

NEW MEXICO

Validity of Information	
Document Title	Signed Language Interpreting Practices Act – NMSA §61-34-1
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Related URL's	Signed Language Interpreting Practices Board, New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/Signed_Language_Interpreting_Practices.aspx
Comments	Act became effective July 2009 All signed language interpreters working in New Mexico, including K-12, regardless of job title (interpreter, signing aide, etc.). Educational interpreters must also hold a license from the Public Education Department: www.ped.state.nm.us/licensure/2010/dl10/chklstInterpreterForTheDeafK-12.pdf
Educational Interpreter Guidelines	http://www.ped.state.nm.us/SEB/technical/The%20Interpreted%20Education.pdf
Standards for:	
Formal Academic	Provisional license: applicants must be an ITP graduate or document that they were working as an interpreter as of July 2009 when the act became effective.
Oral	
Cued Speech	
Sign Language Professional Knowledge Exam	Community License: RID Certification Educational license: RID Ed:K12 credential
Sign Language Interpreting Skill Exam	Interpreters in K-12 settings may hold <i>any</i> of the three licenses. The Educational license is valid for K-12 interpreting only, but those holding Community licenses may work in K-12 or community settings
CEU's	Provisional license: 2.0 RID CEUs per year Educational and Community licenses: comply with RID CMP.
Developmental Alternatives (Often "Initial" or "Provisional")	Provisional license may be held for up to five years.
Renewals	Provisional licenses are renewed annually up to four times. Educational and Community licenses are renewed bi-annually.
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