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Interpreter Licensing



Arizona Sign Language Interpreter Licensing. A law that provides a new standard for our state.

The state of Arizona wants to make sure the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing are receiving the very best assistance possible. That's why Arizona sign language interpreters are now required to be licensed through the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing (ACDHH).

The law establishing licensing (A.R.S. 36-1946) was passed by Arizona voters in 2000. It is designed to create a statewide standard for sign language interpreters. This not only helps the state's Deaf and Hard of Hearing, but also provides interpreters helpful guidelines.

When did this law become effective?

October 1, 2007

Anyone who wants to work as an interpreter in Arizona must have a license by this date.

What happens if you are not licensed after October 1, 2007?

Individuals who do not have a license on October 1, 2007, must not interpret in Arizona (penalties may apply). You may apply for a license at any time.

Is anyone exempt from this law?

There are some interpreters who are not required to be licensed. They include:

- Educational interpreters (K-12) who are interpreting in accordance with a student's Individualized Education Plan
- Interpreters interpreting in religious settings
- Anyone interpreting during an emergency
- Anyone interpreting on a volunteer basis in **non-legal setting**

There are different categories for licenses.

Legal: An individual who is qualified by education, examination and work history to provide interpreting in a legal setting.

General: An individual who provides interpreting in any community setting for which the individual is qualified by education, examination and work history.

Provisional: An individual who is qualified by education, examination and work history to provide interpreting while pursuing RID certification.

License Fees

- \$125 for Legal and General (\$50 renewal)
- \$25 for Provisional (\$25 renewal)

License Renewal

Annual

How do consumers locate interpreters?

Consumers can view the interpreter listing on our

website. The website will give interpreter name, the category of license and the original date of issue. ACDHH also maintains a Communication Access Directory with interpreter contact information.

What else should you know about licensure?

- If you apply and qualify for the legal license, you are qualified to work in all settings.
- All licensee names, license type and date originally issued will be listed on our website and be available to the public. The licensee can opt to have contact information and credentials listed as well as published in our Communication Access Directory.
- Interpreter training program graduates will have the opportunity to receive a provisional license by passing the National Interpreters' Certification written test.

For additional information and guidelines, please see our website and go to licensure page.

www.acdhh.org

The Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing

Established in 1977, ACDHH is a state agency serving a population of more than 500,000 Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Arizona. In addition to information and referral, ACDHH administers the state relay service, performs interpreter licensure, and oversees a distribution program of telecommunications equipment for those with a hearing loss or speech difficulty.