

Michigan

Standards **Schools:** RID, NAD, EIPA 4+

Courts: An endorsement will be required after 2 years from law passing Nat'l or State

State Agencies: Nat'l or State

Medical: An endorsement will be required after 2 years from law passing Nat'l or State

All Venues: Nat'l or State

Licensure: Yes

Governing Body: Division on Deafness, in Department of Labor.

Website(s): [General Interpreter Rules](#) [1]

[Deaf Persons' interpreters Act](#) [2]

[Division on Deafness Act](#) [3]

[Penalties](#) [4]

Fee(s): \$30 annual fee, \$125 to take a test in the state for residents, \$175 for non-residents.

Board: "The division shall be supervised by a director of the division who shall be appointed by the director of labor. The director of the division shall be a member of the classified state civil service, hold not less than a bachelor's degree, be fluent in American sign language, and have the ability to communicate in various ways with deaf persons. The council shall consist of 13 members appointed by the governor. The governor shall select members who are knowledgeable in the field of deafness. Not less than 7 members of the council shall be hearing impaired persons. The governor shall designate a chairperson of the council who shall serve in that capacity at the pleasure of the governor. The director of the division or his or her designee shall serve as secretary to the council. (3) Except for members first appointed, the term of office of each member shall be 3 years. Of the members first appointed, 5 shall serve for 3 years, 4 for 2 years, and 4 for 1 year. A vacancy on the council shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term. (4) Seven members of the council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of the council. Except as provided by rule, action by the council shall be by vote of a majority of the members present at a meeting. The council shall meet not less than twice a year at the call of the chairperson. (5) A member of the council may be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of an official duty of the council.

Qualifications: Extremely detailed requirements for different levels of skill of interpreters. Four years after the passing of the law an associates or higher will be required.

Penalties: Misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days or a fine of not less than \$500.00 or more than \$1,000.00, or both.

Source URL: <https://tndeaflibrary.nashville.gov/directory/licensure-by-state/michigan>

Links:

[1] http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdcr/2007-047_General_Interpreter_Rules_5-16_submitted_FINAL_458355_7.pdf

[2] [https://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(q5fjgh45a3npnurnjfyaf55\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=mcl-Act-204-of-1982](https://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(q5fjgh45a3npnurnjfyaf55))/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=mcl-Act-204-of-1982)

[3] [http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(sodfzyzpz4aekh55nq0k4azb\)\)/documents/mcl/pdf/mcl-Act-72-of-1937.pdf](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(sodfzyzpz4aekh55nq0k4azb))/documents/mcl/pdf/mcl-Act-72-of-1937.pdf)

[4] [https://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(q5fjgh45a3npnurnjfyaf55\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=mcl-393-508b](https://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(q5fjgh45a3npnurnjfyaf55))/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=mcl-393-508b)