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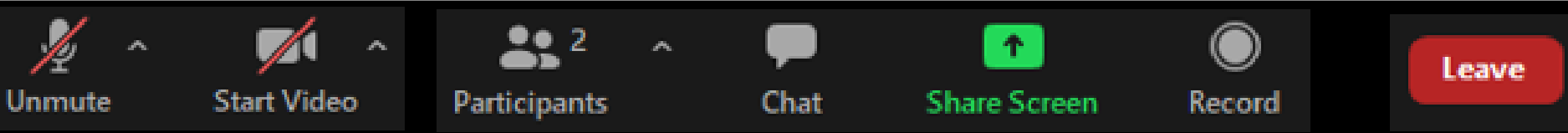
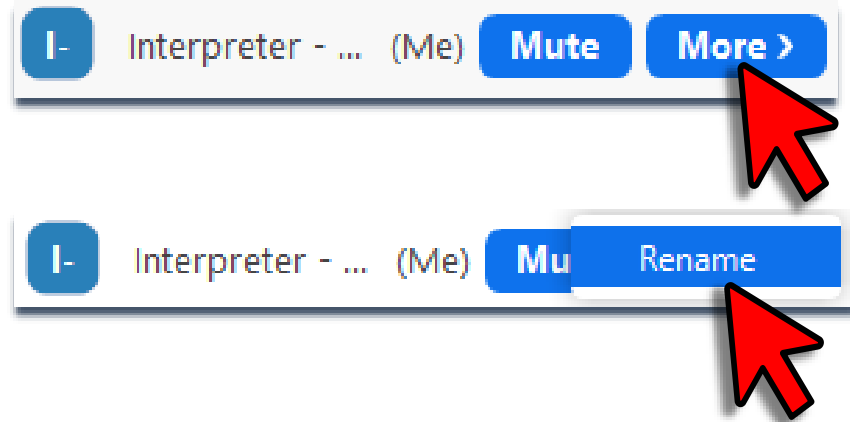
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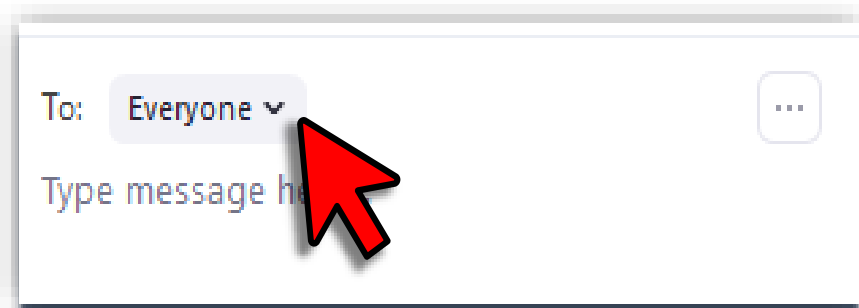
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Agenda

1. Purpose of a hearing
2. Public comment
3. Discussion of updated regulations
4. Public comment
5. Adjourn



Purpose of this hearing

In Nevada, a hearing is given so that new or updated regulations can be officially read into the record.

You can let us know what you think about the updated regulations during public comment.





Q & A session

October 12, 2022, 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Online - Zoom

We will have a Q & A session on the updated law and regulations.

- Interpreter registration requirements will **not** change until August 1, 2023.
- After August 1, 2023, there is a 5-year transition period to meet the updated requirements.

Please send your questions to:

InterpreterRegistry@adsd.nv.gov



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2. Public Comment





3. Discussion of Updated Regulations



Community Interpreters



Minimum education:

- Bachelor's degree in any field or approved educational equivalency*

Minimum Credentials:

- A nationally recognized sign language interpreter or transliterator certification (NRS 656A.100); or
- EIPA score of 4.0+ and nationally recognized certification knowledge examination

*Only applies to **new** applicants on or after August 1, 2023. Interpreters who are registered before August 1, 2023 will not be required to have a bachelor's degree to maintain registration.





Community Interpreters



Scope of Practice:

May interpret in legal, medical, or postsecondary educational settings with due caution and care commensurate with their skills and experience



Community Interpreters



Registration renewal:

- Maintain certification; or
- Participation in at least 20 hours of approved professional development every year

All renewals will be annual on August 1 every year.





Provisional Registration

Provisional registration is limited to 5-years total.

Interpreters must meet the requirements for professional registration at or before the 5-year limit or they will no longer be able to register.

Provisional Community

Interpreters (limited to 5 years)



Minimum education:

- Associate's degree in any field*

Minimum credentials:

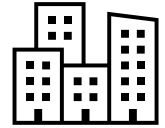
- EIPA score of 3.5+ and a nationally recognized certification knowledge examination; or
- Completion of an approved interpreter training program and a passing score on a nationally recognized certification knowledge examination

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Provisional Community

Interpreters (limited to 5 years)



Scope of Practice:

May interpret in medical or postsecondary educational settings with due caution and care commensurate with their skills and experience. May not interpret in legal settings.



Provisional Community Interpreters (limited to 5 years)



Registration renewal:

- Participation in at least 20 hours of approved professional development every year; and
- Participation in at least 20 hours of mentoring every year

All renewals will be annual on August 1 every year.



Educational Interpreters



Minimum education:

- Bachelor's degree in any field or approved educational equivalency*

Minimum Credentials:

- EIPA 4.0+ and a passing score on the EIPA Written Knowledge Test; or
- A nationally recognized sign language interpreter or transliterator certification and a passing score on the EIPA Written Knowledge Test

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Educational Interpreters



Scope of Practice:

Will accept educational assignments with due caution and care commensurate with their knowledge and experience.





Educational Interpreters



Registration renewal:

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- Maintain certification

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Provisional Educational Interpreters (limited to 5 years)



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Minimum credentials:

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Provisional Educational Interpreters (limited to 5 years)



Scope of Practice:

Will accept educational assignments with due caution and care commensurate with their knowledge and experience.



Provisional Educational Interpreters (limited to 5 years)



Registration renewal:

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- Participation in at least 20 hours of mentoring every year

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Student Interpreters



Minimum requirements:

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Have a high school diploma or G.E.D.
- Be currently enrolled in an ITP course that requires practicum or internship experience

Scope of practice:

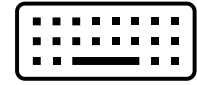
- Must not provide interpreting in medical or legal settings
- Must be supervised at all times by a registered interpreter

Registration renewal:

- Registration will expire upon completion of the course, may be renewed as needed



CART Providers



Minimum education:

- Have a high school diploma or G.E.D.

Minimum credentials:

- Certified Court Reporters Board of Nevada Certification; or
- Any other State licensing board or national organization with a minimum skills assessment of 200 words per minute

Scope of practice:

- Accept each assignment with due caution and care commensurate with their skills and experience

Registration renewal:

- Maintain certification

Nationally recognized sign language interpreter or transliterator certification

1. The organization that issues the certification prescribes a process by which a person may submit a grievance against a holder of a certification; and
2. To receive certification, a person must achieve passing scores on a knowledge exam, ethics exam, and performance exam.
3. To maintain certification, the person must complete an average of at least 20 hours of professional development each year.



Approved interpreter training program

1. The program is offered by an accredited college or university; and
2. Students are required to provide interpreting services in the field under supervision (i.e. internship or practicum course)



Mentor Definition

A professional mentor must be a person who is:

1. Registered as an interpreter, or meets the requirements to register; or
2. Is approved by the Division and will provide individualized mentoring in the field of sign language interpreting, has identified specific goals and outcomes of the mentoring relationship, and will use materials and resources when necessary

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5. Adjourn

You may send public comments in English by writing to:
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Or in ASL by leaving a Signmail message at: (775) 434-0237

Thank you!



Definitions

- CART-- Communication Access Realtime Translation
- EIPA – Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment
- GED – General Educational Development
- ITP – Interpreter Training Program
- NAC – Nevada Administrative Code
- NRS – Nevada Revised Statute



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