

## WEST VIRGINIA

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Document Title	192CSR3 Title 192 Legislative Rule West Virginia Commission For The Deaf And Hard Of Hearing Series 3 Establishment Of Required Qualifications And Ethical Standards For Interpreters And Transliterators
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Comments	<p>3.2. Registry. -- The commission shall establish a registry of all certified and qualified interpreters and transliterators working in West Virginia. All interpreters working in the public school systems, including personnel classified as an interpreter shall register.</p> <p>3.4. Exceptions. -- The following individuals are exempt from registration: ...</p> <p>3.4.d. An individual who is certified by NAD, RID, or NCI from outside West Virginia who provides interpreting or transliterating services in West Virginia for a period not to exceed ten calendar days per calendar year;</p> <p>4.3. Educational Interpreters and Transliterators -- All educational interpreters and transliterators employed in public schools in West Virginia who are in compliance with standards set by the West Virginia Board of Education Policy 5202 shall be recognized as qualified.</p> <p>4.4. Non-certified/ Non-screened Interpreters and Transliterators. -- Any interpreter or transliterator who is not certified and is not an employee of a public educational facility shall be recognized as qualified for an assignment only if certified interpreters are unavailable and provided both the deaf or hard of hearing client and the service provider are satisfied with the interpreting or transliterating service. Because different assignments may require different levels of qualification, a non-certified/ non-screened interpreter or transliterator who is considered qualified for one assignment may not be qualified for a different assignment.</p>
Educational Interpreter Guidelines	
Standards for:	
Formal Academic	
Oral	
Cued Speech	

Sign Language Professional Knowledge Exam	E. Passing score on the EIPA-Written Test for Content Knowledge.
Sign Language Interpreting Skill Exam	A. A minimum score of 3.5 on the Educational Interpreter Proficiency Assessment (EIPA); OR B. Valid National Association of the Deaf (NAD) Certification—Level IV or higher; OR C. Valid Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) Certification; OR D. Valid National Interpreter Certification (NIC).
CEU's	
Developmental Alternatives (Often "Initial" or "Provisional")	<p>12.2.1. Initial Paraprofessional Certificate-Educational Interpreter.</p> <p>a. General Criteria.- Beginning school year 2008-09 an Initial Paraprofessional Certificate-Educational Interpreter may be issued to a person meeting the requirements specified in §126-136-12.1.1 and §126-136-12.1.3- or equivalent.</p> <p>A passing score on the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment-Written Test (EIPA-WT) satisfies the general conditions for issuance for the following;</p> <p>A. One semester hour of reading; AND B. Three semester hours each of special education, human growth and development or psychology and social studies; AND C. Nine semester hours of electives.</p> <p>b. Specific Conditions of Issuance. – The applicant for the Initial Paraprofessional Certificate-Educational Interpreter must submit evidence of satisfying the following criteria:</p> <p>A. A minimum score of 3.0 on the Educational Interpreter Proficiency Assessment (EIPA); OR B. Valid National Association of the Deaf (NAD) Certification-Level III or higher; OR C. Valid Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) Certification; OR D. Valid National Interpreter Certification (NIC). – The NIC test/certification will be available 2008.</p> <p>12.2.2. Renewal of the Initial Paraprofessional Certificate-Educational Interpreter. – The applicant for licensure must provide evidence of satisfying the following criteria:</p> <p>a. Professional Development Activities. – Complete a minimum of 15 clock hours of WVDE approved professional development activities.</p> <p>b. Recommendation of the Superintendent. – Receive the recommendation of the county superintendent.</p>
Renewals	
Additional Information	Annette Carey, Coordinator for Deaf & Blind 304-558-2696 Comment: Looking at upgrading interpreting to professional level if EIPA 4.0 + degree. Can do this without going to legislature.