

Registration Checklist for the Louisiana Interpreter Registry: Community Settings

Generalist Temporary Practice Permit – Supervised Support

Interpreters in community settings who do not yet have formal credentials but do have professional experience can use this checklist to follow the steps for a Temporary Practice Permit – Supervised Support. By fully and accurately completing these steps, interpreters will be included on the Louisiana Interpreter Registry with a Temporary Practice Permit – Supervised Support. This means interpreters with this registration type can legally work in Louisiana as an interpreter in general community settings for one year with quarterly reviews with a Registered Generalist interpreter.

Registration functions as licensure and is legally required to work in Louisiana. Working without registration may result in disciplinary or legal action.

Experience

- At least one-year full-time interpreting experience

Language Skills

- Sign Language Proficiency Interview (SLPI) rating of Advanced or higher within the last two years



Professional Development

- Two letters of recommendation (one registered interpreter and one interpreter professional such as a teacher or interpreter agency director)

Only one of the following is required

- Enrollment in an interpreter training program (ITP) and/or mentoring
- Twenty Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) and/or Board for Evaluation of Interpreters (BEI) continuing education credits per year of experience
- Letter verifying prior training and supervised support

Supervision

- Must review progress toward certification with a Registered Interpreter assigned by the Louisiana Commission for the Deaf no less than once per quarter

Registration (valid for one year and non-renewable)

- Submit an application through the Louisiana Interpreter Registry
- Upload resume, transcripts, test scores, and credentials as applicable

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Request for Exception

Requests for exceptions to any of the registration requirements due to special circumstances, recognition of other credentials, or approved registration or licensing from another state must be submitted in writing to the Louisiana Commission for the Deaf for review and may be eligible for approval on a case-by-case basis

- Complete and submit the exception request form through the Louisiana Interpreter Registry using the request for exception upload field

Support

The Louisiana Commission for the Deaf offers resources to support the sign language interpreter workforce during all stages of their professional development. For access to one-on-one coaching, internship opportunities, and more, visit the interpreter mentorship webpage at lcd.la.gov/interpreting_mentorship_program.

Scan the QR code to learn more about the minimum standards for sign language interpreters.

