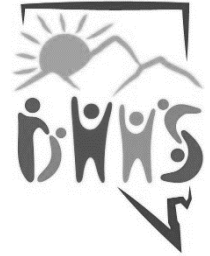




Department of Health and Human Services  
Aging and Disability Services Division  
**Communication Access Services Program**



## **NRS 656A: Nevada Interpreter / CART Regulations**

*\*For a glossary of acronyms used, see the last page of this document.*

It is **unlawful** for a person to engage in the practice of interpreting or the practice of realtime captioning in the State without registration (NRS 656A.800)

**“Practice of interpreting”** means the facilitation of communication between persons who are deaf or whose hearing is impaired and other persons (NRS 656A.060)

**“Practice of realtime captioning”** means the facilitation of communication between persons who are deaf or whose hearing is impaired and other persons through the use of Communication Access Realtime Translation (NRS 656A.062)

### **Registration Classifications**

All registrants must:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Have a high school diploma or equivalency
- Sign and adhere to a professional code of conduct

### **Community Interpreter**

**“Community Setting”** means any setting that is not an Educational Setting (NRS 656A.027)

*\*See below for Educational Setting definition*

### **Community – Apprentice (NAC 656A.240)**

Requirements:

- EIPA 3.5-3.9 or
- A Deaf Interpreter in process of becoming a CDI

Scope of Practice:

Can only work in the community when teamed; cannot work in legal or medical settings; cannot work in educational K-12 settings.

Registration Requirements:

A Professional Development Plan AND a Mentoring Agreement

Renewal Requirements: (see what the State deems as acceptable documentation at the end of this document)

- Renew registration every **three** years
- Provide proof of **75 hours** of professional development by using the State’s Professional Development Plan
- Provide proof of **40 hours** of mentoring by completing the State’s Mentoring Log with both the interpreter’s and the mentor’s signatures.

## Community Interpreter (continued)

### **Community – Skilled** (NAC 656A.250)

#### Requirements:

- RID NIC or
- RID CI or
- RID CT or
- NAD III or
- EIPA 4.0 -4.7 AND  
RID Ed: K-12

#### Scope of Practice:

May work in legal, medical or postsecondary educational settings with due caution.

#### Continuing Education Requirements:

RID's Certification Maintenance Program (CMP)

Renewal Requirements: (see what the State deems as acceptable documentation at the end of this document)

- Renew registration every **five** years
- Participate in RID's CMP program
- Have a valid, current RID registration
- Upload current RID card annually to ensure the interpreter is maintaining certification

### **Community – Advanced** (NAC 656A.260)

#### Requirements:

- RID NIC: Advanced or
- RID CI AND CT or
- RID CSC or
- RID CDI or
- NAD IV or
- EIPA 4.8-5.0 AND Ed: K-12

#### Scope of Practice:

May work in legal, medical or postsecondary educational settings with due caution.

#### Continuing Education Requirements:

RID's Certification Maintenance Program (CMP)

#### Renewal Requirements:

- Renew registration every **five** years
- Participate in RID's CMP program
- Have a valid, current RID registration
- Upload current RID card to ensure the interpreter is meeting the requirements of RID's CMP program

### **Community – Master** (NAC 656A.270)

#### Requirements:

- RID NIC: Master or
- RID MCSC or
- RID SC: L or
- RID CDI (with  
specialized medical or  
legal training) or
- NAD V

#### Scope of Practice:

May work in legal, medical or postsecondary educational settings with due caution.

#### Continuing Education Requirements:

RID's CMP Program

#### Renewal Requirements:

- Renew registration every **five** years
- Participate in RID's CMP program
- Have a valid, current RID registration
- Upload current RID card to ensure the interpreter is meeting the requirements of RID's CMP program

## Educational Interpreters

“**Educational Setting**” means a public school, private school or charter school in this State  
(NRS 656A.029)

\*Educational Interpreters should only engage in the practice of interpreting for appropriate, grade-level (Elementary or Secondary) communication with students in K – 12 educational settings.

(Please refer to each Scope of Practice)

### **Educational – Apprentice** (NAC 656A.290)

#### Requirements:

- EIPA 3.0 AND EIPA Written Test or
- ESSE: I Level 3 AND EIPA Written Test (Valid for one (1) year only)

#### Scope of Practice:

Can only work in the grade-level (Elementary or Secondary) and modality (ASL, PSE, or MCE) assessed

#### Report to Division:

- Grade level in which he or she serves;
- Modality he or she uses;
- Supervisor’s name and contact information; and
- Any other information requested

#### Registration Requirements:

A Professional Development Plan AND a Mentoring Agreement

#### Renewal Requirements: *(see what the State deems as acceptable documentation at the end of this document)*

- Renew registration every **three** years
- Provide proof of **75 hours** of professional development by using the State’s Professional Development Plan
- Provide proof of **40 hours** of mentoring by completing the State’s Mentoring Log with both the interpreter’s and the mentor’s signatures.

### **Educational – Intermediate** (NAC 656A.300)

#### Requirements:

- EIPA 3.1-3.9 AND EIPA Written Test or
- ESSE: I Level 4 AND EIPA Written Test (Valid for one (1) year only)

#### Scope of Practice:

Can only work in the grade-level (Elementary or Secondary) and modality (ASL, PSE, or MCE) assessed

#### Report to Division:

- Grade level in which he or she serves;
- Modality he or she uses;
- Supervisor’s name and contact information; and
- Any other information requested

#### Registration Requirements:

A Professional Development Plan AND a Mentoring Agreement

#### Renewal Requirements: *(see what the State deems as acceptable documentation at the end of this document)*

- Renew registration every **three** years
- Provide proof of **75 hours** of professional development by using the State’s Professional Development Plan
- Provide proof of **40 hours** of mentoring by completing the State’s Mentoring Log with both the interpreter’s and the mentor’s signatures.

## Educational Interpreters (continued)

### **Educational – Advanced (NAC656A.310)**

#### Requirements:

- EIPA 4.0-5.0 AND EIPA Written Test; or
- ESSE: I Level 5 AND EIPA Written Test (Valid for one (1) year only); or
- RID Certification AND EIPA Written Test

#### Scope of Practice:

Can work in both grade levels (Elementary and Secondary), and only in the modality (ASL, PSE, or MCE) assessed

#### Report to Division:

- Grade level in which he or she serves;
- Modality he or she uses;
- Supervisor's name and contact information; and
- Any other information requested

#### Registration Requirements:

A Professional Development Plan or RID's Certification Maintenance Program (CMP)

#### Renewal Requirements: *(see what the State deems as acceptable documentation at the end of this document)*

- For EIPA holders: Renew registration every **three** years
- For EIPA an holders: Provide proof of **75 hours** of professional development by using the State's Professional Development Plan
- For RID Certification holders: Renew registration every **five** years
- For RID Certification holders: Participate in RID's CMP program and upload current RID card every year.

## Communication Access Realtime Translation

### **CART or Realtime Captioning Provider (NAC 656A.230)**

#### Requirements:

- Certified Court Reporters Board of Nevada Certification; or
- National Court Reporters Association Certification as a:
  - Registered Professional Reporter;
  - Certified Communication Access Realtime Translation provider;
  - Certified Broadcast Captioner; or
- A State licensing board Certification with a minimum skills assessment of 200 words per minute

#### Scope of Practice:

Accept each assignment with due caution and care commensurate with his or her skills and experience

#### Renewal Requirement:

- Renew every **five** years
- Maintain Certification

## **Acceptable Documentation**

### **Initial Application**

#### **Education Requirement:**

- High school diploma or transcript, GED or equivalent; or
- Transcript or degree certificate from a post-secondary institution

#### **Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) Certification(s):**

- Copy of your current RID card; or
- Letter from RID on letterhead indicating current RID status  
*(\*Please note\* a copy of your actual certification is not sufficient proof that your RID membership is current, and your certification is in good standing)*

#### **Educational Interpreters Proficient Assessment (EIPA):**

- For the EIPA performance score:
  - The first page of the EIPA score breakdown document; or
  - EIPA Performance Certification
- For the EIPA written test: EIPA Written Certificate

### **Renewal Application**

#### **Mentoring Documentation (if required per classification):**

- ADSD Mentor Agreement\* – signed by the interpreter and the mentor(s)
- ADSD Mentoring Log\* – signed by the interpreter and the mentor(s)

#### **Professional Development (If required per classification):**

- ADSD Professional Development Plan\*
- Certificates of completion of professional development event from an RID sponsored activity
- Certificates of completion of professional development event NOT from RID sponsored activity  
*(which must include ALL of the following on the certificate):*
  - Interpreter's name
  - Date and times of the event
  - Title of event
  - Instructor's name and credentials
  - Area of focus (Study of language/linguistics; Study of Deaf Culture; Interpreting Theory; or Interpreting Skills)
  - Type of event (In-person training; On-line training; Distance learning; College class; Conference; Other)
- ADSD Professional Development Log\* for all events where the certificate does not include the above-mentioned information.

\*All ADSD forms can be found at: [http://adsd.nv.gov/Programs/Physical/ComAccessSvc/Interpreter\\_Registry/Interpreter\\_Registry/](http://adsd.nv.gov/Programs/Physical/ComAccessSvc/Interpreter_Registry/Interpreter_Registry/)

## **Glossary of Terms**

**ACET**: Associate Continuing Education Tracking

**ASL**: American Sign Language

**CDI**: Certified Deaf Interpreter

**CI**: Certificate of Interpretation

**CMP**: Certification Maintenance Program

**CSC**: Comprehensive Skills Certificate

**CT**: Certificate of Transliteration

**Ed K-12**: Educational Kindergarten – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Certification

**EIPA**: Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment

**ESSE:I**: Educational Sign Skills Evaluation – Interpreting

**MCE**: Manually Coded English

**MCSC**: Master Comprehensive Skills Certificate

**NAC**: Nevada Administrative Code

**NAD**: National Association of the Deaf

**NIC**: National Interpreting Certification

**NRS**: Nevada Revised Statute

**PSE**: Pidgin Signed English

**RID**: Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf

**SC:L**: Specialist Certificate: Legal

## **Website**

[http://adsd.nv.gov/Programs/Physical/ComAccessSvc/Interpreter\\_Registry/Interpreter\\_Registry/](http://adsd.nv.gov/Programs/Physical/ComAccessSvc/Interpreter_Registry/Interpreter_Registry/)

## **Contact**

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775-546-2855 (Video Phone)