

1 AN ACT relating to interpreters.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 309.312 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) To be eligible for licensure by the board as an interpreter, the applicant shall submit
5 an application which includes:
- 6 (a) An application fee; and
 - 7 (b) Current certification from a nationally recognized organization at the requisite
8 level for sign language interpreters, oral interpreters, or cued speech
9 transliterators as determined by the board and promulgated by administrative
10 regulation.
- 11 (2) The board shall issue an interpreter license to an applicant who fulfills these
12 requirements. The front of the license shall clearly list all certifications held by the
13 licensee.
- 14 (3) The board may issue a temporary license as an interpreter to an applicant who is
15 certified at a level below that required for licensure in subsection (1) of this section.
16 A temporary license shall be available for a person who is training under the
17 supervision of a licensed interpreter under circumstances defined by the board in
18 administrative regulation. A temporary license is valid for only a certain period
19 until the licensee achieves the minimum level of certification required for licensure
20 under subsection (1) of this section. A temporary license is not renewable although
21 extensions may be granted under circumstances defined by administrative
22 regulation.
- 23 (a) For graduates of a baccalaureate interpreter training program, a temporary
24 license shall be valid for up to one (1) year.
 - 25 (b) For graduates of an associate of arts interpreter training program, a temporary
26 license shall be valid for up to two (2) years.
 - 27 (c) For nondegree applicants, a temporary license shall be valid for up to two (2)

1 years.

2 (4) Upon payment of the application fee, the board shall grant licensure to an applicant
3 holding a valid license, certificate, or equivalent issued by another state if it is based
4 upon standards equivalent to or exceeding the standards required by KRS 309.300
5 to 309.319.

6 **(5) Any applicant planning to work in a K-12 classroom setting as an interpreter**
7 **shall be deemed to meet the certification requirements established in subsection**
8 **(1)(b) of this section by receiving a score of 4.0 or above on the Educational**
9 **Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) and passage of the EIPA written**
10 **test.**