>                                  | <b>5 STATES</b> |

