**Section 1515.50 Accepted Certificates**

An applicant for a license as a sign language interpreter shall provide proof of a current and valid acceptable certificate. Based upon the accepted certificate, a proficiency level, as determined under Section 1515.90, will be indicated on the license.

a) Acceptable certificates for a provisional license include any of the following:

1) Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) 3.5 or above and/or Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) certification based on EIPA evaluation;

2) Interpreter Skills Assessment Screening (ISAS) Interpreting Level 1 or 2;

3) Interpreter Skills Assessment Screening (ISAS) Transliterating Level 1 or 2;

4) Missouri Interpreter Certification Novice or Apprentice;

5) Illinois Board for Evaluation of Interpreters (BEI) Test of English Proficiency (TEP) or other state's BEI TEP;

6) Deaf Interpreters, with a minimum of 8 contact hours of training on the NAD-RID Code of Professional Conduct, and/or a state accredited college or university course including the Code of Professional Conduct and 8 contact hours on the role and responsibilities of Certified Deaf Interpreter, both completed within 3 years prior to the date of application; or

7) Until January 1, 2011, an interpreter who cannot provide any of the certificates required by this subsection (a), but who maintained a valid and unencumbered registration with the Commission on July 1, 2007 under the Interpreters for the Deaf Act [225 ILCS 442, repealed January 1, 2009].

b) Acceptable certificates for a license with an intermediate proficiency level include any of the following:

1) Interpreter Skills Assessment Screening (ISAS) Interpreting Level 3 or above;

2) Interpreter Skills Assessment Screening (ISAS) Transliterating Level 3 or above;

3) RID Interpretation Certificate (IC);

4) RID Transliteration Certificate (TC);

5) RID IC/TC;

6) Testing Evaluation and Certification Unit Inc. (TECUnit);

7) Missouri Interpreter Certification Intermediate;

8) Illinois BEI or other state's BEI Intermediate Level;

9) Deaf Interpreters with the required training under a provisional license and proof of passing a generalized knowledge based test provided by the Commission; or

10) Licensure in other states based on qualifications similar to those listed in this subsection (b).

c) Acceptable certificates for a license with an advanced proficiency level include any of the following:

1) Interpreter Skills Assessment Screening (ISAS) Interpreting Level 4 or above and ISAS Transliterating Level 4 or above;

2) RID-CI;

3) RID-CT;

4) National Interpreter Certification (NIC);

5) National Association of the Deaf Certificate Level 3 or 4;

6) Missouri Interpreter Certification Advanced;

7) Illinois BEI or other state's BEI Advanced Level;

8) Deaf Interpreters with the required training under a provisional license and proof of passing the RID-CDI knowledge based test; or

9) Licensure in other states based on qualifications similar to those listed in this subsection (c).

d) Acceptable certificates for a license with a master proficiency level include any of the following:

1) RID-CI/CT;

2) RID-Comprehensive Skills Certificate (CSC);

3) RID-Master Comprehensive Skills Certificate (MCSC);

4) RID-Reverse Skills Certificate (RSC);

5) RID-Certified Deaf Interpreter (CDI);

6) RID Specialist Certificate: Legal (SC:L) (applies to acceptance of legal assignments only under Section 1515.90);

7) National Association of the Deaf Certificate Level 5;

8) Missouri Interpreter Certificate Comprehensive;

9) National Interpreter Certification (NIC) Advanced or Master;

10) Illinois BEI or other state's BEI Master Level; or

11) Licensure in other states based on qualifications similar to those listed in this subsection (d).

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