

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

Level Definitions from DSHS Policy 7.20

Assoc.	Level	Definition
		SC:L, MCSC LEVEL 5
RID	SC:L	Specialty Certificate: Legal: Has taken advanced training for interpreting in legal/judicial settings and has passed a special test. NOTE: It is highly recommended that CSC or CI/CT interpreters be used in all court proceedings if no SC:Ls are available. Class A felonies should use interpreters holding the SC:L. (See RCW 2.42)
NAD	5	Master: Holders of this certificate have demonstrated the ability to both interpret between English and ASL, and transliterate between English and Signed English or Pidgin Signed English (PSE). The interpreter is qualified to interpret in all settings, including mental health, medical and Felony A Legal.
RID	MCSC	Master Comprehensive Skills Certificate: Holders of the certificate were required to hold the CSC prior to taking this exam. Holders are recommended for a broad range of interpreting assignments. (Certificate is no longer offered)
		CSC, CI/CT, RSC/CDI, QDI, LEVEL 4
RID	RSC/ CDI QDI	Reverse Skills Certificate/Certified Deaf Interpreter: This full certification is primarily held by Deaf or hard of Hearing interpreters. The CDI is designed to replace the RSC, which is no longer offered. Holders of the RSC are recommended for a broad range of assignments where the use of an interpreter who is deaf or hard of hearing would be beneficial. A qualified deaf interpreter provides services similar to a CDI: both are capable of signing or relaying information signed in ASL by a certified or non-certified interpreter in a way that is best understood by the consumer. A Qualified deaf interpreter will be utilized when deemed appropriate by the consumer or requestor.
NAD	4	Advanced: Holders of this certificate have demonstrated the same abilities as mentioned above but did not achieve the master level. The interpreter is qualified to interpret in all settings.
RID	CSC or CI/CT	Comprehensive Skills Certificate or Certificate of Interpreting/Certificate of Transliteration: Holders of both full certificates have demonstrated competency in both transliteration and interpretation. The CI and CT is the replacement for the CSC. Holders of these certificates are recommended for a broad range of interpreting and transliterating assignments.
		CI or CT, IC or TC, IC/TC or OIC:C LEVEL 3
NAD	3	Generalist: Holders of this certificate have demonstrated sufficient skill in interpreting or transliterating but did not score high enough for the advanced or master levels. Qualified to interpret in most setting but did not achieve advanced or master level.
RID	CI	Certificate of Interpreting: Holders of this certificate are recognized as fully certified in Interpretation and have demonstrated the ability to interpret between American Sign Language (ASL) and spoken English in both sign-to-voice and voice-to-sign. Holders of CI are recommended for a broad range of transliteration assignments.
RID	CT	Certificate of Transliteration: Holders of this certificate are recognized as fully certified in Transliteration and have demonstrated the ability to transliterate between signed English and spoken English in both sign-to-voice and voice-to-sign. Holders of the CT are recommended for a broad range of transliteration assignments.
RID	IC, TC or IC/TC	Interpreting Certificate/Transliterating Certificate: Partial certifications. These certificates are no longer given out.
RID	OIC:C	Oral Interpreting Certificate: Comprehensive: Interprets spoken English into visible forms for speech reading purposes.