

North Carolina Interpreter and Transliterators Licensure Law Fact Sheet

What's the Purpose of Requiring a License?

The North Carolina Interpreter and Transliterators Law, North Carolina General Statute 90D, was created to ensure standards of competency and to promote quality interpreting and transliterating services for the citizens of North Carolina.

Who Needs a License? / Who Doesn't Need a License?

Any person who provides interpreting or transliterating services for a fee or other consideration must possess a license. However, this does not include religious proceedings, educational settings, Board-approved mentoring/internship relationships and emergencies until a licensed interpreter arrives on scene. Nonresident, nationally certified interpreters are eligible to interpret up to 20 days per year in North Carolina without a license.

How Does Someone Get a License?

There are currently two license categories: Full and Provisional. To obtain a license you must be at least 18 years or older and be of good moral character (finger printing and background check are required) AND:

For a Full license, you must also hold a two year degree from an accredited college or university AND one of the following:

- RID Certification,
- NAD IV,
- NAD V,
- NCICS A,
- NCICS B or
- National certification recognized by the National Cued Speech Association.

For a Provisional license, you must also hold a two year degree from an accredited college or university AND one of the following:

- Two or four year interpreting degree from an accredited college,
- NAD III,
- NAD II,
- NCICS C,
- EIPA III or higher,
- Cued Language Transliterating coursework (40 hours),
- Deaf Interpreter training (30 hours),
- Oral interpreter training (40 hours),
- Credential from another state or
- Proof of 200 hours per year in the provision of interpreting/transliterating services in this State or another State (totaling 400 hours) for the two years immediately preceding the date of their application.

How Do You Maintain a License?

Both Full and Provisional licenses have to be renewed every year. Provisional licenses may be renewed up to three times.

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The license cycle begins October 1 and ends September 30. In order to renew, a licensee must obtain 2.0 (20 hours) Continuing Educational Units (CEUs).

What Happens If Someone Does Not Renew?

If a Full licensee misses the renewal deadline, he/she will have to reapply for an initial Full license.

If a Provisional licensee misses the renewal deadline, their license will be considered lapsed. If it is the first time their license has lapsed, they may renew within the year by providing documentation of the required CEUs. If the license lapses a second time they must reapply for an initial Full license.

Full-Grandfather licenses are no longer available; therefore, if a Full-Grandfather licensee misses the renewal deadline, he/she will have to reapply for an initial Full license.

How Do I Know if Someone is Licensed?

Licensee must have his/her license or license number with them and available upon request. You may also call or visit the NCITLB website for a list of current licensees, www.ncitlb.org.

How Do I File a Complaint?

If you feel the law has been violated by a licensed interpreter while interpreting you may file a complaint. Instructions for filing a complaint are found on the NCITLB website, www.ncitlb.org.

It is highly recommended you try first to talk with the interpreter directly and/or their supervisor/person responsible for providing their services. If this does not remedy the situation you may file a complaint by contacting the NCITLB Executive Secretary at ncitlb@mgmt4u.com. All complaints need to go through the NCITLB central office to be presented to the License Review Committee.

What Fees are Associated with Becoming Licensed?

To apply for an initial Full or Provisional license, the fee is \$225 plus an additional \$38 to cover the cost of a criminal record check. The annual renewal fee is \$150.

How Do I Learn More Information?

You may view the licensure law at www.ncleg.net/gascripts/statutes/StatutesTOC.pl?Chapter=0090D or visit the Licensing Board website at www.ncitlb.org or contact the NCITLB Executive Secretary at 919-779-5709, ext 2 or ncitlb@mgmt4u.com.

You may also contact one of the Interpreting Services Specialists at the North Carolina Division of Services for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing, 1-800-851-6099.

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