

Connecticut

Standards Schools: Nat'l: effective July 1, 2015, has a minimum score of 3.5 on the EIPA, (4) (A) is a graduate of an accredited interpreter training program, (B) has passed the National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf written generalist test and documents the achievement of two continuing education units per year for a maximum of five years of department-approved training, and (C) on or before the fifth anniversary of having passed the National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf written generalist test, has passed the National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf national interpreter certification performance examination

Courts: Nat'l: CLIP-R or SC:L, documentation of a minimum of thirty hours of legal interpreting training and thirty hours annually of interpreting in legal situations

State Agencies: Nat'l

Medical: Nat'l, documentation of completion of a minimum of thirty hours of medical interpreting training

All Venues: Nat'l

Licensure: As of March 24, 2014 the version of HB 5321: An Act Concerning Interpreter Qualifications (To strengthen and standardize the qualifications of interpreters serving deaf and hard of hearing persons) was unanimously approved by the Human Services committee. Department of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) and State Department of Education (SDE) must work together to ensure school children have qualified interpreters. DORS, Connecticut Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (CRID) and Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons who are disabled (OPA) must work together on how to implement Interpreter Registry and Qualifications.

Governing Body: Interpreting Standards and Monitoring Board

Website(s): [Proposed law updates and information](#) [1]

[Raised bill](#) [2]

Board: seven members to be appointed by the Commissioner of the Department of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) from each of the following constituencies: (1) Deaf consumers, (2) hard of hearing consumers, (3) deaf-blind consumers, (4) hearing consumers, (5) interpreting professionals, (6) deaf professionals, and (7) interpreter trainers.

Qualifications: Must register annually with Dept. of Rehab Services and starting Oct. 31, 2014, A person shall be registered and certified as a qualified interpreter in order to: (1) Engage in the practice of, or offer to engage in the practice of, interpreting for a consumer; (2) Use the title "interpreter," "transliterator" or a similar title in connection with services provided under his or her name; (3) Present or identify one's self as an interpreter qualified to engage in interpreting in this state; (4) Use the title "interpreter", "transliterator" or a similar title in advertisements or communications; or (5) Perform the function of, or convey the impression that he or she is, an interpreter or transliterator. (d) Commencing September 1, 2014, any business entity, within the state or through remote access, employing an interpreter who is providing services in Connecticut shall ensure the interpreter is in compliance with the requirements of this section.

Special Provisions: The following individuals shall be exempt from the registration requirements of this section: (1) An individual interpreting at (A) a worship service conducted by a religious entity, and (B) services for educational purposes conducted by a religious entity or religiously-affiliated school; (2) An individual engaged in interpreting during an emergency, when obtaining a registered interpreter or registered transliterator could cause a delay that may lead to injury or loss to the individual requiring the services; (3) An individual engaged in interpreting as part of a supervised internship or practicum at an accredited college or university if such college or university is not in (A) a legal setting, (B) a medical setting, or (C) an educational setting unless accompanied by an interpreter registered pursuant to this section; or (4) An interpreter who is certified by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf or the National Association of the Deaf from outside the state and provides interpreting services in the state for a period not exceeding fourteen days during a calendar year. (k) Commencing July 1, 2018, no person shall provide interpreting services in an educational setting unless such person is registered with the department according to the provisions of this section and (1) holds certification from the National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, (2) is registered with the National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf and holds a level four or higher certification from the National Association of the Deaf, (3) is registered with the National Registry of Interpreters for



the Deaf and has a minimum score of 4.0 on the EIPA, (4) (A) is a graduate of an accredited interpreter training program, (B) has passed the National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf written generalist test and documents the achievement of two continuing education units per year for a maximum of three years of department-approved training, and (C) on or before the third anniversary of having passed the National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf written generalist test, has passed the National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf national interpreter certification performance examination, or (5) for situations requiring a cued speech transliterator only, holds certification from the National Training, Evaluation and Certification Unit and has passed the National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf written generalist test.

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Links:

[1] http://www.connrid.com/CRID_Task_Force.html

[2] <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2014/TOB/H/2014HB-05321-R00-HB.htm>