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Language Access Helpful Resources

FAQs & Helpful Resources

Frequently Asked Questions*

- **Q. What knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSA) are needed to become a certified court interpreter?**

A. The following are some of the KSA's needed: Mastery of both English and the foreign language in general and legal terminology; public speaking ; consecutive and simultaneous interpretation; sight translation.

- **Q. My friend/family member needs an interpreter for their next court hearing, what should I do?**

A. Well in advance, please contact your local courthouse or Elected Clerk of the district Court to make your request.

- **Q. After I take the written or oral exam, how long before I receive the results?**

A. Oral or written exam results are sent to the candidate by mail, 4-6 weeks after the exam date.

- **Q. How long does it take to become a certified court interpreter?**

A. The Idaho training for certification cycle is 9 months in length. An interpreter is considered certified only when they have passed the written and oral exams.

- **Q. How much does it cost to become a certified court interpreter?**

A. The current state sponsored training and exam costs are found on the registration forms and at isc.idaho.gov/court-interpreter/certification-training [1].

- **Q. I need a legal document translated. Who do I contact?**

A. Using the Idaho Supreme Court rosters, you can contact certified court interpreters for the language in question or search for a translator using a reputable source e.g. ATA or NAJIT

- **Q. Is there an interpreter certification process for American Sign Language?**

A. Since January 2016, the SC: L legal interpreter certification for American Sign Language interpreters has been under moratorium.

- **Q. Is certification by reciprocity available in Idaho?**

A. Yes. Follow the normal application process and include:

> Proof of attendance for a court interpreter orientation & ethics training/workshop.



- > *Proof of passing the written screening examination. (Minimum passing score: 80%)*
- > *Proof of court interpreter certification (passing all three sections of the exam with a minimum of 70 percent).*
- > *Proof of actively interpreting during the last 12 months.*

***As of July 1, 2020, all information was accurate.**

Reference Material Links

- [ACEBO Recommended Reference List](#) [2]
- [NCSC Oral Exam Practice Materials](#) [3]

Helpful Links

- [ACEBO](#) [4]
- [American Translators Association](#) [5]
- [NCSC Interpreter Resources](#) [6]
- [Federal Court Interpreting Certification Program](#) [7]
- [Idaho Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing](#) [8]
- [National Association of Judicial Interpreters and Translators](#) [9]
- [Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf](#) [10]

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Links

[1] <https://isc.idaho.gov/court-interpreter/certification-training> [2] <http://www.acebo.com/pages/recommended-reading-general> [3] <https://www.ncsc.org/education-and-careers/state-interpreter-certification/court-interpreter-practice-materials> [4] <http://www.aceboproducts.com/pages/recommended-reading-general> [5] <http://www.atanet.org/> [6] <http://www.ncsc.org/Education-and-Careers/State-Interpreter-Certification.aspx> [7] <http://www.uscourts.gov/services-forms/federal-court-interpreters> [8] <http://www.cdhh.idaho.gov/> [9] <http://www.najit.org/> [10] <http://www.rid.org/>