

Florida

Standards **Schools:** Level 2 or 3 QA, NIC, AA

Courts: Says to follow the CPC but that's it.

<http://www.jud6.org/legalcommunity/LegalPractice/AOSAndRules/aos/aos2012/2012-013.htm>

State Agencies: Level 2 or 3 QA

Medical: Level 3 QA if not critical or life threatening

Notes: To be an FRID member you must already be on you're way towards certification.

Licensure: They have a licensure bill in the works now that if passed goes into effect Oct. 1, 2014.

<http://www.fridcentral.com/Bill>

Governing Body: Board of Interpreters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in the Department of Business and Professional Regulation

Website(s): <http://www.fridcentral.org/Default.aspx?pagelid=309818> [1]

<http://www.fridcentral.org/Resources/Documents/SB1304%202014.pdf> [2]

Fee(s): Renewal is every two years. Fees are not 100% decided but the maximum costs will be \$100 application fee, \$300 initial license/permit, renewal every two years \$300, delinquency fees \$100, renewal of inactive license/permit \$50, \$4 for projects relating to interpreters or containing education programs

Board: Members shall be appointed by the secretary of the department upon recommendation of the Florida Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf and the Florida Association of the Deaf. Members shall be appointed to 4-year terms. A vacancy on the board shall be filled for the remaining portion of the term in the same manner as the original appointment. A member may not serve more than two consecutive 4-year terms, or more than 11 years, on the board. (2) The board shall consist of 11 members, of whom: (a) Six are primarily engaged in business as sign language interpreters; however, at least one educational interpreter, one video interpreter, and one deaf interpreter shall be appointed. (b) Three are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind members who are not, and have never been, members or practitioners of a profession regulated by the board. (c) One is primarily engaged in business as an interpreter referral agency owner. (d) One is a hearing member who is not, and has never been, a member or practitioner of a profession regulated by the board. (3) To achieve staggered terms, the initial appointments shall be as follows: (a) One member who is deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind as provided under paragraph (2)(b), one member who is an interpreter referral agency owner as provided under paragraph (2)(c), and one member who is a hearing member as provided under paragraph (2)(d), for 2-year terms; (b) Two members who are primarily engaged in business as sign language interpreters as provided under paragraph (2)(a) and two members who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind as provided under paragraph (2)(b), for 3-year terms; and (c) Four members who are primarily engaged in business as sign language interpreters as provided under paragraph (2)(a) for 4-year terms. (4) To be eligible to serve, each interpreter member must have been licensed by the board to operate as an interpreter in the category with respect to which the member is appointed, be actively engaged in the interpreting profession, and have been so engaged for a period of not less than 5 consecutive years before the date of appointment. Each appointee must be a resident of the state.

Qualifications: A Provisional permit may be granted to interpreters with documented 5 years interpreting experience starting in 2014. The addition of a two (2) year "grace" period for current district employees. This will allow for current employees time to achieve at least the Apprentice Level. • The addition of Provisional +36 hours tier. This will allow appropriate time for individuals to earn an AA or AS degree and provides another level for school districts to use in offering differentiated pay for employees who have reached the half-way point in completing their degree. • A change in the requirements for Oral Transliterators due to the fact that there isn't a state evaluation or screening for this area. Oral Transliterators are required to pass only the written test portion of RID evaluation at the Apprentice and Provisional Levels. They will be expected to pass the performance test portion of the RID evaluation to move to the Provisional +36 hours Level. The policy establishes a tiered system consisting of 4 levels: Apprentice, Provisional, Provisional +36hours, and Proficient. The minimum requirement at the Apprentice Level is a high school diploma or General Education Diploma (GED) plus 6 hours of college credit and an evaluation or screening level. The Proficient Level requires an AA or AS degree and national certification of

interpreting/transliterating skills. Time is provided for the interpreter to build skills necessary for meeting the requirements to advance to the next level.

CEUs: 40 hours every two years

Special Provisions: A person may not engage in interpreting for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing in this state without first receiving a license or permit under this part. The board shall determine the qualifications for receiving a license or permit. Reciprocity. Background check-fingerprinting and criminal history. Inapplicability.—This part does not apply to: (1) A student or intern practicing for a limited number of hours under the supervision of an interpreter who holds a valid license or provisional permit. (2) An interpreter providing interpretation to or from foreign signed or spoken languages for which a national certification exam does not exist. (3) An appointing authority, pursuant to s. 395.1041, which uses an unlicensed interpreter who does not meet the requirements of this part in an emergency situation if: (a) The decision was made in the best medical or legal judgment of the appointing authority; (b) A life-threatening emergency situation exists; and (c) All reasonable efforts have been exhausted by the appointing authority to locate a licensed interpreter from within a 60-mile radius, and documentation to that effect is provided to the division upon request. (4) During a state or national emergency, an individual facilitating communication between a first responder and a person who is deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind until a qualified interpreter may be found.

Penalties: An interpreting agency may not employ or subcontract with an interpreter who does not hold a license or permit issued under this part. (2) Public funds may not be used to employ interpreters who do not hold a license or permit issued under this part. (3) A person may not: (a) Falsely hold himself or herself out as having a license or permit as an interpreter for the deaf and hard of hearing. (b) Falsely impersonate a licensee or permit holder. (c) Present as his or her own the license or permit of another. (d) Knowingly give false or forged evidence to the board or a member thereof. (e) Use or attempt to use a license or permit that has been suspended or revoked. (f) Act in the capacity of an interpreter for the deaf or hard of hearing, or advertise himself or herself as available to engage in the services or act in the capacity of an interpreter, without holding a license or permit. (4) A person who violates subsection (3) commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 328.775.082 or s. 775.083. A person who violates subsection (3) after having been previously found guilty of such violation commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

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