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Comments	License "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation"
Educational Interpreter Guidelines	
Standards for:	
Formal Academic	Proof of a high school diploma or the equivalent
Oral	
Cued Speech	
Sign Language Professional Knowledge Exam	Documented proof of certification by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc., documented proof of a minimum certification level of 4 from the National Association of the Deaf, Inc. or comparable certification by a comparable or successor organization recognized by the commissioner.
Sign Language Interpreting Skill Exam	An applicant for renewal of a certified interpreter, certified deaf interpreter or certified transliterator license is not required to show proof of continuing education, but is required to show proof of continued certification by either the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. or the National Association of the Deaf, Inc., or a comparable or successor organization of either recognized by the commissioner.
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Developmental Alternatives (Often "Initial" or "Provisional")	Limited Interpreter and Limited Transliterator 4. Proof of education and training in American Sign Language. Except as provided in this section, written proof of the applicant's education and training in American Sign Language, consisting of either: A. Proof of completion of at least 100 clock hours of instruction in American Sign Language conducted by: (1) An instructor recognized by the American Sign Language Teachers Association, or a comparable or successor organization recognized by the commissioner;

- (2) An interpreter certified by either the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. or the National Association of the Deaf, Inc., or a comparable or successor organization of either recognized by the commissioner; or
- (3) An instructor of courses conducted through an accredited college, accredited university or accredited or approved high school or conducted by certification maintenance course sponsors approved by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. or the National Association of the Deaf, Inc., or a comparable or successor organization of either recognized by the commissioner; or [1999, c. 399, §10 (NEW); 1999, c. 399, §20 (AFF).]

B. Submission of a letter attesting that the applicant's skill level is equivalent to a person who has completed 100 hours of instruction in American Sign Language. The letter must be prepared and signed by:

- (1) An instructor recognized by the American Sign Language Teachers Association, or a comparable or successor organization recognized by the commissioner;
- (2) An interpreter certified by either the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. or the National Association of the Deaf, Inc., or a comparable or successor organization of either recognized by the commissioner; or
- (3) An instructor of courses conducted through an accredited college, accredited university or accredited or approved high school or conducted by certification maintenance course sponsors approved by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. or the National Association of the Deaf, Inc., or a comparable or successor organization of either recognized by the commissioner; and [1999, c. 399, §10 (NEW); 1999, c. 399, §20 (AFF).]
[2005, c. 267, §1 (AMD)]

5. Proof of education and training in interpreting process. Except as provided in this section, written proof of completion of at least 100 clock hours of instruction in the interpreting process, which must include instruction in deaf culture and the ethics of interpreting, conducted through an accredited college, accredited university or accredited or approved high school or conducted by certification maintenance course sponsors approved by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. or the National Association of the Deaf, Inc., or a comparable or successor organization of either recognized by the commissioner. Credit may not be given for interpreting process clock hours that were completed prior to 5 years from the date of application. [2005, c. 267, §1 (AMD)]

As an alternative to satisfying subsections 4 and 5, an applicant for licensure as a limited interpreter or limited transliterator may submit documentation of a score of 3.5 or higher on the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment, or successor assessment.

	<p>[2005, c. 267, §1 (NEW).]</p> <p>Renewal - Limited interpreters. An application for renewal of a limited interpreter, limited transliterator or limited deaf interpreter license must show proof of completion of at least 20 hours annually of continuing education in American Sign Language or the interpreting process.</p>
Renewals	<p>All licenses must be renewed annually on or before June 30th of each year or at such other time as the commissioner may designate. A license not renewed by June 30th automatically expires.</p>
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