



Department of Health and Human Services

Aging and Disability Services Division

Communication Access Services Program

The Nevada Interpreter/CART Registry

If you have any questions about the information provided in this document, please contact the Nevada Interpreter/CART Registry at InterpreterRegistry@adsd.nv.gov.

Overview

Registration

Sign language interpreters and Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) providers who provide services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals must be registered with the Nevada Interpreter/CART Registry. Registration is required in the appropriate category based on the settings in which services are provided. Registered interpreters and CART providers may only provide services following the scope of practice that matches their registration category.

Interpreters who meet the minimum qualifications but do not yet hold full credentials may register under a Provisional Interpreter category for up to five (5) years while working toward full registration.

The registration process ensures that all interpreters and CART providers:

- Meet minimum credential requirements
- Participate in ongoing professional development
- Adhere to the Nevada Code of Ethics for Registered Interpreters or the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA) Code of Professional Ethics

There is no cost to register or renew.

Registration Renewal Requirements

Registered interpreters must renew their registration annually by providing proof of participation in professional development.

Interpreters registered under a Provisional Interpreter category must provide proof participation in professional development and mentoring to renew.

- Registration cycles in Nevada are August 1 – July 31 each year.
- The renewal period opens in May, and interpreters and CART providers must complete renewal before August 1.
- There is a 30-day grace period after August 1 for late renewals.

Compliance and Accountability

Registered interpreters are subject to the complaint process, ensuring professional accountability and ethical standards in service delivery. (More information on page 10)

Registration Application Process

Please read the information in this document carefully, then visit our website and select the application that fits your needs. Please have ready to upload the required documents as listed under the Qualification Requirements section. Complete applications are typically processed within two (2) weeks. Application information will be sent via email from InterpreterRegistry@adsd.nv.gov.

Definitions

It is **unlawful** for a person to engage in the practice of sign language 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](#))

Registered Interpreter and CART Provider Responsibilities

By registering with the Nevada Interpreter/CART Registry, interpreters and CART providers agree to do the following:

1. **Documentation of Credentials and Education:** Provide up-to-date and accurate documentation to verify credentials and education as required. Changes in credentials must be provided to the Registry within 30 days.
2. **Record Maintenance:** Keep precise records of registration renewal requirements, including professional development and mentoring hours as required.
3. **Credential Presentation:** Present accurate and current credentials, including registration status, upon request by consumers, potential consumers, hiring entities, or anyone else.
4. **Registry Records:** Ensure that all records with the Registry, including email addresses, are accurate and current.
5. **Ethics:** Registered interpreters must adhere to the Nevada Code of Ethics for Registered Interpreters. Registered CART Providers must adhere to the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA) Code of Professional Ethics.
6. **Cooperation with Investigations:** Fully cooperate with complaint investigations and processing.

Registration Categories

Community Interpreter

Educational Interpreter

Community & Educational Interpreter

Provisional Community Interpreter

Provisional Educational Interpreter

Provisional Community & Educational Interpreter

Student Interpreter

CART Provider

Interpreters and CART providers must be registered in the appropriate category based on the setting(s) in which they provide services. Registered interpreters and captioning providers may only provide services in a manner that follows the scope of practice that matches their registration category. (Scopes of practice are described under each qualification requirement category below)

Settings defined

Community setting means any setting that is not a primary or secondary educational setting. The term includes, without limitation, a postsecondary educational setting, a legal setting and a medical setting. ([NRS 656A.027](#))

Legal setting means 1. A communication with a law enforcement officer, as defined in NRS 197B.070, relates to a criminal investigation; 2. A communication with an attorney who is acting in his or her professional capacity; 3. A negotiation for a contract for which the estimated amount required to perform the contract is \$1,000 or more; or 4. A judicial proceeding. ([NRS 656A.033](#))

Medical setting means any communication between a provider of health care, as defined in NRS 629.031, and a patient or person acting on behalf of the patient concerning the provision of health care to the patient. ([NRS 656A.035](#))

Postsecondary educational setting means communication relating to the participation by students in curricular or extracurricular programming provided by or through: 1. A university, college, or community college within the Nevada System of Higher Education; or 2. A postsecondary educational institution, as defined in NRS 394.099 ([NRS 656A.055](#))

Primary or secondary educational setting means 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](#))

Exceptions

Registration is not required to provide sign language interpreting or CART services for religious or civic non-profit organizations, or in situations where a qualified interpreter is not required by federal law.

Qualification Requirements

Items with an asterisk (*) indicate there is a temporary or permanent waiver available.

See page 6 for waiver information.

Community Interpreter Registration <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Education: 4-year degree in any field* or RID alternative pathway2. Knowledge test: Certification knowledge exam*3. Performance test: Certification from a recognized certifying body, or EIPA 4.0+	Educational Interpreter Registration <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Education: 4-year degree in any field* or RID alternative pathway2. Knowledge test: EIPA Written Knowledge Test3. Performance test: EIPA 4.0+, or Certification from a recognized certifying body
Provisional Community Interpreter Registration <p><i>Provisional registration is limited to 5 years total</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Education: 2-year degree in any field*2. Knowledge test: Certification knowledge exam*3. Performance test: EIPA 3.5+, or provisional certification, or completion of an approved interpreting degree program	Provisional Educational Interpreter Registration <p><i>Provisional registration is limited to 5 years total</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Education: 2-year degree in any field*2. Knowledge test: EIPA Written Knowledge Test*3. Performance test: EIPA 3.5+

Community Interpreter Registration

Community setting means any setting that is not a primary or secondary educational setting. The term includes, without limitation, a postsecondary educational setting, a legal setting and a medical setting. ([NRS 656A.027](#))

Community Interpreter Registration (NAC 656A.240)

Minimum Requirements

1. Education:
 - Bachelor's degree* in any field, or approved RID alternative pathway
2. Knowledge test:
 - A knowledge test* from a [recognized certifying body](#)
3. Performance test:
 - Interpreter or Transliterator certification from a [recognized certifying body](#); or
 - EIPA 4.0+

Scope of Practice

Community Interpreters may provide interpreting services in community settings in Nevada, which include postsecondary education, medical, and legal. Each Community Interpreter is responsible for determining if they are qualified for each event based on their knowledge, skills, and abilities.

Provisional Community Interpreter Registration

Provisional registration is limited to five (5) years total.

Provisionally registered interpreters must advance their credentials within five (5) years to qualify for Community Interpreter registration. Individuals who do not meet the credentialing requirements for Community Interpreter registration by the 5-year provisional status deadline will no longer be eligible to renew or reapply under either Provisional Interpreter category.

Minimum Requirements

1. Education:
 - Associate's degree* in any field
2. Knowledge test:
 - A knowledge test* from a [recognized certifying body](#);
3. Performance test:
 - EIPA 3.5+; or
 - Provisional/novice certification from a [recognized certifying body](#); or
 - Completion of an [approved interpreting degree program](#)

Scope of Practice

Provisional Community Interpreters may provide interpreting services in community settings in Nevada, which include postsecondary education and medical. Provisional Community Interpreters are NOT allowed to interpret in legal settings. Each Provisional Community Interpreter is responsible for determining if they are qualified for each event based on their knowledge, skills, and abilities.

Primary or Secondary Educational Interpreter Registration

Primary or secondary educational setting means 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](#))

Educational Interpreter Registration (NAC 656A.290)

Minimum Requirements

1. Education:
 - Bachelor's degree* in any field, or approved RID alternative pathway
2. Knowledge test:
 - The EIPA Written Knowledge Test*
3. Performance test:
 - EIPA 4.0+; or
 - Interpreter or Transliterators certification from a [recognized certifying body](#)

Scope of Practice

Educational Interpreters may provide interpreting services in PreK-12 educational settings in Nevada, which include primary and secondary levels. Each Educational Interpreter is responsible for determining if they are qualified for each event based on their knowledge, skills, and abilities

Provisional Educational Interpreter Registration

Provisional registration is limited to five (5) years total.

Provisionally registered interpreters must advance their credentials within five (5) years to qualify for Educational Interpreter registration. Individuals who do not meet the credentialing requirements for Educational Interpreter registration by the 5-year provisional status deadline will no longer be eligible to renew or reapply under either Provisional Interpreter category.

Minimum Requirements

1. Education:
 - Associate's degree* in any field
2. Knowledge test:
 - The EIPA Written Knowledge Test*
3. Performance test:
 - EIPA 3.5+; or
 - Provisional/novice certification from a [recognized certifying body](#)

Scope of Practice

Educational Interpreters may provide interpreting services in PreK-12 educational settings in Nevada, which include primary and secondary levels. Each Educational Interpreter is responsible for determining if they are qualified for each event based on their knowledge, skills, and abilities.

Student Interpreter Registration

Student Interpreter registration is for individuals who are currently enrolled in an approved interpreting degree program course that requires experience providing sign language interpreting in community, or primary or secondary educational settings (i.e., internship or practicum courses). Student Interpreter registration is valid only for fulfilling the requirements of the course and expires upon completion of or withdrawal from the course.

Student Interpreter Registration

Minimum Requirements

1. Education:
 - High school diploma or equivalent
2. Proof of enrollment:
 - Class schedule or transcript showing current enrollment in a course that requires experience providing interpreting; or
 - A letter from the institution verifying enrollment in a course that requires experience providing interpreting

Scope of Practice

May provide interpreting services in community and educational settings in Nevada as needed to complete course requirements. Student Interpreters are NOT allowed to interpret in legal or medical settings. Student Interpreters must be supervised by a registered interpreter while interpreting. Each Student Interpreter is responsible for determining if they are qualified for each event based on their knowledge, skills, and abilities.

Communication Access Realtime Translation Provider Registration

CART Provider Registration (NAC 656A.230)

Minimum Requirements

1. Education:
 - High school diploma or equivalent
2. Professional 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

CART Providers may provide CART services in Nevada. Each CART Provider is responsible for determining if they are qualified for each event based on their knowledge, skills, and abilities.

Available Waivers

Some registration requirements may be waived either permanently or temporarily if the interpreter meets the criteria listed below.

Degree requirement

- Permanent waiver: Interpreters who received their certification or EIPA 3.5+ before August 1, 2023, must have a high school diploma or equivalency.

Knowledge exam requirement – community and educational

- Temporary waiver – 1 year: Applicants must meet all other qualification requirements.

Professional development and/or mentoring hours for renewal - extension

- Temporary waiver – 3 months: Request extension.

Documentation Required for Registration

To expedite your application process, please provide the correct documentation with your registration application. Complete applications are typically processed within two (2) weeks. Incomplete applications may require more time. Application information will be sent via email from InterpreterRegistry@adsd.nv.gov.

Proof of education

Applicants must provide proof of education, which may include:

- High school diploma or equivalency
- College degree certificate
- High school or college transcripts (unofficial transcripts are accepted)

All documentation must include:

- The applicant's name
- Name of the school or institution
- Completion date

Proof of passing a knowledge test

For registration as a Community Interpreter or Provisional Community Interpreter, one of the following:

- Official letter from the certifying body indicating a passing score on the knowledge exam
- Current certification from a [recognized certifying body](#) (Certified interpreters and CART providers are not required to submit separate knowledge test documentation)

For registration as an Educational Interpreter or Provisional Educational Interpreter, one of the following:

- Certificate indicating a passing score on the EIPA Written Knowledge Test
- Coaching Report indicating a passing score on the EIPA Written Knowledge Test

Proof of performance test

EIPA credentialed interpreters must provide proof of their performance test score, which must include:

- The applicant's name
- Test date
- EIPA overall score

Interpreters seeking provisional registration must provide proof of at least one of the following:

- EIPA performance test score which includes the applicant's name, test date, and EIPA score
- Provisional or novice certification which includes the applicant's name, certification type, and expiration date
- College transcripts confirming the completing of an approved interpreting degree program, which includes the applicant's name, institution name, and completion date

Certified interpreters and CART providers must provide proof of current certification that includes:

- The applicant's name
- Certification type
- Expiration date

For RID certification, documentation can be a screenshot of your Credly badge or RID member portal that shows the required information or a verification letter.

Credential changes

Registered interpreters and CART providers who experience a change in credentials (updated EIPA score, new certification, revoked or suspended certification, etc.) must notify the Registry within 30 days of the change. Registration status may be updated to reflect the change in credentials.

Renewal Requirements

Registration cycles in Nevada are August 1 – July 31 every year. The renewal period opens in May and renewals must be completed by August 1. There is a 30-day grace period for renewals after August 1. Additionally, there is a 3-month professional development and mentoring hours extension available on request. To request the extension please contact the Registry at InterpreterRegistry@adsd.nv.gov or 775-515-5452 (Voice/Text).

Registrations not renewed by the renewal date will expire, and the individual will no longer be registered. Lapsed registrations can be renewed up to 2 years after the expiration date by submitting the required documentation to renew. After 2 years, the individual may submit a new application for registration. Please note, it is illegal to provide interpreting or CART services in Nevada without registration.

Requirements for renewal vary by credential type:

Certified interpreters and CART providers Maintain certification	EIPA 4.0+ credentialed interpreters 20 hours of professional development
Provisionally registered interpreters 20 hours of professional development and 20 hours of mentoring	Student interpreters Cannot be renewed

Certified interpreters and CART providers must show proof of their updated certification.

Documentation must include:

- The interpreter's name
- Type of certification
- Expiration date – must be after July 31 of the renewal year.

EIPA 4.0+ credentialed interpreters must show proof of participation in 20 hours of professional development during the immediately preceding registration year. This period begins on their initial registration date or most recent renewal and runs until July 31 of the renewal year. (See page 9 for professional development criteria)

Professional development documentation must include:

- The interpreter's name
- Date(s) of activity(ies)
- Total hours completed
- The name of the sponsoring or hosting entity

Provisionally registered interpreters must show proof of participation in 20 hours of professional development and 20 hours of mentoring during the immediately preceding registration year. This period begins on their initial registration date or most recent renewal and runs until July 31 of the renewal year. (See page 9 for professional development and mentoring criteria)

Professional development documentation must include:

- The interpreter's name
- Date(s) of activity(ies)
- Total hours completed
- The name of the sponsoring or hosting entity

Mentoring logs must include:

- The interpreter's name
- The mentor's name
- Dates and brief descriptions of mentoring activities
- Time spent on each activity
- Total time for all mentoring activities

Mentors will electronically sign the log to confirm its accuracy. For a **mentoring log template**, please contact InterpreterRegistry@adsd.nv.gov or 775-515-5452 (Voice/Text).

Student Interpreter registration cannot be renewed. However, students may submit additional Student Interpreter applications as needed to complete their program requirements.

Professional Development

Professional Development is required for all registered interpreters.

- Certified interpreters must maintain their certification as proof of their professional development hours.
- EIPA credentialed and provisional interpreters must provide proof of participation in at least **20 hours per year** of professional development. Documentation must include the interpreter's name, date(s) of activity(ies), total hours or credits completed, and the name of the sponsoring or hosting entity.

Professional development must consist of educational activities designed to improve the performance of an interpreter. Professional development must be related to studies in language, linguistics, culture, ethics, theory of interpreting, skills for interpreting, or another topic specific to the work of the interpreter.

Professional Development hours will only be accepted if they have been approved by a certifying body (e.g., Registry of Interpreter for the Deaf (RID), American Translators Association (ATA), Certification Commission for Healthcare Interpreters (CCHI), International Medical Interpreters Association (IMIA), etc.) or is college coursework taken for credit at an accredited institution.

Professional development activity	Professional development hours
An event with approved Continuing Education Units by a recognized body	60 minutes equals 1 professional development hour
Accredited college coursework – semester system	1 semester credit with a grade of C or better equals 15 professional development hours (e.g., a 3-credit course = 45 PD hours)
Accredited college coursework – quarter system	1 quarter credit with a grade of C or better equals 10 professional development hours (e.g., a 3-credit course = 30 PD hours)

Mentoring

Mentoring is required for provisionally registered interpreters. They must provide proof of participation in at least 20 hours of mentoring per year as part of their renewal application. Mentoring logs must include:

- The interpreter's name
- The mentor's name
- Dates and brief descriptions of mentoring activities - descriptions will be used to determine if the activities meet the definition of mentoring (see below)
- Time spent on each activity
- Total time for all mentoring activities

Mentors will electronically sign the log to confirm its accuracy. For a **mentoring log template**, please contact InterpreterRegistry@adsd.nv.gov or 775-515-5452 (Voice/Text).

Mentoring means activities facilitated by a mentor that are individually tailored to improve the skills and knowledge of an interpreter.

A mentor can be another interpreter who is registered or who meets the qualification requirements to register or anyone who is able to effectively provide mentoring, as defined above.

Mentoring is different from working with a team interpreter or debriefing after an assignment. Instead, mentoring is an ongoing learning relationship between a mentor and mentee where the mentor guides the mentee in setting specific goals and developing relevant deliberate practice activities. Mentoring is designed to help interpreters refine their skills, make ethical decisions, and gain confidence in their work. The main goal of the mentoring requirement is to help interpreters qualify for full registration within the five-year provisional status limit. Each mentee is responsible for determining whether mentoring activities meet the definition of mentoring for registration renewal requirements.

Additional Information

Recognized Certifying Body

The certifying bodies listed below meet the criteria to be accepted for registration in Nevada. Additional certifying bodies may be added as recognition is given.

Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) – www.rid.org

Board for Evaluation of Interpreters (BEI) - <https://www.hhs.texas.gov/providers/assistive-services-providers/board-evaluation-interpreters-certification-program>

Utah Interpreter Program - <https://jobs.utah.gov/usor/ui/certification/index.html>

Canadian Association of Sign Language Interpreters - <https://www.casli.ca/Home>

Kansas Quality Assurance Screening (KQAS) – Requires additional professional development hours - <https://www.kcdhh.ks.gov/communication-services/registration-regulations>

Approved Interpreting Degree Program

An interpreting degree program will be approved if the program:

1. Is offered by an accredited college or university;
and
2. Requires participation in a field experience class where students must provide authentic interpreting services under supervision.

Complaint Process

Any consumer of sign language interpreting or CART services may file a complaint against a registered interpreter or CART provider. Complaints may be submitted by using the online web form, by emailing InterpreterRegistry@adsd.nv.gov, by calling or texting 775-515-5452 (voice/text), or by scheduling an online video meeting.

Complaints must be submitted within 2 years of the event. When a complaint is received, the service provider and other witnesses may be contacted and interviewed to determine the validity and severity of the violation.

Service providers found in violation according to [Nevada Revised Statute 656A.500](#) may be subject to corrective or disciplinary actions in accordance with [NRS 656A.510](#).

Non-Compliance

Individuals who provide sign language interpreting or CART services without registration in settings that require registration without registration may be found guilty of a misdemeanor and may face a fine of up to \$5,000 as outlined in Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 656A.800. ([NRS 656A.800](#))

If you have any questions about the information provided in this document, please contact the Nevada Interpreter/CART Registry:

Contact

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InterpreterRegistry@adsd.nv.gov

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