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Document Title	IAC Chapter 361 Licensure of Sign Language Interpreters and Transliterators
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Related URL's	http://www.idph.state.ia.us/licensure/laws.asp?board=ihl
Comments	<p>Licensing is from the Bureau of Professional Licensure, Iowa Board of Sign Language Interpreters & Transliterators and applies to all sign language interpreters & transliterators in Iowa, including those working in public schools, with the following exceptions:</p> <p>154E.4 Exceptions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A person shall not practice interpreting or transliterating, or represent that the person is an interpreter, unless the person is licensed under this chapter. 2. This chapter does not prohibit any of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Any person residing outside of the state of Iowa holding a current license from another state that meets the state of Iowa's requirements from providing interpreting or transliterating services in this state for up to fourteen days per calendar year without a license issued pursuant to this chapter. b. Any person from interpreting or transliterating solely in a religious setting with the exception of those working in schools that receive government funding. c. Volunteers working without compensation, including emergency situations, until a licensed interpreter is obtained. d. Any person working as a substitute for a licensed interpreter in an early childhood, elementary, or secondary education setting for no more than thirty school days in a calendar year. e. Students enrolled in a school of interpreting from interpreting only under the direct supervision of a permanently licensed interpreter as part of the student's course of study.
State Handbook	http://educateiowa.gov/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=584&Itemid=1608
Standards for:	
Formal Academic	
Oral	The National Council on Interpreting National Interpreters Certification (NIC) Oral Transliteration Test;
Cued Speech	The Cued Language Transliterator National Certification Examination (CLTNCE)
Sign Language	
Professional Knowledge Exam	645—361.2(154E) Requirements for licensure. (1) National Association of the Deaf (NAD) examination level III or

	<p>above; or</p> <p>(2) One of the following examinations of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf National Testing System (NTS):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Certificate of Interpretation (CI); or 2. Certificate of Transliterating (CT); or 3. Certificate of Interpretation/Certificate of Transliterating (CI/CT); or 4. Interpreting Certificate/Transliterating Certificate (IC/TC); or 5. Comprehensive Skills Certificate (CSC); or 6. Certificate Deaf Interpreter (CDI); or <p>(3) The National Council on Interpreting National Interpreters Certification (NIC) Generalist Test, Certified Deaf Interpreter Test, or Oral Transliteration Test;</p> <p>(4) The Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) with a score of 3.5 or above obtained after December 31, 1999; or</p> <p>(5) The Cued Language Transliterating National Certification Examination (CLTNCE).</p>
Interpreting Skill Exam	<p>362.2(1) The biennial continuing education compliance period shall extend for a two-year period beginning on July 1 of each odd-numbered year and ending on June 30 of the next odd-numbered year. Each biennium, each person who is licensed to practice as a sign language interpreter or transliterator in this state shall be required to complete a minimum of 40 hours of continuing education. A licensee who provides proof of a current National Interpreter Certification or current Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf Certification meets continuing education requirements for that biennium renewal cycle.</p> <p>362.2(3) Requirements for temporary license holders. Beginning July 1, 2009, the temporary license holder shall comply with continuing education requirements at the time of each license renewal including the first renewal of the license. Temporary license holders shall be required to obtain 40 hours as set forth in subparagraph 362.3(2) “a”(2) and paragraph 362.3(2) “b” for each subsequent renewal biennium beginning July 1, 2009. The temporary license holder may use only continuing education hours acquired during the current biennial license period for renewal.</p>
CEU’s	<p>361.2(4) An applicant for licensure who has not successfully completed the board-approved examination set forth in paragraph 361.2(1) “d” but has complied with all other requirements in paragraphs 361.2(1) “a” through “c” shall be issued a temporary license to practice interpreting through the end of the then-current biennial license period. A temporary license holder may renew a temporary license once, for the immediately following biennial license period.</p>
Developmental Alternatives	Licensure by Endorsement 645—361.3(154E) Licensure by endorsement.

<p>(Often "Initial" or "Provisional")</p>	<p>An applicant who has been a licensed sign language interpreter or transliterator under the laws of another jurisdiction shall file an application for licensure by endorsement with the board office. The board may receive by endorsement any applicant from the District of Columbia or another state, territory, province or foreign country who:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Submits to the board a completed application; 2. Pays the licensure fee; 3. Shows evidence of licensure requirements that are similar to those required in Iowa; 4. Provides an equivalency evaluation of foreign educational credentials sent directly from the equivalency service to the board; 5. Provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination scores which shall be sent directly from the examination service to the board; or • A notarized certificate which shall be submitted showing proof of the successful completion of the examination specified in rule 361.2(154E); and 6. Provides verification of license(s) from every jurisdiction in which the applicant has been licensed, sent directly from the jurisdiction(s) to the board office. Web-based verification may be substituted for verification directly from the jurisdiction's board office if the verification provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The licensee's name; • The date of initial licensure; • Current licensure status; and <p>Any disciplinary action taken against the license.</p>
<p>Renewals</p>	<p>645—361.5(154E) License renewal.</p> <p>361.5(1) The biennial license renewal period for a license to practice as a sign language interpreter or transliterator shall begin on July 1 of an odd-numbered year and end on June 30 of the next odd-numbered year. The licensee is responsible for renewing the license prior to its expiration. Failure of the licensee to receive notice from the board does not relieve the licensee of the responsibility for renewing the license.</p> <p>361.5(2) An individual who was issued a license within six months of the license renewal date will not be required to renew the license until the subsequent renewal date two years later.</p> <p>361.5(3) A licensee seeking renewal shall:</p> <p>a. Meet the continuing education requirements as provided in 645—subrules 362.2(1) and 362.2(2) or, in lieu of meeting such requirements, provide proof of a current national interpreter certification issued by an organization recognized by the board (e.g., Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID); National Association of the Deaf (NAD); NAD-RID National Interpreter Certification (NIC)) as evidence of meeting continuing education requirements. A licensee</p>

	whose license was reactivated during the current biennial license period may use continuing education credit earned during the compliance period for the first renewal following reactivation; and <i>b.</i> Submit the completed renewal application and renewal fee before the license expiration date.
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