

# ARIZONA

Validity of Information	No review comment was received from a state representative for this information by its posting in mid-March, 2012.
Document Title	Arizona 2007 Notice of Final Rulemaking
Date	May, 2007
Related URL's	<p>Three Sections about interpreter licensure  <a href="http://www.azleg.gov/SearchResults.asp?SearchPhrase=interpreters&amp;x=0&amp;y=0&amp;Scope=%2Fars%2F36&amp;SearchedFrom=%2FArizonaRevisedStatutes.asp">http://www.azleg.gov/SearchResults.asp?SearchPhrase=interpreters&amp;x=0&amp;y=0&amp;Scope=%2Fars%2F36&amp;SearchedFrom=%2FArizonaRevisedStatutes.asp</a></p> <p>36-1971. Licensure; acts and persons not affected  <a href="http://www.azleg.gov/search/ooop/qfullhit.asp?CiWebHitsFile=/ars/36/01971.htm&amp;CiRestriction=interpreters">http://www.azleg.gov/search/ooop/qfullhit.asp?CiWebHitsFile=/ars/36/01971.htm&amp;CiRestriction=interpreters</a></p>
Comments	<p>A.R.S. 36-1971 (Licensure of Interpreters)            C. This article does not apply to:            ...5. An interpreter who works in a school in this state pursuant to the individual education plan of a deaf or hard of hearing pupil. The qualifications of an interpreter working in a school in this state shall be determined by the individualized education program team. A school district shall inform a parent or guardian of a deaf or hard of hearing pupil of the parent or guardian's right to request a licensed interpreter.</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>Notice of Final Rulemaking:            May 19, 2007 Arizona Administrative Register/Secretary of State, Notice of final rulemaking. Beginning on page 1720 is TITLE 9. HEALTH SERVICES CHAPTER 26. ARIZONA COMMISSION FOR THE DEAF AND THE HARD OF HEARING</p> <hr/> <p>Comment: There is confusion regarding educational interpreting and the licensing requirements. Is it true that an unlicensed interpreter can provide interpreting services for an individual who is 18 years old, on or off campus?</p> <p>Response: <b>A.R.S. § 36-1971(C)(5) exempts from licensing an interpreter who works in a school pursuant to the individual education plan of a deaf or hard-of-hearing pupil.</b> Additionally, the school district is required to inform the parent or guardian of the deaf or hard-of-hearing pupil of the right to request a licensed interpreter. The law says nothing about the age of the pupil. The only requirements for exemption are that the interpreting be provided pursuant to a pupil's IEP and "in a school."</p>
Educational Interpreter Guidelines	

<b>Standards For:</b>	
Formal Academic	
Oral	
Cued Speech	
Sign Language Professional Knowledge Exam	
Sign Language Interpreting Skill Exam	
CEU's	
Developmental Alternatives (Often "Initial" or "Provisional")	
Renewals	
Additional Information	<p>Christi Smith,  Arizona Commission for the DHH  602-542-3323  (Emmet Hassen, Licensing Certification Coordinators, 866-932-8551).</p> <p>Comment: When they were attempting to establish the 2009 state interpreting qualifications, the Department of Education lobbied so hard against it the whole bill was threatened, including the re(framing) of the Arizona Commission of the Deaf, so interpreters working with children in schools were exempted from the standard. Probably budget concern is the cause. Now waiting - Tucson, Phoenix, Rural conference - "all want k-12 interpreters qualified."</p>