

Oklahoma

Standards**Schools:** EIPA 3.5+, SEE 3.5+, NIC

Courts: Nat'l

State Agencies: Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services uses QAST IV-V and National certification to contract with interpreters. Other State agencies, such as DHS, DMH, etc. also require the interpreter's to be a level IV or above or have National certification.

Notes: QAST: Level V- all situations except legal, Level IV: all situations but legal and extensive mental health therapy, Level III: most one-on-one situations, group sessions, workshops with limited voicing, public school setting, but should not be used for any legal, mental health, serious medical, critical situation of any level, Level II: one-on-one situations where communication can be interrupted for clarification, limited voicing, limited platform, limited group session/workshop where communication can be interrupted for clarification, but should not be used for any legal, mental health, public school setting, intensive platform, serious medical, critical situation of any nature, Level I: one-on-one situations where communication can be interrupted for clarification, limited voicing, limited American Sign Language/stronger PSE skills, but should not do any legal, mental health, public school setting, platform, serious medical, critical situation of any nature

Licensure: No, but the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services provides QAST/ICRC Certification (Quality Assurance Screening Testing) and provide certification based on the level or levels they obtain from their QAST testing for the State of Oklahoma.

Governing Body: Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services does not police the entire State of Oklahoma and other agencies, but only monitor DRS QAST/ICRC certified interpreters.

Website(s): [Oklahoma Interpreter Certification and Resource Center](#) [1]

[Educational Interpreter Requirements](#) [2]

[Oklahoma Educational Interpreter for the Deaf Act](#) [3]

Fee(s): For the QAST: Annual maintenance fees, \$40.00 plus the cost of tests: The cost of the QAST written test is \$50.00 for Oklahoma residences or \$100.00 for individuals living outside of Oklahoma. The cost for the QAST performance portion is \$100.00 for Oklahoma residences or \$200.00 for individuals living outside of Oklahoma.

Qualifications: For the QAST: Annual maintenance fees, \$40.00 plus the cost of tests: The cost of the QAST written test is \$50.00 for Oklahoma residences or \$100.00 for individuals living outside of Oklahoma. The cost for the QAST performance portion is \$100.00 for Oklahoma residences or \$200.00 for individuals living outside of Oklahoma. (A) An educational interpreter must have completed one of the following: (1) An interpreter training program (2) Obtained a Bachelor's degree, or (3) Worked three or more years in an area related to the field of deaf education, which could include interpreting in non-educational settings, such as a church, etc., and (B) In addition to the above requirements, an educational interpreter must also maintain one of the following: (1) Certification by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID), or (2) National Association for the Deaf (NAD) Level IV or better, or (3) Quality Assurance Screening Test (QAST) Level III or better, or (4) National Council for Interpreters (NCI) Certification, or (5) Signed Exact English Level 3.5 or better, or (6) Educational Interpreters Proficiency Assessment (EIPA) Level 3.5 or better in the area for which they are certified (elementary or secondary)

CEUs: 10 hours a year

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

Links:

[1] <http://www.okdrs.org/drupal/info/interpreters>

[2] <http://ok.gov/sde/requirements-educational-interpreters>

[3] http://www.oklegislature.gov/cf_pdf/2007-08%20COMMITTEE%20SUBS/scs/sb500%20cs.pdf