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Agenda

1. Overview of the Nevada Interpreter/CART Registry
2. Changes to the registration requirements implemented on August 1, 2023
3. Impact



Nevada Revised Statute 656A

Nevada Administrative Code 656A

The Nevada Interpreter/CART Registry (the Registry) is a list of sign language interpreters and Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) providers who meet the minimum qualifications in this State as required by Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 656A.

- NRS 656A was created in 2001 by Senate Bill 245 and has been updated three times: Senate Bill 134 (2005), Senate Bill 473 (2007), and Senate Bill 179 (2021).
- NAC 656A was created in 2008 by Legislative Council Bureau File # R210-08 and has been updated three times: R151-09 (2009), R014-12 (2012), R016-22P (2022).



Settings

K-12 Educational

All communication relating to participation by pupils in educational programming or any other activity provided by or through a public school, school district, or private school in this State. (NRS 656A.0625)

Community

Any setting that is not a primary or secondary educational setting. The term includes, a postsecondary educational setting, a legal setting, and a medical setting. (NRS 656A.027)



Changes to Classifications

Old Classifications:

Educational

- Apprentice
- Intermediate
- Advanced

Community

- Apprentice
- Skilled
- Advanced
- Master

New Classifications:

Educational

- Educational Interpreter
- Provisional Educational Interpreter

Community

- Community Interpreter
- Provisional Community Interpreter

Student

- Student Interpreter



Changes to requirements for Educational Interpreters

Old Minimum Requirements:

Education: High school diploma or G.E.D.

Credentials: EIPA 3.0+ or certification and EIPA Written Knowledge Test

Renewal requirements:

- 75 hours of professional development and 40 hours of mentoring every 3 years
- 75 hours of professional development every 3 years (EIPA 4.0+)
- Certification maintenance

New Minimum Requirements:

Education: 4-year degree* or educational equivalency from RID

Credentials: EIPA 3.5 or certification and EIPA Written Knowledge Test

Renewal requirements:

- 20 hours of professional development and 20 hours of mentoring every year
- 20 hours of professional development every year (EIPA 4.0+)
- Certification maintenance



Changes to requirements for Community Interpreters

Old Minimum Requirements:

Education: High school diploma or G.E.D.

Credentials: Certification or EIPA 3.5+

Renewal requirements:

- 75 hours of professional development and 40 hours of mentoring every 3 years
- 75 hours of professional development every 3 years (EIPA 4.0+)
- Certification maintenance

New Minimum Requirements:

Education: 4-year degree* or educational equivalency from RID

Credentials: Certification or EIPA 3.5+ or completion of qualifying ITP and Certification knowledge exam

Renewal requirements:

- 20 hours of professional development and 20 hours of mentoring every year
- 20 hours of professional development every year (EIPA 4.0+)
- Certification maintenance

*Exemptions available



Scope of practice

Educational Interpreters:

You may provide interpreting services in PreK-12 educational settings in Nevada, which include primary and secondary levels. It is your responsibility to determine if you are qualified for each event based on your **knowledge, skills, and abilities.**

Community Interpreters:

You may provide interpreting services in community settings in Nevada, which include postsecondary education, medical, and legal. It is your responsibility to determine if you are qualified for each event based on your **knowledge, skills, and abilities.**

Provisional

May **not** interpret in legal settings.



Nevada Registered Interpreter Code of Ethics

https://adsd.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/adsdnvgov/content/Programs/Physical/ComAccessSvc/Interpreter_Registry/Registered_Interpreter_Code_of_Ethics.pdf

Registered interpreters must adhere to the Registered Interpreter Code of Ethics as described in NAC 656A.

Consumers of interpreting services may file a complaint against an interpreter's registration for violating the Code of Ethics.

If a registered interpreter is found in violation of one of the tenets of the Code of Ethics, they may be subject to disciplinary action.



Impact

- NRS 656A is a consumer protection law - providing minimum credential standards for interpreters and providing an official complaint process
- Balancing quality and quantity: Considering National best practices in relation to dynamics statewide
- 5-year transition to new requirements
- Minimum standards do not guarantee quality



Registered Interpreters

(Registration categories, not individual people)

Educational Interpreters

As of August 1, 2023:

In-State Total: 102

Out of State Total: 32

As of May 31, 2024:

In-State Total: 115

Out of State Total: 33

Community Interpreters

As of August 1, 2023:

In-State Total: 138

Out of State Total: 350

As of May 31, 2024:

In-State Total: 153

Out of State Total: 279



Registered Interpreters

(As of May 31, 2024)

Educational Interpreters:

In-State Total:	115
• Certified:	35
• EIPA:	39
• Provisional:	41

Community Interpreters:

In-State Total:	153
• Certified:	80
• EIPA:	42
• Provisional:	31



Questions?



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