



WASHINGTON STATE COURT INTERPRETER PROGRAM ORAL CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) is offering the Oral Exam for court interpreter certification on **October 8 and 9, 2016**. The oral exam will be held at Bellevue College. The fee for the Oral Exam is \$300 for Washington State residents and \$550 for out-of-state residents. Payment is due at the time of registration and is **non-refundable**. A completed application **must be postmarked by the deadline of Friday, September 16, 2016**. **No late applications will be accepted.**

The Oral Exam is only available to those who have passed the AOC Court Interpreter Written Exam and completed the AOC Court Interpreter Orientation in 2014, 2015 and 2016.

Please indicate your preference of date and time (morning or afternoon) on the registration form, unless pre-authorized. The exam will take about one hour. After the registration deadline, you will receive exam information and an appointment for either **October 8 and 9, 2016**.

The oral exams used for Washington court certification are developed and maintained by the Consortium for Language Access in the Courts. Information about the Consortium is located on our website at www.courts.wa.gov/interpreters by clicking on the Consortium link under "Interpreters Information".

REGISTRATION

To register for the Oral Exam, you must submit all 3 items below no later than **Friday, September 16, 2016**:

1. A completed registration form (pages 1 and 2);
2. A completed Court Interpreter Certification Oral Exam Survey (pages 1, 2 and 3 of the survey); and
3. Payment, in the form of check or money order. (credit cards or cash are **not** accepted)

You can register by filling out this form and mailing it in or by filling out an online version at this website: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TJBS3H2>.

If you are using this form, the packet containing all 3 items above must be postmarked no later than **September 16**. You can mail the completed packet to:

Court Interpreter Program
Oral Exam Registration
PO Box 41170
Olympia, WA 98504

Payment is only accepted by mail and cannot be completed online. Please send your payment to the address above and make the check/money order payable to: Administrative Office of the Courts

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REGISTRATION FORM – page 1

(Please Print Clearly in CAPITAL Letters)

NOTE: Your name must appear identical to your picture identification shown for testing.

FIRST NAME _____ LAST NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE _____ BIRTH DATE (mmddyy): _____
(day) (evening)

ORAL EXAM LANGUAGE

RESIDENT — \$300

Language(s):

OUT-OF-STATE — \$550

Language(s):

TOTAL: \$ _____

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REGISTRATION FORM – page 2

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ORAL EXAM SCHEDULING

Please indicate your preferred date and time below, by marking your first choice with the number 1, and your second choice with the number 2. We make no guarantee that you will be scheduled in your preferred time slot, but we will do our best to accommodate your preferences.

Saturday, October 8, 2016 AM _____ PM _____

Sunday, October 9, 2016 AM _____ PM _____

If you live further than 90 miles away from Bellevue College, do you plan to spend the night in the area prior to the exam? (If yes, and you selected an AM time above, we'll try to schedule a morning exam in the earlier part of the morning. If no, we'll try to schedule a morning exam in the later part of the morning.)

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable, I live within 90 miles of Bellevue College, or I prefer afternoon.

METHOD OF PAYMENT

- Enclosed Check/Money Order *(payable to Administrative Office of the Courts.)*

ORAL EXAM OVERVIEW

Before taking the Oral Exam, you should take the time to look over the Oral Exam Overview so that you know what to expect and how to prepare. You can find the Overview and other resources on our website: <https://www.courts.wa.gov/oralexam>



Court Interpreter Certification Oral Exam Survey — 2016

The Court Interpreter Program at the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) is conducting a study to learn more about how interpreters applying for certification are preparing for the oral certification exam, and to identify any particular factors leading to more successful outcomes on the exam. Information on factors leading to success will be used to develop training and information for dissemination to potential applicants. You have been asked to participate in the study because you are an applicant for the exam. We are requesting that you complete the survey below **and return it with your oral exam registration form**. The survey should take a few short minutes to complete.

You may be concerned that your answers to the survey could become public. However, there are several safeguards in place to prevent that. Your survey will be seen only by the Interpreter Program staff. Your responses to or participation in this survey will not influence your test results, and your responses will not be shared with the persons who rate (evaluate) your oral exam performance. Identifiable data entered into an electronic database will be protected through AOC's standard computer protections. Data reported will be done at the aggregate level only – no reference will be made to individual responses. In addition, completed surveys will be maintained for a period of three years in a locked file cabinet at AOC's secured offices. After three years, the hard copy will be destroyed. The electronic database will be maintained with full confidentiality protections.

Survey – page 1

Please provide answers to all questions, writing clearly in blue or black ink. Where indicated, place an X over the box(es) that most appropriately answer the question.

1. Name: _____

2. Age:

- 50 years or more
- 40-49
- 30-39
- 20-29
- Younger than 20

3. Language I'm seeking to be certified in: _____

4. My first/primary language is (select one):

- English
- The language I'm seeking to be certified in
- Other: _____

5. The term "professional interpreter" refers to someone interpreting for pay on a regular basis in a legal, medical, social service, educational, and/or other professional setting. I have worked as a professional interpreter for (select one):

- 0-3 years
- 4-7 years
- 8 years or more
- I have never worked as a professional interpreter.

6. What made you decide to become a court interpreter? _____

7. How did you learn about the testing & training process for becoming a court certified interpreter? _____

Survey – page 2

8. Please select the item which best matches the highest level of education you have achieved:

- Less than high school diploma or High school (or similar) diploma or GED
- Associate's degree (or similar) or two-year degree or Some college/university
- College/university diploma
- Masters/Doctorate (or similar) diploma

9. This question deals with the primary instruction language used by your school/university. Typically U.S. Universities use English as the primary instruction language. If you have a degree from a U.S. University with a major in a foreign language, your language of instruction is still English. Look back at your answer to question number eight. What was the instruction language used by that school/college/university? (select one)

- English
- The language I'm seeking to be certified in.
- Both English and the language I'm seeking to be certified in.
- Both English and _____
- Other _____

10. What steps are you taking to prepare for the oral court certification exam? (Please select all that apply.)

- I haven't really studied or trained.
- I work as an interpreter, and that is how I've been practicing.
- I am involved in a study group.
- I am training with self-study materials (e.g. ACEBO's The Interpreter's Edge).
- I tape record/digitally record myself interpreting.
- I have observed court proceedings.
- I have attended court interpreting training classes within the past two years. Please provide additional clarification below:
 - These classes were specific for my language.
 - These classes were language-neutral.
- I attended court interpreting training classes more than two years ago. Please provide additional clarification below:
 - These classes were specific for my language.
 - These classes were language-neutral.
- I have researched legal terminology.
- I used the Practice Exam Kit from the Consortium for Language Access in the Courts.
- Other: _____
- Other: _____

