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Document Title	Article 46:31 Interpreters For The Deaf
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Related URL's	South Dakota Administrative Rules Interpreters for the Deaf http://legis.state.sd.us/rules/DisplayRule.aspx?Rule=46:31
Comments	46:31:06:01. Certification level required for medical, educational, or legal settings. Any individual registered and certified in South Dakota and holding a level III South Dakota certificate, level III NAD certificate, RID certificate, NIC, or a South Dakota provisional certificate, may interpret in all settings except for criminal proceedings or serious medical procedures as defined in § 46:31:06:02. An individual certified by the department using the EIPA assessment score of 3.5 or higher may only interpret in elementary and secondary educational settings.
Educational Interpreter Guidelines	
Standards for:	
Formal Academic	
Oral	
Cued Speech	
Sign Language Professional Knowledge Exam	
Sign Language Interpreting Skill Exam	<p>46:31:02:03. Initial registration. The department shall register any individual who submits a completed registration form provided by the department, the applicable fee, and one of the following documentations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) A current NAD or RID certificate; (2) An assessment score of 3.5 or higher on the EIPA performance test obtained not more than five years prior to the date of initial registration; or (3) A South Dakota interpreter certificate obtained within the previous year and the required contact hours pursuant to subdivision 46:31:02:04(2). <p>46:31:06:01. Certification level required for medical, educational, or legal settings. Any individual registered and certified in South Dakota and holding a level III South Dakota certificate, level III NAD certificate, RID certificate, NIC, or a South Dakota provisional certificate, may interpret in all settings except for criminal proceedings or serious medical procedures as defined in § 46:31:06:02.</p> <p>An individual certified by the department using the EIPA assessment score of 3.5 or higher may only interpret in elementary and secondary educational settings.</p> <p>Source: 33 SDR 107, effective December 26, 2006; 37 SDR 111, effective December 7, 2010.</p>

CEU's	<p>46:31:02:04.01. Continuing education maintenance cycle. Each interpreter must complete a minimum of 80 contact hours during a four-year maintenance cycle. Each cycle is four years in length. However, the first cycle for an interpreter initially registering with an EIPA assessment score may be longer based on when the division grants the certificate. All subsequent cycles for that interpreter will be exactly four years and will begin September 1 and end August 31.</p> <p>CHAPTER 46:31:04 CONTINUING EDUCATION-Section 46:31:04:01 Interpreter education training.</p> <p>46:31:04:01. Interpreter education training. The continuing education for an interpreter shall include training in sign language interpreter skills, knowledge of the language and culture of the deaf, and professional practices of interpreting. The training shall be provided by one of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Interpreter training accredited by a state or national educational accrediting agency; (2) Interpreter training endorsed by NAD or RID; or (3) Interpreter training approved by the department, conducted by a Level V South Dakota certified interpreter, Level V NAD certified interpreter, RID certified interpreter holding a Certificate of Interpretation and Certificate of Transliteration or NIC advanced and master level. <p>2010.</p> <p>46:31:02:04.02. Continuing education maintenance cycle extension. The division shall consider granting a one-year extension of the continuing education maintenance cycle upon written request by an interpreter in good standing. The request and accompanying documentation must be submitted prior to the end of the interpreter's current four-year cycle. The division shall grant an extension based on the inability to accrue the required number of continuing education contact hours for any sudden and unforeseeable traumatic, catastrophic, life- altering event that disrupts the life of the certified interpreter or an immediate family member for a considerable amount of time.</p> <p>The granting of the extension does not delay the beginning of the interpreter's new cycle. Once sufficient contact hours have been earned to complete the extended cycle, any subsequent contact hours shall be applied to the interpreter's new cycle.</p>
Developmental Alternatives (Often "Initial" or "Provisional")	<p>CHAPTER 46:31:03 PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATION</p> <p>Eligibility requirements. Approved plan. Mentoring requirements. Continuing education requirements. Annual registration. Interpreter settings.</p> <p>46:31:03:01. Eligibility requirements. Any individual applying for a provisional certificate must meet the following requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Comply with the requirements of SDCL 1-36A-10.4; (2) Submit a completed provisional application provided by the department; (3) Submit a plan pursuant to § 46:31:03:02; and (4) Submit the applicable fee. <p>46:31:03:02. Approved plan. A self-identified professional development plan must be submitted to the department for approval prior to a provisional certificate being issued. The plan shall outline the individual plan of study and contact hours between the mentor and the interpreter applying for provisional certification. The plan shall require at a minimum eight contact hours of</p>

	<p>mentoring per month and 25 contact hours of continued interpreter education per year provided pursuant to § 46:31:04:01.</p> <p>46:31:03:03. Mentoring requirements. Mentoring shall be provided by a certified interpreter or an individual who is deaf, approved by the department, to provide training by teaching, guiding, and advising interpreters and assisting them in achieving national certification or a higher level of certification by improving their knowledge of sign language and the interpreting process. The mentor shall assist the interpreter with completing the mentoring application, assessment of skills, and plan of study pursuant to § 46:31:03:02. Any mentoring services must be pre-approved by the department.</p> <p>46:31:03:04. Continuing education requirements. Any individual issued a provisional certificate shall submit documentation verifying completion of 25 contact hours annually of continued interpreter education provided pursuant to § 46:31:04:01 by providing copies of the continuing education unit documents.</p> <p>46:31:03:05. Annual registration. Any individual issued a provisional certificate shall register annually with the department by submitting a completed registration form provided by the department, continuing education requirements as outlined in § 46:31:03:04, and any applicable fee. Failure to comply may result in denial of registration and loss of provisional certification.</p>
Renewals	<p>46:31:02:04. Annual registration. The department shall renew the registration of any individual who has a South Dakota certificate that has not expired and submits a completed registration form provided by the department no later than August 31 of each year, the applicable fee, and one of the following documentations:</p> <p>(1) A current NAD or RID certificate; or;</p> <p>(2) Documentation verifying completion of any of the 80 contact hours required in § 46:31:02:04.01, provided by one of the entities listed in § 46:31:04:01.</p>
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