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| Document Title | Louisiana 11892 - Quality Educators January 2007, Item V.B.3. §407. Educational Interpreter and §408. Educational Transliterator [Cued Speech] |
| Date | January 2007 |
| Related URL's | http://www.doe.state.la.us/divisions/specialp/trans_interpreter.html |
| Comments | There are two basic types of certification for Educational Interpreters: Provisional and Qualified. |
| Educational Interpreter Guidelines | Louisiana Department of Education: Educational Interpreter/Transliterator Services |
| Standards for: | |
| Formal Academic | ... at least a standard high school diploma or a General Equivalency Diploma (GED) |
| Oral | |
| Cued Speech | <p>Provisional Educational Transliterator Certificate</p> <p>a. Eligibility Requirements: Issued to applicants who fulfill one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Hold certification as a cued speech transliterator from a national or state recognized organization or certifying body; or b. Pass the Cued American English Competency Screening. <p>b. Renewal Guidelines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Provisional Educational Transliterator certificate is valid for one year, may be renewed annually at the request of the Louisiana employing authority, and can be held for a maximum of three years. b. This certificate is renewable upon completion of ten contact hours of professional development annually. Course credit leading to a Qualified Educational Transliterator Certificate may be applied toward the ten hours. These hours shall be accrued beginning with the issuance of the Provisional Educational Transliterator Certificate. <p>c. Qualified Educational Transliterator Certificate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Eligibility requirements: Issued to applicants who fulfill the following: b. Pass the Cued Language Transliterator State level Performance Assessment; or attain a level of 3.5 on the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment – Cued Speech (EIPA-CS); and Pass the Cued Language Transliterator State Level Written Assessment. |

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| | <p>d. Renewal Guidelines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. May be renewed every five years at the request of the Louisiana employing authority upon completion of six semester hours of credit or equivalent continuing professional development (90 Contact hours). b. The six hours of credit or 90 equivalent clock hours shall be directly and substantively related to one or more of the permits or certificates held by the applicant or related to the applicant's professional competency. c. These hours shall be accrued beginning the date of issuance of the Qualified Educational Transliterater Certificate. <p>An individual who does not meet Qualified Educational Transliterater Certificate requirements may apply for a provisional certificate.</p> <p>AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6 (A)(10), (11), (15); R.S. 17:7(6); R.S. 17:10; R.S. 17:22(6); R.S. 17:391.1-391.10; R.S. 17:411.</p> <p>HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 32:</p> |
| Sign Language Professional Knowledge Exam | Pass the Educational Interpreter Assessment, Written Test |
| Sign Language Interpreting Skill Exam | Achieve a level of 3.0 on one of the standardized videotape versions of the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment: American Sign Language (ASL), Manually Coded English (MCE), or Pidgin Signed English (PSE) at the Elementary and/or Secondary level. |
| CEU's | The six hours of credit or 90 equivalent clock hours shall be directly and substantively related to one or more of the permits or certificates held by the applicant or related to the applicant's professional competency. |
| Developmental Alternatives (Often "Initial" or "Provisional") | <p>A. Provisional Educational Interpreter Certificate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eligibility Requirements: Issued to applicants who fulfill one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Complete an accredited interpreter preparation program with a minimum of a certificate of completion; b. Hold certification as a sign language interpreter/transliterater by a national or state organization or certifying body; c. Achieve an advanced level or higher, as measured by the Sign Language Proficiency Interview (SLPI) or Sign Communication Proficiency Interview (SCPI); or d. Pass the Pre-Hiring screening of the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA). |

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| | <p>Renewal Guidelines</p> <p>The Provisional Educational Interpreter certificate is valid for one year, may be renewed annually at the request of the Louisiana employing authority, and can be held for a maximum of three years.</p> <p>This certificate is renewable upon completion of ten contact hours of professional development annually. Course credit leading to a Qualified Certificate may be applied towards the ten hours. These hours shall be accrued beginning with the issuance of the Provisional Educational Interpreter Certificate.</p> |
| Renewals | <p>May be renewed every five years at the request of the Louisiana employing authority upon completion of six semester hours of credit or equivalent continuing professional development (90 Contact hours). [Qualified Interpreter]</p> |
| Additional Information | <p>Melodie Sparks, Louisiana Department of Education 225-342-3679</p> <p>Comment: For sign language interpreting – they are considering EIPA 4.0, with an academic requirement for Qualified Interpreter.</p> |