

Getting started as a sign language interpreter in the state of Kentucky

Interpreting in the state of Kentucky (including K-12 education) requires a state issued license.

This document is to only be used as a guide, not an interpretation of the law. To read the law in its entirety see Kentucky Revised Statutes KRS 309.300 to KRS 309.319 and Kentucky Administrative Regulations 201 KAR 39:20 to 201 KAR 39:120.

Types of licenses:

Full License

To be eligible one must:

- ___ (1) Submit a completed [Application for Licensure](#) form to the board
- ___ (2) Pay the one time application fee of \$50 and the annual license fee of \$125 (a total of \$175 paid with initial application).
- ___ (3) Submit proof of valid certification:
 - (a) At a level recognized by RID, with the exception of NAD III (for full list see [certifications recognized by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf](#))
 - (c) NTECUnit (CLTNCE)
 - (b) Other certifications as described in 201 KAR 39:080, if applying for licensure via reciprocity
- ___ (4) Submit proof of Educational Requirement (copy of diploma or transcript of highest degree of education obtained)

Temporary License

To be eligible one must:

- ___ (1) Submit a completed [Application for Licensure](#) form
- ___ (2) Pay one time application fee of \$50 and annual license fee of \$125 (a total of \$175 paid with initial application)
- ___ (3) A Plan of Supervision for a Temporary License from a board approved mentor
- ___ (4) Proof of essential knowledge
 - (a) Proof documenting passage of the NIC or EIPA Knowledge Exam.
 - (b) If the interpreter is deaf or hard of hearing, eighteen (18) hours of continuing education focused on CDI preparation may be obtained in lieu of this requirement; and
- ___ (5) Proof of achieving or holding one (1) of the following according to 201 KAR 39:070:
 - (a) Valid NAD Level III as a currently certified member;
 - (b) SLPI or SCPI Advanced or better;
 - (d) ASLPI 4.0 or better.
- ___ (6) Submit proof of Educational Requirement (copy of diploma or transcript of highest degree of education obtained)

Once you have submitted all of the required paperwork your application will be considered at the next Kentucky Board of Interpreters meeting (provided we receive it within 7 days prior) and a decision will be made. You will be notified by mail and can also check to see your status at KBI.ky.gov to verify your license status.

For more information about the field of sign language interpreting see:

The Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing <http://www.kcdhh.ky.gov/>

National Association of the Deaf www.nad.org

Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf www.rid.org

Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment www.classroominterpreting.org/eipa/index.asp

The Kentucky School for the Deaf (information about SLPI) www.ksd.k12.ky.us/content_page.aspx?cid=30

Gallaudet University (information about ASLPI) www.gallaudet.edu/asldes/aslpi.html