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DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIAL PROCESSING CREDENTIALING INFORMATION FOR SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER APPLICANTS

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE REQUIRED FOR PROCESSING APPLICATIONS:

Application - Submit applicable application and fee(s) online via LicensE.

If applying for Temporary or Permanent Exemption, please complete and submit (Form [3228](#)) (Wis. Admin. Code ch. [SPS 202](#)).

Sign Language Interpreter – Intermediate Hearing

Method 1 – Must Satisfy ALL of the following:

- Proof of earning an associate degree in Sign Language Interpretation or equivalent (Form [2928](#)).
- Evidence of successful completion of an Interpreter Training Program (Form [2928](#)).
- Evidence of passing the Basic Performance examination and is certified by the Board for Evaluation of Interpreters (BEI) OR evidence of passing an equivalent examination.

Method 2 – Must Satisfy ALL of the following:

- Proof of earning an associate degree in Sign Language Interpretation before 7/19/2019 (Form [2928](#)).
- Evidence of passing the Basic Performance examination and is certified by the Board for Evaluation of Interpreters (BEI) OR evidence of passing an equivalent examination.

Method 3 – Must Satisfy ALL of the following:

- Evidence of passing the Basic Performance examination before 7/19/2019 and is certified by the Board for Evaluation of Interpreters (BEI) OR evidence of passing an equivalent examination before 7/19/2019.
- Department review of all circumstances and upon receiving advice from the committee.

Sign Language Interpreter – Advanced Hearing

Method 1 – Must Satisfy ALL of the following:

- Proof of earning an associate degree in Sign Language Interpretation or equivalent (Form [2928](#)).
- Evidence of successful completion of an Interpreter Training Program (Form [2928](#)).
- Evidence of passing the Advanced or Master Performance examination and is certified by the Board for Evaluation of Interpreters OR Evidence of passing the examination for and holds the National Interpreter Certification issued by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. (RID) OR evidence of passing an equivalent examination.

Method 2 – Applicant was issued before 7/19/2019 and maintains in good standing Certification of any of the following:

- National Interpreter Certification (NIC), Advanced or Master Level National Interpreter Certification (NIC-Advanced or NIC- Master), Certificate of Interpretation (CI), Certificate of Transliteration (CT), Comprehensive Skills Certificate (CSC), Master Comprehensive Skills Certificate (MCSC), Interpretation Certificate (IC), or Transliteration Certificate (TC), issued by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. (RID).
- The National Association of the Deaf III, IV, or V Certification.
- The Advanced or Master Certification of the Board for Evaluation of Interpreters (BEI).

Sign Language Interpreter – Intermediate Deaf – Must Satisfy ALL of the following:

- Proof of holding a high school diploma or equivalent.
- Evidence of completion of at least 40 hours of Deaf Interpreter training curriculum approved by the Department (Form [2928](#)).
- Evidence of successful completion of at least 16 hours of Sign Language Interpretation services-related training approved by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. (RID), or the Board for Evaluation of Interpreters (BEI), or substantially equivalent training as determined by the Department (Form [2928](#)).
- Evidence of successful completion of American Sign Language Linguistics I and II or substantially equivalent coursework as determined by the Department (Form [2928](#)).
- Two Letters of Recommendation from individuals who hold a Sign Language Interpreter-Advanced Deaf license, a Certified Deaf Interpreter Certification issued by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. (RID) OR an equivalent Certification as determined by the Department. Letters must show successful completion of at least 25 hours of observing sign language interpretation services provided to clients.

Sign Language Interpreter – Advanced Deaf – Must Satisfy ALL of the following:

- Proof of earning an associate degree OR satisfies an alternative pathway for education as determined by the Department.
- Evidence of holding a Certified Deaf Interpreter Certification issued by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. (RID) or an equivalent certification as determined by the Department.

Late Renewal Requirements (License expired 5 years or more):

- Submit completed application and applicable fee(s) online via LicensE.

BEI: If applicant has certification through BEI, applicant will need to submit [Form 3206](#) to the state where BEI certification was received.

RID: If applicant has certification through RID, applicant will need to submit [Form 2926](#) to: Registry of the Interpreters for the Deaf Inc., 333 Commerce St, Alexandria VA 22314.