

# 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

### **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.

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](http://www.nad.org)

Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf [www.rid.org](http://www.rid.org)

Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment [www.classroominterpreting.org/eipa/index.asp](http://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](http://www.ksd.k12.ky.us/content_page.aspx?cid=30)

Gallaudet University (information about ASLPI) [www.gallaudet.edu/asldes/aslpi.html](http://www.gallaudet.edu/asldes/aslpi.html)