

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Bureau of Professional Licensing
Administrative Rules for Qualified Interpreter – General Rules
Rule Set 2018-70 LR

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, December 21, 2020

01:00 PM

All members of the public may attend and participate in this meeting by visiting the following web link or dialing the number below at the time of the meeting. Password for video connection: 583087 Phone number: 877-336-1831 Conference Code for audio connection: 486917
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89864417239?pwd=czdVaG16K3dLUIVTTGpBZ1VpUm4zUT09>

The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs will hold a public hearing to receive public comments on proposed changes to the Qualified Interpreter – General Rules rule set.

The proposed rules include the following changes: clarify who is subject to the rules to reduce confusion; clarify the minimum credentials for certification and the types of certification; modify the endorsements that are required for specialized situations; add a deaf qualified interpreter and educational qualified interpreter certifications; separate the requirements for state certification as a RID holder from other state certifications based on credentials and testing; place certification types in a table that includes the credentials and the proceedings and environments where the interpreter may work; update the requirements for endorsements; establish an interpreter trainee permit and interpreter trainee supervisor; clarify testing requirements and no longer require that applicants retest as long as their certification does not lapse; clarify the requirements for certification, renewal, and recertification; expand the list of offenses to establish a lack of good moral character when evaluating an application; modify the process for a school district to request an exception to the minimum educational standards; clarify the use of a waiver to the requirement to use a qualified interpreter; modify exemptions to state certification; expand the minimum requirements for qualified interpreters; update the requirements for video remote interpreting; modify the complaint and hearing process; streamline continuing education (CE) requirements; allow for a waiver of CE in extenuating circumstances; provide a list of preapproved CE programs; clarify the CE review process; and clarify fees.

MCL 393.508a, MCL 445.2001, MCL 445.2011, MCL 445.2030, MCL 445.2035, and MCL 445.2036. These rules will take effect immediately after filing with the Secretary of State. The rules are published on the Michigan Government web site at <http://www.michigan.gov/moahr> and in the Michigan Register in the 12/15/2020 issue. Copies of the draft rules may also be obtained by mail or electronic transmission at the following address:

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Comments on the rules may be made in person at the hearing or by mail or electronic mail until 12/21/2020 at 05:00PM.

The public hearing will be conducted in compliance with the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act, in accessible buildings with handicap parking available. Anyone needing assistance to take part in the hearings due to disability may call 711- to make arrangements.