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Licensure, Registry, or other regulations for all interpreters	State, Agency, and/or Board	Board Information	Categories of Licensure	Cost of License	Requirements	Length	Possible Penalties & Grievance Process
Yes	<p>1. Alabama: Certification and Licensure required. Board: Alabama Licensure Board of Interpreters and Translitterators (ALBIT)</p>	<p>Number of Board members: 9 Term limits: • Initial appointments: Staggered. Subsequent appointments: Four-year terms, no more than two (2) consecutive terms. Nine members appointed by the Governor: • Four (4) members certified as interpreters or translitterators at a professional level by a nationally recognized certification, one (1) of who shall work in an educational setting. The Alabama Registry of Interpreters shall submit a list of three (3) nominations for each of these positions to the Governor for the Deaf. • Three (3) deaf or hard of hearing members who are knowledgeable in the field of professional interpreting. The Alabama Association of the Deaf shall submit a list of three (3) nominations for each of these positions to the Governor. • Two (2) members at-large who have an interest in and are experienced in dealing with issues that affect the deaf, hard of hearing, and interpreting communities. Terms: • Four (4) of the initial members shall serve for two (2) years. • Three (3) of the initial members shall serve for three (3) years. • Two (2) of the initial members shall serve for four (4) years. Subsequent terms of office shall be four (4) years. No board member may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.</p>	Unknown.	<p>Application Fee: \$50 License: \$175 (initial and renewal)</p>	National Certification such as Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf certification, or an equivalent such as the National Association for the Deaf/Alabama Association for the Deaf Interpreter Assessment Program Level 4 or Level 5.	Annual renewal required by March 15th of every year.	Up to \$1000 fine and Class C misdemeanor. ALBIT may suspend or revoke the license of the person penalized.
	Alabama Websites	<p>Alabama Licensure Board of Interpreters and Translitterators: http://www.albit.alabama.gov/Default.htm Rules and Regulations: http://www.albit.alabama.gov/pdfs/2013/Rules_Regs_10-10-12.pdf</p>					
	<p>2. Alaska: EIPA 4.0 and EIPA Knowledge Exam required for K-12 Interpreters. Board: Alaska State Board of Sign Language Interpreters Note: No information can be found online indicating that this is an existing board. Status of legislation unknown.</p>	<p>Number of Board Members: 5 Five (5) members appointed by the governor: • Two (2) hearing sign language interpreters licensed under this chapter and certified by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf or licensed under this chapter, certified by the National Association of the Deaf, and holding associate memberships in the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf. • One (1) member of whom is licensed under this chapter and certified as a deaf interpreter by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf. • One (1) public member who is deaf. • One (1) public member who is not deaf but who has knowledge of or is familiar with the unique requirements and obligations of interpreting for the deaf.</p>	None	N/A	Educational interpreters: must present a score of 4.0 or better on the educational interpreter performance assessment and a passing score on the Educational Interpreters Knowledge Assessment: Written Test. School districts may hire interpreters who score below 4.0, with the condition that they raise their score to a 4.0 within two years. School districts who are unable to locate and hire an interpreter who scores 4.0 may hire an interpreter with a lesser score but must also file a training plan that will help the interpreter raise the score to a 3.0 within two years and a 4.0 within two more years.	N/A	Class B Misdemeanor.
	Alaska Websites	Unknown.					

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Yes	3. Arizona: Certification and Licensure Required Commission: Arizona Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	Number of Commission Members: 14 Term Limits: Three-year terms with no more than two (2) consecutive terms. Fourteen (14) commissioners appointed by the Governor oversee the work of ACDHH: • Four (4) Deaf representatives. • Four (4) Hard of Hearing representatives. • One (1) parent of a Deaf or Hard of Hearing child. • One (1) member who is a licensed sign language interpreter. • One (1) licensed hearing aid dispenser. • One (1) clinical audiologist representative. • One (1) representative from the Arizona Department of Economic Security. • One (1) representative from the Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.	• Legal. • General. • Provisional.	Provisional: \$25 with \$25 renewal on birthday. Legal and General: \$125 with \$50 renewal. A provisional license shall not be renewed more than two times and must prove they take the performance exam before their 2nd renewal date.	General:: RID, NAD, or BEI III or IV Certification Legal Class A: RID SC:L, BEI CIC Legal Class C: 10,000 hours of paid interpreting as a certified interpreter plus 50 hours of legal training plus NIC Advanced or Master, NAD III, IV, or V, CI, CT, or CSC, or BEI Levels IV or V, Advanced, Master, Trilingual Advanced or Master Class D: 500 hours of paid interpreting as a certified interpreter plus 50 hours of legal training plus RID CDI, CLIP-R, OIC, or OTC or BEI OC:B, OC:C, Intermediary Levels III or V	Annual renewal required.	A person not licensed shall not falsely identify themselves as licensed interpreters, practice as an interpreter, or use another person's license. Violation is a class 2 misdemeanor (up to four months in jail / up to \$750 fine for individual persons or up to a \$10,000 fine for enterprises).
Arizona Websites		Commission: http://www.acdh.org/interpreter-services Law: http://www.azleg.state.az.us/legtext/44leg/2r/summary/h.sb1151_3-02-00_health.doc.htm Grievance Process: http://www.acdh.org/media/37268/Interpreter-Complaint-Process-Overview.pdf					
Yes	4. Arkansas Agency: Department of Health Board: Advisory Board for Interpreters for the Deaf	Number of Board Members: 7 Term Limits: Three-year terms with no more than two (2) consecutive terms. Seven (7) members appointed by the Director of the Department of Health: • Four (4) licensed qualified interpreters appointed from a list of eight (8) submitted by the Arkansas Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf in conjunction with the Arkansas Association of the Deaf. • Two (2) members appointed from a list of four (4) submitted by the Arkansas Association of the Deaf in conjunction with the Arkansas Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf who are deaf persons, hard of hearing persons, or oral deaf persons not licensed under this subchapter. • One (1) member appointed from a list of two (2) submitted by the Arkansas Association of the Deaf in conjunction with the Arkansas Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf who are neither individuals who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or oral deaf and who are not licensed under this subchapter. Each member shall serve a term of three (3) years. A member shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. • Four (4) members of the board constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the board. If a vacancy occurs on the board, the director shall appoint to complete the term vacated a person who possesses the same qualifications as those required for the position to which he or she is appointed.	• Education. • Courts. • State Agencies. • Medical. • All venues. (Recent legislation now allows for state licensure for all settings)	Initial Application and licensure fee: \$125 Annual fee: \$90 Upgrade fee: \$35 Annual late fee: \$25 Replacement card fee: \$10 Insufficient funds fee: \$35	Interpreters in the educational setting must meet or exceed the following criteria: • College degree preferred or high school diploma or equivalency. • Passing score of 80% on the written test regarding information in the Arkansas Handbook for Educational Interpreters/Transliterations, Teachers and Administrators. • Minimum Level 3 in Transliteration on the Mid-America Quality Assurance Screening Test (QAST) and Level 2 in Interpreting or minimum QAST Level 3 in Interpreting and QAST Level 2 in Transliteration.	Annual renewal required.	Complaints may be filed when an individual, hiring agency, or interpreting agency commits one of the following: • Violates the Professional Code of Conduct. • Engages in the practice of interpreting without a license (fine of \$100-500 which may be waived if the interpreter becomes licensed within thirty (30) days). • Knowingly hires an interpreter who is not qualified (fine of \$500-1000).
Arkansas Websites		Licensure Application: http://www.arkansasrid.org/interpreters-and-interpreting/certification-and-licensure/Rules_&Regulations Rules & Regulations: http://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/aboutADH/RulesRegs/InterpretersRule.pdf					

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No	5. California Agency: Department of Social Services, Office of Deaf Access: Deaf Access Program Note: There are currently no licensing requirements in California.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.
California Websites		N/A					
No	6. Colorado Agency: Colorado Department of Education Board: Educational Interpreter Advisory Board (Advisory capacity only) Note: Educational Interpreters only.	Number of Advisory Board members: 11 Additional information unknown.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization: Educational Interpreter. • Temporary Authorization Status. 	Application fee: \$90 Fingerprinting fee: \$30	Authorization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AA Degree. • Passed EIPA Written Test. • 3.5 or higher on EIPA Performance Test. Temporary Authorization Status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently working on, or have, AA Degree. • Taken EIPA Written Test, pass or fail, or are scheduled to take the EIPA Written Test. • Taken the EIPA Performance Test, 3.4 or below, or are scheduled to take the EIPA Performance Test. • Taken the EIPA Pre-Hiring Screening offered by your school district. 	Authorization: Renewal every five (5) years. Temporary Authorization Status: May be renewed annually for a maximum of three (3) years.	Unknown.
Colorado Websites		Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: http://www.codhh.com/ Educational Interpreter Advisory Board: http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/rs-edinterpreters					
Yes	7. Connecticut Agency: Department of Rehab Services Board: Interpreting Standards and Monitoring Board Note: Recent legislation signed into law. Implementation of Interpreter Registry and Qualifications ongoing.	Number of Board Members: 7 Seven (7) members to be appointed by the Commissioner of the Department of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) from each of the following constituencies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deaf consumers. • Hard of hearing consumers. • Deaf-blind consumers. • Hearing consumers. • Interpreting professionals. • Deaf professionals. • Interpreter trainers. 	Unknown.	Unknown.	Unknown.	Unknown.	Unknown.
Connecticut Websites		Law implementation updates: http://www.connrid.com/CRID_Task_Force.html					

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No	8. Delaware Agency: Delaware Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Note: There are currently no licensing requirements in Delaware.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.
	Delaware Websites	N/A					
Attempted	9. Florida Note: Legislation to establish state licensure for sign language interpreters currently pending.	Legislation pending.	Legislation pending.	Legislation pending.	Legislation pending.	Legislation pending.	Legislation pending.
	Florida Websites	Legislation: http://www.fridcentral.com/Resources/Documents/SB1304%202014.pdf					
No	10. Georgia Commission: Georgia Professional Standards Commission Note: Educational Interpreters only.	Number of Commission members: 18 Additional information unknown.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational Interpreter License. • Non- Renewable License. 	Unknown.	Educational Licensure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold a valid certification through the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID). OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) at level 3.5 or higher within five (5) years preceding the date of application and hold a bachelor's degree or higher in any field from a GaPSC- accepted, accredited institution of higher education. If the applicant is applying for licensure with the EIPA and does not meet the degree requirement, the initial five (5) year license will be issued and the degree requirement must be met for renewal.	Every five (5) years.	Unknown.
	Georgia Websites	Georgia Professional Standards Commission: http://www.gapsc.com/Commission/Rules/Proposed/Download/20130325/505-2-.043.pdf					
No	11. Hawaii Note: There are currently no licensing requirements in Hawaii.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.
	Hawaii Websites	N/A					

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Yes	12. Idaho Note: Legislation to establish state licensure for sign language interpreters currently pending.	Legislation pending.	Legislation pending.	Legislation pending.	Legislation pending.	Legislation pending.	Legislation pending.
Yes	Idaho Websites 13. Illinois Commission: Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission Board: Illinois Board of Interpreters	Legislation: https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B1mbPgtzfn3DW/VWVWFbCgVDU1U/edit Number of Board Members: 7 Term Limits: Unknown The Director shall appoint an Illinois Board of Interpreters for the Deaf consisting of seven (7) voting members who shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Commission and to the Department. The Director shall consider recommendations by consumer and professional groups related to the interpreting profession and deaf and hard of hearing community. The Board shall be composed of the following: • Four (4) licensed interpreters for the deaf. • Three (3) deaf or hard of hearing consumers. The Interpreter Coordinator shall serve as a non-voting member.	• Licensure. • Provisional Licensure.	Application fee: \$50 Initial License Fee: \$175 Renewal fee: \$150 Late renewal fee: \$60 Inactive Status Fee: \$50 Restoration license fee: \$75 plus payment of all lapsed renewal fees not to exceed \$1500 Duplicate license fee: \$20 Fee for certification of a licensee's record for any reason: \$20 Fee for wall certificate showing licensure: \$20	Licensure Proof of the following: • Certification of graduation from high school or its equivalent. • Proof of an accepted certification. • The required fee. Provisional Licensure One of the following: • Proof of an accepted certificate. • Proof that the applicant has completed, and is awaiting results of a test required for acceptable certification.	License Annual renewal required. License expires on 12/31 of each year. License renewal may take place during the sixty (60) days prior to date of expiration. Provisional Expires twelve (12) months from date of issuance.	Unknown.
	Illinois Websites	Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission: http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/068/06801515sections.html Law: http://www2.illinois.gov/idhdc/documents/interpreter%20pdfs/interpreter%20licensure%20rules.pdf					

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Yes	14. Indiana Agency: Division of Disability, Aging, and Rehabilitative Services Board: Board of Interpreter Standards	Number of Board Members: 7 Term Limits: Staggered Board of Interpreter Standards consists of seven (7) members. At least three (3) of the seven (7) members shall be persons who are deaf or hard of hearing. Board members shall meet at least one (1) of the following: • Knowledge of the interpreting process, which includes having at least <i>three</i> of the following: a. RID, NAD, or ASLTA certification. b. Membership in a deaf association. c. Graduation from an interpreter education program. d. One hundred (100) clock hours of attendance in a workshop regarding the interpreting process. e. One hundred (100) clock hours of ASL studies. • At least five (5) years of documented experience as a provider or consumer of interpreting services. • Three (3) letters of recommendation attesting to the following: a. Knowledge of interpreting. b. Fluency in ASL and English.	Licenses for the following: • ASL. • Manually Coded English. • Oral Transliteration. • Cued Speech. • Signing Exact English.	Unknown.	The five (5) types of certificates and corresponding requirements: • American Sign Language: Hold the RID Certificate of Interpretation (CI) or the NAD Level IV or V for educational situations requiring an ASL/English interpreter. • Manually Coded English (MCE): Hold the RID Certificate of Transliteration (CT) for (unspecified MCE) educational situations requiring transliteration. • Oral Transliteration: Hold the RID Oral Transliteration Certificate (OTC) for educational situations requiring an oral transliterator. This certificate requires a special written and performance exam. • Cued Speech: Hold certification from TEC Unit and pass the RID written generalist test for educational situations requiring a cued speech transliterator. • Signing Exact English (SEE-II): Pass the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) instrument specific to SEE-II at level 3.5 and pass the RID written generalist test. These are the requirements for educational situations needing a SEE-II transliterator.	Renewal every two (2) years.	DHHS shall create a grievance committee, of which the DHHS deputy director shall be the chair, consisting of a minimum of five (5) other members, which must consist of at least the following: • At least two (2) members who are deaf or hard of hearing and have experience using interpreters. • Two (2) members must hold either NAD or RID certification. • One (1) member may be a professional other than an interpreter but must be knowledgeable of the interpreter standards set forth in this rule. The term of grievance committee members shall be three (3) years. However, the initial committee will have three (3) members to be determined by the committee who shall serve two (2) years and the remaining members shall serve three (3) years. After the initial term of each appointment, all members shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years and may be appointed for one (1) additional term. If a member of the committee resigns, dies, or is removed, the new appointee shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term. Committee members shall not be eligible for reappointment for at least one (1) year after serving two (2) consecutive terms. DHHS shall seek training in negotiation and mediation for the committee members.
	Indiana Websites	Board of Interpreter Standards: http://www.icrid.org/PDF%20Documents/460_Adm_Code_IIC.pdf Interpreter Standards: http://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/3592.htm Interpreter Permit for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Educational Settings: http://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/licensing/eirulefromiac.pdf Law: http://www.icrid.org/PDF%20Documents/460_Adm_Code_IIC.pdf					

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Yes	15. Iowa Board: Iowa Board of Sign Language Interpreters	Number of Board Members: 7 Term Limits: Three-year terms. No more than nine (9) years (three full terms). The Board is made up of seven (7) members appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate. The members of the board include: • Four (4) licensed interpreters, three of whom are to be practicing with at least one of the four employed in an educational setting. • Three (3) consumers of interpreter services who are deaf.	• Temporary License. • Examination/Endorsement License.	Biennial license: \$120 Temporary license: \$120 Late fee: \$60 Duplicate or reissue license: \$20 Verification of license fee: \$20 Returned check: \$25 Disciplinary hearing fee: Maximum of \$75 Reactivation fee: \$180	Requirements: • Pass the National Association of the Deaf/Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (NAD/RID), National Interpreter Certification (NIC) examination after November 30, 2011. OR • Pass one of the following examinations administered by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID): o Oral Transliteration Certificate (OTC). o Certified Deaf Interpreter (CDI). OR • Pass the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) with a score of 3.5 or above. OR • Pass the Cued Language Transliterator National Certification Examination (CLTNCE) administered by The National Certifying Body for Cued Language Translittersators. OR • Currently holds one of the following NAD/RID certifications awarded through November 30, 2011, by the National Council on Interpreting (NCI): o National Interpreter Certification (NIC). o National Interpreter Certification Advanced (NIC Advanced). o National Interpreter Certification Master (NIC Master). OR • Currently holds one of the following certifications previously awarded by the RID: o Certificate of Interpretation (CI). o Certificate of Transliteration (CT). o Certificate of Interpretation and Certificate of Transliteration (CI and CT). o Interpretation Certificate/Transliteration Certificate (IC/TC). o Comprehensive Skills Certificate (CSC). OR • Currently holds one of the following certifications previously awarded by the National Association of the Deaf (NAD): o NAD III (Generalist). o NAD IV (Advanced). o NAD V (Master).	Two (2) years per license cycle. Temporary License: Up to two (2) licensure cycles.	The Iowa Board of Sign Language Interpreters posts disciplinary issues on their website.
	Iowa Websites	Iowa Board of Sign Language Interpreters: https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/chapter/645.361.pdf Grievance Process: http://www.idph.state.ia.us/licensure/Actions.aspx?board=Sign%20Language%20Interpreters%20and%20Translittersators					

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Yes	16. Kansas Commission: Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (KCDHH) Note: There are currently no licensing requirements in Kansas. Registration and proof of certification required.	Number of Commission Members: 17 Ex-Officio Members: 5 • Designee for the Director of Kansas Rehabilitation Services. • Superintendent of the Kansas School for the Deaf. • Kansas State Department of Education representative. • Kansas Department of Health and Environment representative. • Kansas Department for Children and Families representative. Community Members: 5 • KCDHH Vice-Chairperson. • Kansas Association of the Deaf representative. • Five (5) more community members. Professional Members: 5 • Representative who is a teacher, psychologist, nurse, rehabilitation counselor or social worker for the deaf or hard of hearing. • Representative who is an otolaryngologist. • Representative who is a speech language pathologist. • Representative who is from the state registry of interpreters. • Representative who is a clinical audiologist.	No licensure.	Application fee: \$50 Initial and renewal fee for registration: \$175 Returned check fee: \$35 Late fee: \$100 Replacement of registration: \$25 Roster fee: \$35	Requirements: • Interpreter must hold a RID certification. OR • A KQAS Level 4 or 5 and maintain CEUs according to the KCDHH continuing education unit policy. All certified interpreters are expected to follow RID's Code of Professional Conduct (CPC).	Unknown.	Unknown.
	Kansas Websites	Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/rs/pages/kcdhh.aspx					
Yes	17. Kentucky Board: The Kentucky Board of Interpreters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	Number of Board Members: 7 Term Limits: Four-year terms. Members cannot serve consecutive terms. Seven (7) members appointed by the Governor: • Five (5) practicing interpreters who hold current nationally recognized certification and have at least five (5) years interpreting experience. • One (1) deaf interpreter with past or current nationally recognized certification. • And one (1) consumer with knowledge about interpreter issues.	• License. • Temporary License.	Application fee: \$50 Yearly licensure: \$125 Late fee: \$60 Extension fee: \$35 Reinstatement fee: \$135 Reciprocal license: \$250 Duplicate license: \$10	Requirements: • Submit a completed Application for Licensure form to the board. • Pay the application and license fee as set forth in 201 KAR 39:040. • Submit proof of valid certification. o At a level recognized by RID, with the exception of NAD III. o At EIPA level 3.5. o TEC Unit. o Other certifications as identified by the Kentucky Board of Interpreters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, if applying for licensure via reciprocity.	Annual.	Any person who shall violate or aid in the violation of any of the provisions of KRS 309.301 shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.
	Kentucky Websites	The Kentucky Board of Interpreters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/Statutes/statute.aspx?id=30350 Law: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/statutes/chapter.aspx?id=38779					
No	18. Louisiana Commission: Louisiana Commission for the Deaf Note: There are currently no licensing requirements in Louisiana.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.
	Louisiana Websites	N/A					

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Yes	19. Maine Agency: Office of Licensing & Registration Board: Board (Advisory capacity only)	Number of Advisory Board Members: Unknown. Term Limits: Unknown. The commissioner, as necessary, may select members of the interpreting profession and other interested parties to serve on an advisory council to advise and consult with the commissioner concerning the regulation of interpreters for the deaf and hard-of-hearing. Service on the council is not in itself a conflict of interest regardless of the occupations or associations of the members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited interpreter or limited transliterater. • Limited deaf interpreter. • Licensed certified interpreter. • Licensed certified deaf interpreter. • Licensed certified transliterater. 	License Fee: \$250/annually Application fee: \$300 Background check: \$21 Late fee for renewal: \$50	Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent photo. • High School diploma or equivalent. • Sworn & signed and notarized code of ethics. • A disclosure statement. • Proof of having satisfied the following educational requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Proof of completion of at least 100 clock hours of instruction in ASL. o A letter attesting to the applicant's skill level being equivalent to a person having completed 100 hours instruction; OR documentation of a score of 3.5+ on the EIPA. 	Annual.	Unknown.
	Maine Websites	Interpreters and Transliterators of ASL and English: http://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/interpreters/license_types.html Law: http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/32/title32ch22sec0.html License Registration: http://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/interpreters/pdf/AppLIT.pdf					
No	20. Maryland Agency: Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Advisory Council Note: There are currently no licensing requirements in Maryland.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.
	Maryland Websites	N/A					
Yes	21. Massachusetts Agency: The Department of Interpreter/ CART Services within the Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Note: There are currently no licensing requirements in Massachusetts. Registration with the commission is required.	Unknown. MCDHH is the principal agency of Massachusetts to advocate, and coordinate public policies, regulations, and programs, and improve the quality of existing services and promote the development of new services for deaf and hard of hearing citizens.	No licensure.	All interpreters are employed through the state and their fees are taken from the individual assignments.	Standards unknown.	Unknown.	Unknown.
	Massachusetts Websites	Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/mcdhh/					

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Yes	<p>22. Michigan Agency: Department of Civil Rights – Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Council: Advisory Council on Deaf, Deaf-Blind, and Hard of Hearing</p>	<p>Number of Council Members: 13 Term Limits: • First Appointed: Staggered. • Subsequent Appointments: Three-year terms. A director of the division who shall be appointed by the director of labor shall supervise the division. 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 thirteen (13) members appointed by the governor. The governor shall select members who are knowledgeable in the field of deafness. Not less than seven (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. Except for members first appointed, the term of office of each member shall be three (3) years. Of the members first appointed, five (5) shall serve for three (3) years, four (4) for two (2) years, and four (4) for one (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. Seven (7) 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. A member of the council may be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of an official duty of the council.</p>	<p>There are four (4) levels: • Standard Level 1 • Standard Level 2 • Standard Level 3 • Educational Each level corresponds to the environment in which an interpreter is authorized to work. • Standard Level 1: Non-complex, low-risk environments. • Standard Level 2: Moderately complex environments, medium to high-risk environments, health care, government, employment, and finance. • Standard Level 3: High risk, legal environments. • Educational: Academic settings.</p>	<p>Annual fee: \$30 Test fee for in- state residents: \$125 Non-residents: \$175</p>	Extremely detailed. Please review the websites.	Annual	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.
	Michigan Websites	<p><u>Division on Deafness Act:</u> http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(sodfzyzpz4aekh55nq0k4azb))/documents/mcl/pdf/mcl-Act-72-of-1937.pdf <u>General Interpreter Rules:</u> http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdcr/2007-047_General_Interpreter_Rules_5-16_submitted_FINAL_458355_7.pdf <u>Deaf Persons' Interpreters Act:</u> https://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(h3laby0bu5tcquvdtjeq42bx))/mleg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=mcl-Act-204-of-1982 <u>Grievance Process:</u> https://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(qt3z0spxqjhcvd5c5pk4leu))/mleg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=mcl-393-508b</p>					

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Yes	23. Minnesota Commission: Commission for Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard-of-Hearing Minnesotans Note: There are currently no licensing requirements in Minnesota. Registration with the commission is required.	Number of Commission Members: 7 Term Limits: Three-year terms; no more than two (2) consecutive terms. At least 50 percent of the members must be deaf or deafblind or hard of hearing. Members shall include persons who are: • Deaf. • DeafBlind. • Hard of Hearing. • Parents of children who are deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing. • Representatives of county and regional human services, including representatives of private service providers. The governor appoints commission members. The commission shall select one (1) member as chair.	Unknown.	The state commission charges a \$3 referral fee.	Registration requirements: • National Interpreter Certification plus graduation from an Interpreter Training Program. • New graduates have two (2) years to work with mentor and implement an education plan.	Unknown.	Unknown.
	Minnesota Websites	Commission for Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard-of-Hearing Minnesotans: http://www.mncdhh.org/					
Yes	24. Mississippi Agency: Office on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Note: There are currently no licensing requirements in Mississippi. Registration with the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services, Office on Deaf and Hard of Hearing is required.	Number of Advisory Board Members: 6 Further information unknown.	• Regular Registration. • Student Registration. • Provisional Registration. • Out of State Registration.	Regular Registration: \$25 Student Registration: \$25 Provisional Registration: \$20 Out of State Registration: \$35 Registration Card Replacement: \$10 Late Registration Renewal Fee: \$10 Returned Check Fee: \$30	• Copy of Driver's License. • Documentation of Certification.	• Regular, Student, Out of State: Renewal every two (2) years. • Provisional: Renewal every one (1) year.	Misdemeanor, imprisoned up to 6 months and a fine between \$200 - \$1000. Grievance Procedure: Unknown.
	Mississippi Websites	Senate Bill: http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2010/html/SB/2700-2799/SB2715PS.htm Interpreter Registration: http://www.odhh.org/interpreter-registration/					
Yes	25. Missouri Agency: Missouri Division of Professional Registration Board: Missouri Committee of Interpreters	Number of Committee Members: 7 Term Limits: Initial appointments are staggered; each term thereafter is for four (4) years. No individual may serve more than eight (8) years. Composition: Seven (7) members, including two (2) public members. At least one (1) of the public members shall be deaf. The remaining members shall be licensed as an interpreter by this state. The governor with the advice and consent of the senate shall appoint the committee members. Each member of the committee shall be a citizen of the United States.	• Temporary Licensure. • Full Licensure.	Temporary Licensure: \$25 Full Licensure: \$75 Renewal: \$90	Possession of national and/or state certification.	Annual renewal.	Class A misdemeanor and mandatory refund of all compensation received rendered in violations.
	Missouri Websites	Missouri Committee of Interpreters: http://pr.mo.gov/interpreters.asp					

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No	26. Montana Agency: Department of Education, Standards of Accreditation Note: Standards are in place for educational interpreters.	Unknown.	Authorization of Persons Providing Sign Language Interpreting for Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.	Unknown.	Requirements: • Demonstrated skills and knowledge, at a 3.5 level or higher, on the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA). • Passed the written portion of the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment. • 12 hours of CEUs annually.	Unknown.	Unknown.
	Montana Websites	Montana Department of Education Rules: http://www.mtrules.org/gateway/ruleno.asp?RN=10.55.718					
Yes	27. Nebraska Commission: Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NCDHH) Board: Nebraska Sign Language Interpreter Review Board	Number of Board Members: 8 Term Limits: Unknown. The Board consists of eight (8) people: • One (1) director of Health and Human Services or his/her designee. • One (1) director of the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing or his/her designee. • Two (2) deaf or hard of hearing people. • Two (2) qualified interpreters who must be licensed interpreters within one-year of their appointment. • Two (2) members representing local government.	• Interpreter/ Transliterator License. • Specialty License. • Provisional License. • Limited Practice License.	Two-year licensure cycle: \$150 Specialty license: \$50 Provisional license: \$50 Limited practice license: \$25 Late charge: \$25 Reinstatement charge: \$75 Duplicate license: \$10 Certified statement: \$25 Verification of Nebraska license: \$5 Administration charge: \$25	Applicants must hold the following: • A valid certificate awarded by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf. • Valid level III or higher certification awarded by the National Association of the Deaf. OR • Valid level III or higher in interpreting or transliterating on the Mid-America Quality Assurance Screening Test.	Two (2) year cycles (expires on June 30 of each odd year).	The Commission determines if violations have been committed and have several actions that they may take depending on the infraction. There are different processes in place for license reinstatement depending on the infraction. There are processes in place if a person chooses to challenge or appeal the Commission's decision. Complaint Process: Please review the websites.
	Nebraska Websites	Rules and Regulations: http://www.ncdhh.ne.gov/SL_Interpreters/interpreter_rules_regs.pdf Interpreter Licensing: http://www.ncdhh.ne.gov/SL_Interpreters/interpreter_licensing.html					
Yes	28. Nevada Agency: Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services Note: There are currently no licensing requirements in Nevada. Registration with Aging and Disability Services is required.	Unknown.	General Two (2) Tiers: • Community. • Education. Three (3) levels for each Tiers: • Apprentice. • Skilled. • Advanced.	Unknown.	• Proof that the applicant is at least 18 years of age. • An application in the form prescribed by the Division. • Proof that the applicant has complied with the requirements for education, training, experience and certification required for each professional classification of the practice of interpreting pursuant to this section or prescribed by a regulation of the Division.	Unknown.	Misdemeanor and a fine not more than \$5,000.
	Nevada Websites	Law: http://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-656A.html					

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Yes	29. New Hampshire Board: Board of Licensing for Interpreters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	Number of Board Members: 9 Term Limits: • Initial Appointment: Staggered. • Subsequent Appointments: Three-year terms. Members may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. The board shall consist of nine (9) members -- appointed by the governor, with approval from the state council -- as follows: • Four (4) licensed interpreters from a list of names submitted by the New Hampshire Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf in conjunction with the New Hampshire Association of the Deaf, including at least two (2) of whom are national level licensees. • Five (5) consumers, including: o Three (3) deaf persons from a list of names submitted by the New Hampshire Association of the Deaf. o One (1) consumer of oral interpreting services. o One (1) non-deaf member of the public not licensed under this chapter.	General Licensure (Level contingent upon examination results).	Application fee: \$50 License fee for three (3) years: \$150	• Be at least 18 years old. • Demonstrate sufficient evidence of good professional character and reliability to satisfy the board that the applicant shall faithfully and conscientiously avoid professional misconduct and otherwise adhere to the requirements of this chapter. • An interpreter for the deaf and hard of hearing certified by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, the National Association of the Deaf, or the New Hampshire Interpreter classification process prior to the effective date of this chapter shall be accepted for licensure by the board, at the appropriate license level, without examination, provided that all such certified persons comply with all other requirements of the board under this chapter.	Three (3) years.	Class A misdemeanor and may, in addition, be subject to a civil penalty of up to \$2000 per offense or, in the case of a continuing offense, \$250 for each day the violation continues.
	New Hampshire Websites	Board of Licensing for Interpreters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: http://nhrsa.org/law/326-i-3-board-of-licensing-for-interpreters-for-the-deaf-and-hard-of-hearing-administrative-attachment/ Law: http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2001/hb0288.html Law Revisions: http://nhrsa.org/law/chapter/326-i/ Department of Education Interpreter Licensure: http://www.education.nh.gov/career/vocational/deaf_hh_interp_lic_bd.htm Grievance Process: http://nhrsa.org/law/326-i-14-disciplinary-actions/					
No	30. New Jersey Agency: Educational Interpreters Professional Development Center (EIPDC) Note: There are currently no licensing requirements in New Jersey. Certification from EIPDC is required for educational interpreters.	Unknown.	Certification for Educational Interpreters.	Initial Fee: \$95 Renewal Fee: \$70 Substitute Fee: \$125 Apply & Denied: \$70	• Hold an associate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university. • EIPA 3+. • 15 semester hour-credits of professional education coursework that includes study in child development, language development, curriculum development, methods of instruction, interpreting for deaf-blind students, and legal and ethical issues for educational interpreters. Such study may be part of the degree program or in addition to the degree program and may be completed at an accredited two-year college.	Unknown.	Unknown.
	New Jersey Websites	Educational Interpreters Professional Development Center: http://www.ucc.edu/community/eipdc/					

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Yes	<p>31. New Mexico Agency: New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department Board: Signed Language Interpreting Practice Board</p>	<p>Number of Board Members: 7 Term Limits: Staggered three-year terms. The governor shall appoint the members to serve on the board. The board shall consist of seven (7) members, at least two (2) of whom are from each congressional district, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two (2) licensed community interpreters. • Two (2) licensed educational interpreters, at least one (1) of whom is a deaf or hard-of-hearing person. • Two (2) deaf, hard-of-hearing, deaf-blind persons who are regular consumers of signed language interpreting services. • One (1) person representing the general public who has never been a licensed signed language interpreter and has no financial interest in the profession of signed language interpreting. <p>Members shall serve for staggered terms of three (3) years each. Members shall be paid per diem and mileage.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community. • Educational. • Provisional. 	<p>Provisional licenses renew each year. Provisional license fees: Initial fee: \$40 Renewal: \$25 Community and educational licenses are renewed every 2 years. Community and educational license fees: Initial fee: \$65 Renewal: \$50 Other Fees: Late fee: \$20 Replacement license: \$10</p>	<p>All applications for licensure must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A completed and signed application. • Applicant name. • Proof of age indicating applicant is at least eighteen years of age (copy of birth certificate, driver's license, state issued identification card, or baptismal certificate). • Mailing address. • Business address. • Phone number. • Non-refundable application fee as required by the board. • Photograph. <p>Applicants for original licensure shall attach the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A recent passport size, color photograph, front-view of face. <p>An application for a community signed language interpreter license must also include a copy of the applicant's current RID membership card showing that the applicant holds one or more certifications recognized by RID at the time of application for licensure with the exception of ED: K-12 (educational certificate: K-12).</p> <p>An application for an educational signed language interpreter license must also include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of EIPA rating of 4.0- 5.0. • A copy of the applicant's current RID membership card showing that the applicant holds the ED: K-12 certified member status by virtue of EIPA rating. <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the applicant's current RID membership card showing that the applicant holds one or more certifications currently recognized by RID. <p>An application for a provisional signed language interpreter license must also include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of completion of an interpreter education program or interpreter preparation program at an accredited institution. <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of employment as a community signed language interpreter or an educational signed language interpreter at the time the act became effective. • A copy of the applicant's current RID membership card showing that the applicant is an associate member (for purposes of tracking CEU requirements through the ACET program). <p>If an applicant submits an incomplete license application they will be requested to submit any missing documentation; failure to do so within six months of receipt of the original application will result in the application file being closed. After the file has been closed, the applicant will be required to submit a new application and application fee to apply again.</p>	<p>Community/ Educational: Every two (2) years. Expires every two years on 9/30. Provisional: Every year up to four years. Expires every year on 9/30.</p>	<p>The Board has several options, ranging from dismissing the complaint, to imposing a fine, to referring the complaint to the Attorney General for prosecution.</p>
	<p>New Mexico Websites</p>	<p>Licensure: http://www.cdnh.state.nm.us/Licensure.aspx Sign Language Interpreting Practices: http://www.rid.state.nm.us/boards/Signed_Language_Interpreting_Practices.aspx Code: http://164.64.110.239/nmac/_title16/T16C028.htm History & Purpose: http://www.cdnh.state.nm.us/pdf/factsheets/Interpreter-Licensure-History-Purpose.pdf Grievance Process: http://www.rid.state.nm.us/boards/Signed_Language_Interpreting_Practices_Forms_and_Applications.aspx</p>					

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Attempted	32. New York Note: Legislation to establish state licensure for sign language interpreters currently pending.	Legislation pending.	Legislation pending.	Legislation pending.	Legislation pending.	Legislation pending.	Legislation pending.
	New York Websites	Legislation: http://open.nysenate.gov/legislation/bill/S5712-2013					
Yes	33. North Carolina Board: North Carolina Interpreters & Translitterators Licensing Board	<p>Number of Board Members: 9 Term Limits: Staggered. The Board shall consist of nine (9) members who shall serve staggered terms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of the North Carolina Association of the Deaf (NCAD) who is deaf and familiar with the interpreting process. • An interpreter who is a member of the North Carolina Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc., (NCRID) with five (5) years' experience in a community setting and who is licensed to practice as an interpreter or transliterator under this Chapter. • An employee of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. • An interpreter or transliterator for deaf-blind individuals who is licensed to practice as an interpreter or transliterator under this Chapter or a deaf-blind individual who is a member of the North Carolina Deaf-Blind Association and who has knowledge of the interpreting process. • A cued speech or oral transliterator licensed to practice as an interpreter or transliterator under this Chapter. • A member of Self Help for Hard of Hearing (SHHH) with knowledge of the interpreting process and deafness. • An interpreter who is a member of the North Carolina Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc., (NCRID) with five (5) years' experience in an educational setting in grades K-12 and who is licensed to practice as an interpreter or transliterator under this Chapter. • A faculty member of an Interpreter Training Program (ITP), an Interpreter Preparation Program (IPP), or a qualified or professional certified instructor of the American Sign Language Teachers Association (ASLTA). • A public member. This member shall be appointed by the General Assembly, upon recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and serve a term of two (2) years. For purposes of this section, a public member shall not be licensed under this Chapter or have an immediate family member who is deaf or hard-of-hearing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full License. • Provisional License. 	<p>Licensure fee: \$225 Renewal fee: \$125 Initial provisional license: \$225 Renewal of provisional license: \$125 Lost license: \$10 Background check: \$38 (Renewal fee waived if people are serving in the armed forces)</p>	<p>Upon application to the Board and the payment of the required fees, an applicant may be licensed as an interpreter or transliterator if the applicant meets all of the following qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is eighteen (18) years of age or older. • Is of good moral character as determined by the Board. • Meets one of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Holds a valid National Association of the Deaf (NAD), level 4 or 5 certification. o Is nationally certified by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc., (RID). o Has a national certification recognized by the National Cued Speech Association (NCSA). o Holds a quality assurance North Carolina Interpreter Classification System (NCICS) level A or B classification in effect on January 1, 2000. 	Annual.	Please visit the websites.
	North Carolina Websites	<p>North Carolina Interpreters and Translitterators Licensing Board: http://www.ncitlb.org/ Board Members: http://www.ncitlb.org/board-members/ Law and Rules: http://www.ncitlb.org/statute-rules/ Grievance Process: http://www.ncitlb.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/Filing-a-Complaint-Rev.-08-14.pdf</p>					
No	34. North Dakota Note: There are currently no licensing requirements in North Dakota. Nationally recognized certification is required.	Unknown.	None.	Unknown.	National certification required.	Unknown.	Class B Misdemeanor.

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	North Dakota Websites	North Dakota Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Communications: http://www.nd.gov/ndsd/outreach/communications.html Law: http://www.legis.nd.gov/cencode/t43c52.pdf?20150311104828						
No	35. Ohio Agency: Ohio Department of Education Note: Educational Interpreters only.	Unknown.	Associate's license.	Unknown.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate's degree. • Applicant deemed of good moral character. • Completion of an approved program of preparation Interpreter for Hearing Impaired Associate. • Achieves standards outlined in the Department of Education Interpreter for Hearing Impaired Associate guidelines. 	Renewal every five (5) years.	Unknown.	
	Ohio Websites	Interpreter for Hearing Impaired Associate guidelines: https://www.ohiohighered.org/files/uploads/education-prep/documents/associate_interpreter_for_hearing_impaired_licensure_program_standards.pdf						
No	36. Oklahoma Note: There are currently no licensing requirements in Oklahoma.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	
	Oklahoma Websites	N/A						
No	37. Oregon Agency: Oregon Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services. Registration is required to work for ODHHS. Note: There are currently no licensing requirements in Oregon.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	
	Oregon Websites	Department of Human Services. Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services: www.oregon.gov/dhs/odhhs/Pages/ecs_home.aspx Oregon Certified Sign Language Interpreters Registration: http://licenseinfo.oregon.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=license_seng&link_item_id=26411						
Yes	38. Pennsylvania Agency: The Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Advisory Council: Advisory Council for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing Note: There are currently no licensing requirements in Pennsylvania. Registration with the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is required.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of Advisory Council Members: 17 • The Governor or his/her designee. • The Secretary of Public Welfare or his/her designee. • The Secretary of Health or his/her designee. • The Secretary of Education or his/her designee. • The Secretary of Labor and Industry or his/her designee. • The Secretary of Aging or his/her designee. • A member of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro Tempore. • A member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker. • Nine (9) public members to be appointed by the Governor, who "shall be individuals selected from schools, organizations and non-State agencies which render services to or represent persons who are hard of hearing" at least four (4) of which "shall be deaf or hard of hearing." 	Required State Registration; Provisional Registration available.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration fee: \$100 Late renewal: \$50 Reactivation following suspension: \$100 Registration card replacement: \$10 Provisional Registration: \$50 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant is 18 years of age or older. • Has passed the examination required by subsection. • Has paid applicable fees. • Possesses the general fitness. • Competence and reliability sufficient to satisfy the office that the applicant is worthy of State registration. 	Biennial renewal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Department may impose disciplinary or corrective measures or levy administrative fines of up to \$500 on a registrant for doing one or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtaining a State registration or renewal of a registration through fraud, deceit or misrepresentation. • Being convicted of a felony or a crime in this Commonwealth or other jurisdiction relating to the provision of interpreter or transliterator services. • Being the subject of a disciplinary or other administrative action taken against this registration, certificate or license to provide interpreting or transliterating services in another state by a government agency. • Committing fraud, gross negligence or misconduct relating to the provision of interpreting or transliterating services as determined by the office. • Engaging in any other misconduct relating to the provision of interpreting or transliterating services as determined by the office. 	
	Pennsylvania Websites	Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: http://www.dli.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/office_for_the_deaf_hard_of_hearing/10371						

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Yes	39. Rhode Island Board: Board of Interpreters for the Deaf	Number of Board Members: 5 Term Limits: Three-year terms. No more than two (2) consecutive terms. The board shall consist of five (5) persons who shall be residents of the state of Rhode Island for at least two (2) years prior to their appointments: • Three (3) nationally certified interpreters. • Two (2) consumers of interpreting services. All appointments made under this section shall be made by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. In making appointments to the board, the governor shall give consideration to recommendations made by the commission on the deaf and hard-of-hearing established pursuant to state regulations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interpreter License. • Transliterator License. • Temporary License. 	Interpreter or Transliterator License: \$25 (If applying for both licenses, two separate applications are required and the fee is \$50)	Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent passport type photograph. • Birth certificate (original or a copy notarized as being a true copy of the original), or if born outside the United States, proof of citizenship or lawful alien status, (original or a copy notarized as being a true copy of the original). • Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) certification or state screening, sent directly from RID or the state to the Board. If application is by a state screening, evidence of successful completion of the RID generalist written exam is required OR evidence of completion of coursework in ASL, Deaf Culture and the Code of Ethics is required. • License Verifications from the state(s) in which applicant holds or has held a license (Endorsement applicants only). • Mandatory Addendum to License Application - Verification of Social Security Number. 	Annual.	Please visit the websites.
	Rhode Island Websites	Application: http://www.health.ri.gov/applications/DeafInterpreter.pdf Rules and Regulations: http://sos.ri.gov/documents/archives/regdocs/released/pdf/DOH/7013.pdf					
Attempted	40. South Carolina Note: Legislation to establish state licensure for sign language interpreters currently pending.	Legislation pending.	Legislation pending.	Legislation pending.	Legislation pending.	Legislation pending.	Legislation pending.
	South Carolina Websites	Legislation: http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess121_2015-2016/bills/293.htm					
Yes	41. South Dakota Agency: Department of Human Services Note: There are currently no licensing requirements in South Dakota. Registration with the Department of Human Services is required.	Unknown.	South Dakota State Certification. Certified Interpreters. Provisional Certificate.	South Dakota State Certified Interpreters: \$75 initial and renewal Certified Interpreters: \$50 initial fee \$35 renewal Provisional certificate: \$250 initial \$35 renewal Name change on records: \$10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A current NAD or RID certificate. OR • An assessment score of 3.5 or higher on the EIPA performance test obtained not more than five years prior to the date of initial registration. OR • A South Dakota interpreter certificate obtained within the previous year and the required contact hours. 	Annual renewal.	Class 2 Misdemeanor.
	South Dakota Websites	Interpreter Registration: http://dhs.sd.gov/drs/deafserv/interpreter_certification_main.aspx					
Attempted	42. Tennessee Note: Legislation to establish state licensure for sign language interpreters currently pending.	Legislation pending.	Legislation pending.	Legislation pending.	Legislation pending.	Legislation pending.	Legislation pending.
	Tennessee Websites	Legislation: https://legiscan.com/TN/bill/SB2480/2013					
Yes	43. Texas Agency: Texas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Note: There are currently no licensing requirements in Texas. Registration with the commission is required.	Number of Commission Members: 9 Term limits: Staggered, six-year terms Members are appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate: • Three (3) members of the commission must be persons who are deaf or hard of hearing. • Two (2) must be parents of persons who are deaf or hard of hearing. • Two (2) must be professionals serving persons who are deaf or hard of hearing. • Two (2) must be persons from the general public. A majority of the members shall be deaf.	Registration required.	Annual maintenance fee: \$50	Unknown.	Annual maintenance fee required.	Unknown.
	Texas Websites	Registry: http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HR/htm/HR.81.htm					

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No	44. Utah: Certification Required	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.
	Utah Websites	N/A					
No	45. Vermont Note: There are currently no licensing requirements in Vermont.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.
	Vermont Websites	N/A					
No	46. Virginia Agency: Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (VDDHH) Advisory Board: VDDHH Advisory Board Note: There are currently no licensing requirements in Virginia. Registration with the VDDHH is required in order to work for state agencies.	Number of Advisory Board Members: 9 Term Limits: Four-year terms: no more than two (2) consecutive terms, except that a person appointed to fill a vacancy may serve two (2) additional successive four-year terms. Composition: Nine (9) members appointed by the Governor. • Four (4) members who are deaf or hard of hearing. • Four (4) members who are professionals in related fields. • One (1) member who is a parent of a child who is deaf or hard of hearing.	No licensure.	Written test: \$20 Performance test: \$80	• Certification from any national organization whose certification process has been recognized by the Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. OR • Current screening level awarded by the Virginia Quality Assurance Screening Program of the Department for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing. OR • A screening level or recognized evaluation from any other state when the credentials meet the minimum requirements of Virginia Quality Assurance Screening and the credentials are valid and current in the state issued.	Unknown.	
	Virginia Websites	Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: http://www.vddhh.org/Default.htm					
Attempted	47. Washington Agency: Unknown Note: There are currently no licensing requirements in Washington.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.	No licensing requirements.
	Washington Websites	N/A					
Yes	48. West Virginia Agency: West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Note: There are currently no licensing requirements in West Virginia. Registration with West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is required.	Number of Board Members: 17 Nine (9) members appointed by the Governor: • Five (5) members representing the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Communities. • Four (4) members representing professionals and family members. Eight (8) ex-officio members: • Designee for the Division of Labor Commissioner. • Designee for the Department of Education Superintendent. • Designee for the Department of Health and Human Resources Cabinet Secretary. • Designee for the Division of Rehabilitation Services Director. • Designee for the Bureau for Public Health Commissioner. • Representative of West Virginia Birth to Three Programs. • Representative from the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind. • Representative from the Advisory Council for the Education of Exceptional Children.	Required State Registration.	Registration fee: \$25	• Three (3) professional references. • Resume. • RID membership. • Copies of all certifications held and transcripts from ITP if applicable.	Renewal every three (3) years.	Possible Penalties: • Indefinitely suspend, suspend for a certain term, refuse to issue, and refuse to renew or revoke a registration. • Issue a reprimand. • Request the registrant to take a refresher educational course or training.
	West Virginia Websites	West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: http://www.wvdhhr.org/wvcdhh/Administrative_Law : http://www.wvdhhr.org/wvcdhh/interpreters/WVRI%20Legislative%20Rule.pdf					

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Yes	<p>49. Wisconsin Agency: Department of Safety and Professional Services Council: Sign Language Interpreter Council</p>	<p>Number of Council Members: 8 Term Limits: Three-year terms. Sign Language Interpreter Council Consists of the Secretary of Safety and Professional Services or a designee of the secretary and the following eight (8) members nominated by the governor, and with the advice and consent of the senate appointed, for three-year terms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five (5) deaf or hard of hearing individuals who are or have been clients of a sign language interpreter, at least one (1) of whom is a graduate of a residential school for the deaf or hard of hearing and at least one (1) of whom is a graduate of a private or public school that is not a residential school for the deaf or hard of hearing. • Two (2) interpreters licensed by the state, at least one (1) of who holds a renewable license. • One (1) individual who is not deaf or hard of hearing and who has obtained, or represents an entity that has obtained, sign language interpreter services for the benefit of another who is deaf or hard of hearing. <p>If possible, the governor shall nominate individuals from diverse locations within the state.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General License. • Education License. 	<p>License fee: \$75 every odd year</p>	<p>There are three (3) methods: Method one (1):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate degree in sign language interpretation or a certificate of completion of an education and training program regarding such interpretation. • One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o RID certification. o NAD 3, 4 or 5 or equivalent certification. <p>Method two (2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RID certification and satisfactory evidence of a diagnosis by a physician that the applicant is deaf or hard of hearing. <p>Method three (3):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within twenty-four (24) months after establishing residency in the state, the applicant must provide satisfactory evidence that the applicant holds one of the following certifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o RID certification. o NAD certification level 3, 4, or 5 or equivalent certification and the applicant must meet both of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Applicant obtained the certification prior to establishing residence in this state. b. Applicant held the certification at the time the applicant established residency in this state. <p>Educational Interpreters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Two (2) years of course work related to interpreter preparation and is a five (5) year license. Renewal requirements include taking and passing the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) and successfully completing five (5) additional credits or a Professional Development Plan (PDP). <p>For Educational Interpreters, there is an alternate license that can be acquired. The initial license requires two (2) years of course work related to interpreter preparation and is a five (5) year license. Renewal requirements include taking and passing the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) and successfully completing five (5) additional credits or a Professional Development Plan (PDP).</p> <p>All interpreters shall hold a permit to function in a public school as an Educational Sign Language Interpreter (ESLI).</p> <p>An ESLI Permit is valid for five (5) years.</p> <p>Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Submit an Institutional Recommendation and Official Transcripts with degree(s) listed from an accredited institution of higher education. OR o Document national certification. OR o Obtain a score of 3.5 or greater on the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) in one of the following areas of sign language: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. American Sign Language (ASL). b. Manually Coded English (MCE) or Pidgin Sign Language (PSE). OR o Document successful, full-time experience as an interpreter in a public school setting three (3) out of the last six (6) years AND obtain a score of 3.2 or greater on the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) in one of the following areas of sign language: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. American Sign Language (ASL). b. Manually Coded English (MCE) or Pidgin Sign Language (PSE). 	<p>Expires every odd year</p>	<p>Please visit the websites.</p>

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	Wisconsin Websites	License Requirements: http://dsps.wi.gov/Default.aspx?Page=505dc4da-2c81-4af6-b86d-021dcc309b3d Educational Interpreter Licensing: http://sped.dpi.wi.gov/sped_hi-interpreter-licensing Grievance Process: http://dsps.wi.gov/Complaints					
No	50. Wyoming Agency: Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Note: There are currently no licensing requirements in Wyoming. Registration with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation is required.	Unknown.	Registration required.	Unknown.			
	Wyoming Websites	Wyoming Division of Vocational Rehabilitation ASL Interpreter List: http://www.wyomingworkforce.org/Documents/wrs_InterpreterList.pdf					