

**EDUCATIONAL INTERPRETER - SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETING
STANDARD CERTIFICATE
(ENDORSEMENT CODE: 3463)**

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Effective September 1, 2005, the educational interpreter endorsement is required for individuals who provide educational interpreting services, sign language interpreting, oral interpreting or cued speech transliteration to students who are deaf, hard of hearing or deaf-blind in grades preschool through 12

To be eligible for issuance of a **standard** Educational Interpreter - Sign Language certificate, you will need to present one of the following options:

- Hold an associate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university and complete the following:
 1. The Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) with a minimum score of three; and
 2. 15 semester hour credits of professional education coursework that includes study in child development, language development, curriculum development, methods of instruction, interpreting for visually impaired or blind students and legal and ethical issues for educational interpreters. Such study may be part of the degree program or in addition to the degree program and may be completed at an accredited two year college;

OR

- Have a high school diploma or a General Education Diploma (GED), demonstrated interpreting skills as evidenced through the possession of a sign language certificate from the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, the National Association of the Deaf or other Department-approved national accrediting agencies for sign language interpreting and complete the following:
 1. The EIPA with a minimum score of three; and
 2. 15 semester hour credits of professional education coursework that includes study in child development, language development, curriculum development, interpreting for visually-impaired or blind students, legal and ethical issues for educational interpreters and methods of instruction. The study may be completed at an accredited two-year college.

Please provide OFFICIAL course descriptions from your college/university catalogue for courses that you believe cover the areas above. The amount of credits needed to meet the required areas of study may exceed that of the required 15 credit minimum. This means that you may have to complete more than 15 credits in order to meet all required areas of study.

Fee Information

- The current cost of the certificate is \$95. Fees are payable online or by a money order, certified check, or personal check made out to the "COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION". If you apply and are denied, you will be charged a fee of \$70. ***Please be advised that all fees, including money left on file, are nonrefundable.***

IF YOU HAVE MET THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS, [CLICK HERE](#) TO APPLY ONLINE.

Applicant Checklist:

You cannot complete the entire application process online. After applying online, please submit ALL necessary documentation together IN A SINGLE PACKET to the NJ DOE in order to complete your application. Please put your tracking number or Social Security number on all documents that you send to our office. For this particular certificate, you will need to send in the following:

- Oath of allegiance/verification of accuracy form. (Available here: <http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/forms/verify.pdf>)
- Official transcripts noting degree conferral and all other relevant transcripts. If possible, please have transcripts sent to you first and then forward them in the sealed envelope(s) together with any other documents.
- Copy of a high school diploma or a General Education Diploma (GED)
- Copy of a sign language certificate from the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, the National Association of the Deaf or other Department-approved national accrediting agencies for sign language interpreting.
- Copy of Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA)
- Fee of \$95 if not paid online. Fees are payable online or by a money order, certified check, or personal check made out to the "COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION"

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