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Adopted effective May 12, 1986 (Supp. 86-3). Amended by final rulemaking at 6 A.A.R. 3827, effective September 15, 2000 (Supp. 00-3). Amended by final rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 4292, effective November 18, 2002 (Supp. 02-3). Section R9-26-101 renumbered to Section R9-26-201 by final rulemaking at 22 A.A.R. 1675, effective August 15, 2016 (Supp. 16-2).

ARTICLE 2. TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM**R9-26-201. Definitions**

In addition to the definitions listed in A.R.S. § 36-1941, the following terms apply to this Article and A.R.S. § 36-1947:

“Applicant” means a person who applies to the Commission for telecommunications equipment.

“Audiologist” means a person who is licensed under A.R.S. § 36-1940 by the Arizona Department of Health Services.

“Deafblind” means a person who is either deaf or hard of hearing and:

Has a central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with corrective lenses, or

Has a field defect where the peripheral diameter of the visual field subtends an angular distance no greater than 20 degrees, or

Has a progressive visual loss with a prognosis of one or both of the conditions stated in the two preceding subsections.

“Director” means the Executive Director of the Commission.

“Hearing aid dispenser” has the same meaning as in A.R.S. § 36-1901.

“Hearing or speech-related disability” means a disability that prevents a person from hearing or articulating speech audibly or clearly, including deafness.

“Program” means the Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program.

“Recipient” means a person who receives telecommunications equipment through the Program.

“Severely hearing or speech impaired” under A.R.S. § 36-1947(A) means a hearing or speech-related disability.

“Supplier” means a person that sells telecommunications equipment.

“Support service provider” means a trained individual who communicates visual, environmental, and social information to a DeafBlind individual to assist the DeafBlind individual to access the community and make decisions.

“Telecommunications equipment” means equipment that allows a person with a hearing or speech-related disability to access the telephone network.

“Vocational rehabilitation counselor” means an individual who has a Master’s degree in rehabilitation counseling from a university accredited by the National Council on Rehabilitation

Education and who is certified by the Commission on Rehabilitation Counseling.

“Voucher” means the Commission’s authorization of payment for telecommunications equipment.

Historical Note

Adopted effective May 12, 1986 (Supp. 86-3). Section repealed; new Section adopted by final rulemaking at 6 A.A.R. 3827, effective September 15, 2000 (Supp. 00-3). Section repealed; new Section made by final rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 4292, effective November 18, 2002 (Supp. 02-3). Section R9-26-201 renumbered to R9-26-202; new Section R9-26-201 renumbered from R9-26-101 and amended by final rulemaking at 22 A.A.R. 1675, effective August 15, 2016 (Supp. 16-2). Amended by final rulemaking at 30 A.A.R. 3887 (December 27, 2024), effective February 4, 2025 (Supp. 24-4).

R9-26-202. Eligibility

To be eligible for telecommunications equipment through the Program, a person shall:

1. Reside in Arizona;
2. Be a citizen of the U.S. or an alien whose presence in the U.S. is authorized under federal law;
3. Have a need for telecommunications equipment available through the Program due to a hearing or speech-related disability, as certified by an authorized person described in R9-26-203;
4. Have access to a telephone line; and
5. Not have used a voucher to purchase telecommunications equipment that is still under warranty unless the individual’s disability status changed during the warranty period.

Historical Note

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R9-26-203. Application Process

To apply for telecommunications equipment under the Program, an eligible person shall:

1. Obtain an application for participation in the Program from the Commission; and
2. Complete and return the application to the Commission with:
 - a. Certification from an authorized person described under R9-26-204 that the applicant has a hearing or speech-related disability and needs the telecommunication equipment requested on the application;
 - b. The eligible person’s authorization for the Commission to use the information provided in the application to administer the Program; and
 - c. As required under A.R.S. § 41-1080(A), the specified documentation of citizenship or alien status indicating the applicant’s presence in the U.S. is authorized under federal law.

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R9-26-204. Persons Authorized to Certify Need for Telecommunications Equipment

- A. The following licensed professionals may certify an applicant's hearing or speech-related disability and need for the requested telecommunications equipment:
1. A dispensing audiologist licensed in accordance with A.R.S. Title 36, Chapter 17;
 2. An audiologist licensed in accordance with A.R.S. Title 36, Chapter 17;
 3. A physician licensed in accordance with A.R.S. Title 32, Chapter 13 or 17;
 4. A physician assistant licensed in accordance with A.R.S. Title 32, Chapter 25;
 5. A nurse practitioner licensed in accordance with A.R.S. Title 32, Chapter 15;
 6. A speech-language pathologist licensed in accordance with A.R.S. Title 36, Chapter 17;
 7. A hearing aid dispenser licensed in accordance with A.R.S. Title 36, Chapter 17; or
 8. A vocational rehabilitation counselor as defined at R9-26-201.
- B. By certifying a hearing or speech-related disability and need for the requested telecommunications equipment, the certifier attests that the certifier:
1. Is authorized to certify under subsection (A);
 2. Has evaluated the applicant's hearing or speech-related disability to determine the applicant's need for the telecommunications equipment requested on the application; and
 3. Has determined that the applicant will benefit from the telecommunications equipment requested on the application.

Historical Note

Adopted effective May 12, 1986 (Supp. 86-3). Section repealed; new Section R9-26-204 renumbered from R9-26-305 and amended by final rulemaking at 6 A.A.R. 3827, effective September 15, 2000 (Supp. 00-3). Section repealed; new Section made by final rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 4292, effective November 18, 2002 (Supp. 02-3). Section R9-26-204 renumbered to R9-26-205; new Section R9-26-204 renumbered from R9-26-203 and amended by final rulemaking at 22 A.A.R. 1675, effective August 15, 2016 (Supp. 16-2). Amended by final rulemaking at 30 A.A.R. 3887 (December 27, 2024), effective February 4, 2025 (Supp. 24-4).

R9-26-205. Vouchers

- A. The Commission shall issue to an eligible applicant an individually numbered voucher for a specified dollar amount for the applicant to purchase telecommunications equipment for which the applicant has a certified need. The applicant shall

use the voucher only to purchase the telecommunications equipment specified on the voucher.

- B. Vouchers are non-transferable and have no cash value.
 C. A voucher expires 90 days after its issuance date.
 D. If a voucher is lost or stolen, the applicant may contact program staff for a replacement voucher and shall attest under penalty of perjury that:
1. The original voucher was stolen or lost; and
 2. If the original voucher is recovered, the applicant shall return the original voucher to the Commission within 30 days after the voucher is recovered.

Historical Note

Adopted effective May 12, 1986 (Supp. 86-3). Section renumbered to R9-26-302 by final rulemaking at 6 A.A.R. 3827, effective September 15, 2000 (Supp. 00-3). New Section made by final rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 4292, effective November 18, 2002 (Supp. 02-3). Section R9-26-205 renumbered to R9-26-206; new Section R9-26-205 renumbered from R9-26-204 and amended by final rulemaking at 22 A.A.R. 1675, effective August 15, 2016 (Supp. 16-2). Amended by final rulemaking at 30 A.A.R. 3887 (December 27, 2024), effective February 4, 2025 (Supp. 24-4).

R9-26-206. Redeeming a Voucher

- A. To redeem a voucher for telecommunications equipment under the Program, a supplier shall submit to the Commission the voucher with a copy of a receipt, which is signed by the supplier and the recipient of the telecommunications equipment and which specifies the telecommunications equipment sold and its purchase price.
- B. The Commission shall verify the accuracy of information submitted on the receipt and the validity of the voucher.
- C. The Commission shall reimburse to the supplier the portion of the purchase price of the telecommunications equipment that does not exceed the amount printed on the voucher.
- D. The Commission shall not reimburse to the supplier an amount in excess of the amount printed on the voucher.
- E. If the amount printed on the voucher exceeds the purchase price of the telecommunications equipment, the supplier shall not refund the difference between the two amounts to the recipient of the telecommunications equipment in any form including money, equipment, or other goods and services.

Historical Note

Adopted effective May 12, 1986 (Supp. 86-3). Section renumbered to R9-26-301 by final rulemaking at 6 A.A.R. 3827, effective September 15, 2000 (Supp. 00-3). New Section made by final rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 4292, effective November 18, 2002 (Supp. 02-3). Section R9-26-206 renumbered to R9-26-207; new Section R9-26-206 renumbered from R9-26-205 and amended by final rulemaking at 22 A.A.R. 1675, effective August 15, 2016 (Supp. 16-2).

R9-26-207. Confidentiality

- A. As specified under R9-26-203, the Commission shall use the information provided by Program applicants or recipients solely to administer the Program.
- B. Except as provided under subsection (A), the Commission shall not disclose the name of an applicant for or recipient of telecommunications equipment without a written request for disclosure. Even with a written request for disclosure, the Commission shall not disclose personal identifying or protected health information regarding an applicant or recipient.

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Adopted effective May 12, 1986 (Supp. 86-3). Section repealed by final rulemaking at 6 A.A.R. 3827, effective September 15, 2000 (Supp. 00-3). New Section R9-26-207 renumbered from R9-26-206 by final rulemaking at 22 A.A.R. 1675, effective August 15, 2016 (Supp. 16-2).

Amended by final rulemaking at 30 A.A.R. 3887 (December 27, 2024), effective February 4, 2025 (Supp. 24-4).

ARTICLE 3. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES**R9-26-301. Making a Complaint**

- A. A complaint may be filed by:
1. An individual for whom interpreting is provided,
 2. A person having a direct or professional interest in the incident specified in the complaint, or
 3. A person having reason to believe that interpreting was provided by an individual who is not licensed by the Commission and not exempt from licensure under A.R.S. § 36-1971(C).
- B. Complaint requirements. A complainant shall:
1. Submit the complaint to the Commission in writing or by videotape. If a complaint is submitted by videotape, the Commission shall have the complaint interpreted and transcribed into English and forward the transcript to the complainant for review and approval;
 2. Submit the complaint to the Commission within 90 days of the alleged offense; and
 3. Specify in the complaint the name of the individual complained against, date and location of the alleged offense, and the action complained about.
- C. A complainant may withdraw a complaint at any time by providing notice to the Commission.

Historical Note

Adopted effective May 12, 1986 (Supp. 86-3). Section renumbered to R9-26-202; new Section R9-26-301 renumbered from R9-26-206 and amended by final rulemaking at 6 A.A.R. 3827, effective September 15, 2000 (Supp. 00-3). Section repealed; new Section renumbered from R9-26-512 and amended by final rulemaking at 22 A.A.R. 1675, effective August 15, 2016 (Supp. 16-2).

R9-26-302. Hearing Procedures

The Commission shall conduct all hearings in accordance with A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 6, Article 10 and the rules established by the Office of Administrative Hearings.

Historical Note

Adopted effective May 12, 1986 (Supp. 86-3). Section repealed; new Section R9-26-302 renumbered from R9-26-205 and amended by final rulemaking at 6 A.A.R. 3827, effective September 15, 2000 (Supp. 00-3). Section repealed; new Section renumbered from R9-26-515 by final rulemaking at 22 A.A.R. 1675, effective August 15, 2016 (Supp. 16-2).

R9-26-303. Rehearing or Review of Commission Decision

- A. The Commission shall provide for a rehearing and review of its decisions under A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 6, Article 10 and the rules established by the Office of Administrative Hearings.
- B. A party may amend a motion for rehearing or review at any time before the Commission rules on the motion.
- C. The Commission may grant a rehearing or review for any of the following reasons materially affecting a party's rights:

1. Irregularity in the proceedings or an order or abuse of discretion that deprived the moving party of a fair hearing;
 2. Misconduct by the Commission, its staff, an administrative law judge, or the prevailing party;
 3. Accident or surprise that could not have been prevented by ordinary prudence;
 4. Newly discovered material evidence that could not, with reasonable diligence, have been discovered and produced at the hearing;
 5. Excessive penalty;
 6. Error in the admission or rejection of evidence or other errors of law occurring at the hearing or during the progress of the proceedings;
 7. The Commission's decision is the result of passion or prejudice; or
 8. The findings of fact or decision is not justified by the evidence or is contrary to law.
- D. The Commission may affirm or modify a decision or grant a rehearing to all or any of the parties on all or part of the issues for any of the reasons in subsection (C). The Commission shall specify the particular grounds for any order modifying a decision or granting a rehearing.
- E. When a motion for rehearing or review is based on affidavits, the affidavits shall be served with the motion. An opposing party may, within 15 days after service, serve opposing affidavits.
- F. No later than 15 days after the date of a decision, after giving parties notice and an opportunity to be heard, the Commission may grant a rehearing or review on its own initiative for any reason for which it might have granted relief on motion of a party. The Commission may grant a motion for rehearing or review, timely served, for a reason not stated in the motion.
- G. If a rehearing is granted, the Commission shall hold the rehearing within 60 days after the date on the order granting the rehearing.
- H. If the Commission makes a specific finding that a particular decision needs to be effective immediately to preserve the public peace, health, or safety and that a review or rehearing of the decision is impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest, the Commission shall issue the decision as a final decision without an opportunity for rehearing or review.

Historical Note

Adopted effective May 12, 1986 (Supp. 86-3). Section repealed; new Section adopted by final rulemaking at 6 A.A.R. 3827, effective September 15, 2000 (Supp. 00-3). Section repealed; new Section renumbered from R9-26-516 and amended by final rulemaking at 22 A.A.R. 1675, effective August 15, 2016 (Supp. 16-2).

R9-26-304. Disciplinary Action

After an opportunity for hearing and a Commission determination that a licensee violated A.R.S. Title 36, Chapter 17.1, or this Chapter, the Commission shall consider the following factors to determine the degree of discipline to impose under A.R.S. § 36-1976(A):

1. Prior conduct resulting in discipline;
2. Dishonest or self-serving motive;
3. Amount of experience as an interpreter;
4. Bad faith obstruction of the disciplinary proceeding by intentionally failing to comply with rules or orders of the Commission;
5. Submission of false evidence, false statements, or other deceptive practices during the investigative or disciplinary process;
6. Refusal to acknowledge wrongful nature of conduct;

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7. Degree of harm resulting from the conduct; and
8. Whether harm resulting from the conduct was cured.

Historical Note

Adopted effective May 12, 1986 (Supp. 86-3). Section renumbered to R9-26-203 by final rulemaking at 6 A.A.R. 3827, effective September 15, 2000 (Supp. 00-3). New Section R9-26-304 renumbered from R9-26-517 and amended by final rulemaking at 22 A.A.R. 1675, effective August 15, 2016 (Supp. 16-2).

R9-26-305. Renumbered**Historical Note**

Adopted effective May 12, 1986 (Supp. 86-3). Section renumbered to R9-26-204 by final rulemaking at 6 A.A.R. 3827, effective September 15, 2000 (Supp. 00-3).

ARTICLE 4. EXPIRED**R9-26-401. Expired****Historical Note**

Adopted effective May 12, 1986 (Supp. 86-3). Amended by final rulemaking at 6 A.A.R. 3827, effective September 15, 2000 (Supp. 00-3). Section expired under A.R.S. § 41-1056(E) at 13 A.A.R. 4411, effective September 30, 2007 (Supp. 07-4).

R9-26-402. Expired**Historical Note**

Adopted effective May 12, 1986 (Supp. 86-3). Amended by final rulemaking at 6 A.A.R. 3827, effective September 15, 2000 (Supp. 00-3). Section expired under A.R.S. § 41-1056(E) at 13 A.A.R. 4411, effective September 30, 2007 (Supp. 07-4).

R9-26-403. Repealed**Historical Note**

Adopted effective May 12, 1986 (Supp. 86-3). Section repealed by final rulemaking at 6 A.A.R. 3827, effective September 15, 2000 (Supp. 00-3).

ARTICLE 5. INTERPRETER LICENSURE AND REGULATION**R9-26-501. Definitions**

In addition to the definitions in A.R.S. §§ 12-242 and 36-1941, in this Article, the following definitions apply unless otherwise specified:

“ACCI” means American Consortium of Certified Interpreters, an organization that certifies interpreters at one of three levels: ACCI Generalist, ACCI Advanced, or ACCI Master.

“Accredited” means approved by a regional or national accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

“Applicant” means an individual seeking an original or renewal license from the Commission.

“Application” means the documents, forms, and additional information required by the Commission to be submitted by or on behalf of an applicant.

“BEI” means Board for Evaluation of Interpreters.

“CASLI” means the Center for the Assessment of Sign Language Interpretation, which administers the examinations used by RID in national certification programs.

“CDI” means certified deaf interpreter, a certification issued by RID or BEI.

“CI” means certificate of interpretation, a certification issued by RID.

“CIC” means Court Interpreter Certification, a legal specialist certification issued by BEI.

“CLIP-R” means conditional legal interpreting permit--relay, a certification issued by RID to a deaf or hard-of-hearing interpreter or transliterator who works in a legal setting.

“Continuing education” means a workshop, seminar, lecture, conference, class, or other educational activity relevant to the practice of interpreting.

“CSC” means comprehensive skills certificate, a certification issued by RID.

“CT” means certificate of transliteration, a certification issued by RID.

“Deaf interpreter” means an individual who is deaf or hard of hearing and provides interpreting for deaf individuals with special language needs.

“EIPA” means educational interpreter performance assessment, a diagnostic tool that measures proficiency in interpreting for children or young adults in an educational setting.

“Generalist interpreter” means an individual who provides interpreting in any community setting, except a legal setting, for which the individual is qualified by education, examination, and work history. A generalist interpreter provides interpreting in a legal setting only if appointed by a judge under A.R.S. § 12-242.

“IC” means interpretation certificate, a certification issued by RID.

“Intermediary Level III or V” means a certification issued by BEI for interpreters who are deaf or hard of hearing.

“Interpreter” means an individual who provides interpreting between American Sign Language and English.

“Legal interpreter” means an individual who is qualified by education, examination, and work history to provide interpreting in a legal setting.

“Class A legal interpreter” means a legal interpreter who provides interpreting in court proceedings or any other legal setting, as prescribed under A.R.S. § 12-242, and meets the certification requirement under R9-26-504(A)(1)(a).

“Class C legal interpreter” means a legal interpreter who provides interpreting in a legal setting, as prescribed under A.R.S. § 12-242, when teamed with a Class A legal interpreter and meets the certification requirement under R9-26-504(A)(1)(b).

“Class D legal interpreter” means a legal interpreter who meets the certification requirement under R9-26-504(A)(1)(c) and is either a deaf or hard-of-hearing interpreter or an oral transliterator.

“Legal training” means a structured program presented by the Commission, a court, Bar Association, law-enforcement association, RID, accredited institution, or comparable organization, providing information relevant to legal interpreting such as the following:

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The requirements of A.R.S. § 12-242,
 The structure of the judiciary system of this state,
 The judiciary process of this state,
 Administrative adjudicatory procedures,
 Law enforcement procedures, or
 Commonly used legal terms.

“Level III, IV, or V” means a certification issued by BEI.

“Licensee” means an interpreter who holds a current license issued under A.R.S. § 36-1974 and this Article.

“License year” means the days between the date of license issuance and the date of license expiration.

“Mentor” means an individual licensed under R9-26-503 or R9-26-504 who agrees to assist a provisional licensee to develop as an interpreter by occasionally observing the provisional licensee providing interpreting services and providing feedback.

“MCSC” means master comprehensive skills certificate, a certification issued by RID.

“NAD” means the National Association of the Deaf.

“NAD III (generalist),” means a certification issued by NAD.

“NAD IV (advanced),” means a certification issued by NAD.

“NAD V (master),” means a certification issued by NAD.

“NIC” means National Interpreter Certification.

“NIC Advanced” means a certification issued by NAD-RID.

“NIC Certified” means a certification issued by NAD-RID.

“NIC Master” means a certification issued by NAD-RID.

“OC:B” means oral certificate: basic, a certification issued by BEI.

“OC:C” means oral certificate: comprehensive, a certification issued by BEI.

“OIC” means oral interpreting certificate, a certification issued by RID in one of three categories: comprehensive, spoken to visible, or visible to spoken.

“Oral transliteration” means to facilitate communication between an individual who is deaf or hard of hearing and an individual who hears by using inaudible speech and natural gestures to convey a message to the deaf or hard-of-hearing individual and understanding and verbalizing the message and intent of the speech and mouth movements of the individual who is deaf or hard of hearing.

“OTC” means oral transliteration certificate, a certification issued by RID.

“Platform or performance setting” means an environment involving an appearance by a designated speaker or performers, typically on a raised surface.

“Provisional interpreter” means an individual who is qualified by education, examination, and work history to provide interpreting while pursuing RID, NAD, or BEI certification.

“Class A provisional interpreter” means a provisional interpreter who provides oral transliteration and is working towards certification by RID, NAD, or BEI. A Class A provisional interpreter shall not provide interpreting services in a legal setting.

“Class B provisional interpreter” means a provisional interpreter who is qualified to provide interpreting services without a team interpreter licensed under R9-26-503(2)(a) or R9-26-504(A)(1)(a) and (b), except in a medical, mental health, platform or performance, or legal setting. A Class B provisional interpreter may provide interpreting services in a medical, mental health, or platform or performance setting only when working as part of a team that includes at least one individual licensed under R9-26-503(2)(a) or R9-26-504(A)(1)(a) or (b). A Class B provisional interpreter shall not provide interpreting services in a legal setting.

“Class C provisional interpreter” means a provisional interpreter who is qualified to provide interpreting services only when working as part of a team that includes at least one individual licensed under R9-26-503(2)(a) or R9-26-504(A)(1)(a) or (b). A Class C provisional interpreter shall not provide interpreting services in a legal setting.

“Class D provisional interpreter” means a provisional interpreter who is deaf or hard of hearing and is qualified to provide interpreting services only when working as part of a team that includes at least one individual licensed under R9-26-503(2)(a) or (b) or R9-26-504(A)(1)(a) through (c). A Class D provisional interpreter shall not provide interpreting services in a legal setting.

“Qualified interpreter” means an individual licensed under this Chapter who is able to interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary required by the interpreting situation.

“RID” means Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf.

“RSC” means reverse skills certificate, a certification issued by RID.

“SC:L” means specialist certificate: legal, a certification issued by RID.

“SC:PA” means specialist certificate: performing arts, a certification issued by RID.

“TC” means transliteration certificate, a certification issued by RID.

“State-issued certification” means a certification issued by a state regulatory board to an individual who demonstrates knowledge, skills, and abilities that meet or exceed the minimum needed by an American Sign Language interpreter to perform competently in a specified setting.

“Team” means two or more licensed interpreters, at least one of whom is licensed under R9-26-503(2)(a) or R9-26-504(A)(1)(a) or (b), providing interpreting for an individual or group of individuals during a single interpreting session.

“Trilingual Advanced or Master” means a specialist certification issued by BEI for interpreters of Spanish, English, and American Sign Language.

“Unprofessional conduct,” as used in A.R.S. § 36-1976, means:

Violation of the NAD-RID Code of Professional Conduct, 2005, which is incorporated by reference and available from the Commission and RID, 333 Commerce Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, or www.rid.org. The material incorporated includes no later edition or amendment; or

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Failure to comply with a provision of A.R.S. Title 36, Chapter 17.1, Article 2 or this Chapter.

“VRI” means video remote interpreting, a service that uses video telecommunication devices to provide interpreting between or among individuals who are at one or more locations separate from the interpreter.

Historical Note

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R9-26-502. License Application

- A. An applicant for an original license shall submit to the Commission the following information, on an application form provided by the Commission:
1. Applicant’s full name;
 2. Applicant’s Social Security number;
 3. Applicant’s home or business address;
 4. Applicant’s e-mail address;
 5. Applicant’s home, business, or mobile telephone number;
 6. Applicant’s birth date;
 7. Any name by which the applicant has ever been known;
 8. The start and end dates of the applicant’s current certification cycle with RID, NAD, or BEI, as applicable;
 9. Category of licensure for which application is made and if applicable, the class of legal or provisional interpreter license for which application is made;
 10. Name of any state or foreign country in which the applicant is currently licensed or certified to practice as an interpreter, the license or certificate number, date issued, date of expiration, and a statement whether the license or certificate is or was the subject of discipline and if the answer is yes, a complete explanation of the discipline including date, nature of complaint, and discipline imposed;
 11. A statement of whether the applicant has ever been denied a license or certificate to practice as an interpreter by a government licensing authority and if the answer is yes, a complete explanation of the denial including date, name of the government licensing authority, and reason for denial;
 12. A statement of whether the applicant has ever been convicted of a felony or of an offense involving moral turpitude in this or any other jurisdiction and if the answer is yes, a complete explanation of the charge and place and date of conviction;
 13. A statement of whether the applicant has been adjudicated insane or incompetent and if the answer is yes, a complete explanation including date and place of adjudication;
 13. A statement of whether the applicant’s NAD, RID, or BEI certification lapsed and if so, a complete explanation including date of and reason for the lapse;
 15. A statement of whether the applicant’s interpreter license from Arizona or another jurisdiction lapsed and if so, a

complete explanation including date of and reason for the lapse;

16. A statement of whether the applicant’s interpreter license from Arizona or another jurisdiction was subject to a complaint and if so, a complete explanation including date, allegation, and discipline imposed, if any;
 17. A statement of whether the applicant’s NAD, RID, or BEI certification was subject to a complaint and if so, a complete explanation including date, allegation, and discipline imposed, if any; and
 18. A statement signed by the applicant verifying the truthfulness of the information provided and affirming that the applicant will comply with the NAD-RID Code of Professional Conduct;
- B. In addition to the form required under subsection (A), an applicant shall submit or have submitted on the applicant’s behalf the following:
1. Documentation of name change if the applicant is applying under a name different from the name on any of the documents required under this Article;
 2. A photocopy of the applicant’s:
 - a. High school diploma or GED or a transcript, official or unofficial, showing the degree awarded and date; or
 - b. Diploma from an accredited college or university or a transcript, official or unofficial, showing the degree awarded and date;
 3. If the answer to any item in subsections (A)(9) through (A)(15) is yes, a copy of any relevant order;
 4. As required under A.R.S. § 41-1080(A), the specified documentation of citizenship or alien status indicating the applicant’s presence in the U.S. is authorized under federal law;
 5. Two identical passport-size photographs of the applicant that:
 - a. Are in color, and
 - b. Are taken no more than six months before the date of application; and
 6. The fee required under R9-26-508.

Historical Note

Adopted effective April 4, 1997 (Supp. 97-2). Section repealed; new Section made by final rulemaking at 13 A.A.R. 1720, effective May 1, 2007 (Supp. 07-2). Amended by final rulemaking at 22 A.A.R. 1675, effective August 15, 2016 (Supp. 16-2).

R9-26-503. Application for Generalist Interpreter License

- A. To apply for a generalist interpreter license, an applicant shall:
1. Comply with R9-26-502; and
 2. Submit a photocopy of current documentation showing that the applicant holds one or more of the following certifications:
 - a. Hearing interpreters: NAD III, IV, or V; RID CI, CSC, CT, IC, MCSC, RSC, SC:L, SC:PA, or TC; NIC Certified, Advanced, or Master; or BEI Levels III, IV, or V, Basic, Advanced, Master, Trilingual Advanced, Trilingual Master, CIC, or other certification deemed appropriate by the Commission;
 - b. Deaf interpreters: RID CDI, CLIP-R, or SC:L; BEI Intermediary Level III or V, CDI, or other certification deemed appropriate by the Commission; or
 - c. Oral interpreters: RID OIC or OTC, BEI OC:B or OC:C, or other certification deemed appropriate by the Commission.

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- B.** If an applicant's documentation of certification expires during the licensure process, the Commission shall not complete the licensure process until the applicant submits current documentation of certification.

Historical Note

Adopted effective April 4, 1997 (Supp. 97-2). Section repealed; new Section made by final rulemaking at 13

A.A.R. 1720, effective May 1, 2007 (Supp. 07-2).

Amended by final rulemaking at 22 A.A.R. 1675, effective August 15, 2016 (Supp. 16-2). Amended by final rulemaking at 30 A.A.R. 3887 (December 27, 2024), effective February 4, 2025 (Supp. 24-4).

R9-26-504. Application for Legal Interpreter License

- A.** To apply for a legal interpreter license, an applicant shall comply with R9-26-502 and submit documentation of the following:

1. Certification by RID, NAD, or BEI.
 - a. For a Class A legal interpreter license, RID SC:L, BEI CIC, or other legal specialist certification deemed appropriate by the Commission is required;
 - b. For a Class C legal interpreter license, NIC Certified, Advanced, or Master, NAD III, IV, or V, CI, CT, or CSC, or BEI Levels IV or V, Advanced, Master, Trilingual Advanced or Master, or other certification deemed appropriate by the Commission is required; and
 - c. For a Class D legal interpreter license, RID CDI, CLIP-R, OIC, or OTC or BEI OC:B, OC:C, Intermediary Levels III or V, or CDI, or other certification deemed appropriate by the Commission is required;
2. Hours of paid interpreting after initial certification by RID, NAD, or BEI.
 - a. For a Class C legal interpreter license, 10,000 hours are required; and
 - b. For a Class D legal interpreter license, 500 hours are required;
3. Hours of legal training. For a Class C or Class D legal interpreter, 50 hours obtained during the five years before the date of application are required.

- B.** The Commission shall accept the following documentation:

1. RID, NAD, or BEI certification.
 - a. A photocopy of current documentation provided by RID, NAD, or BEI. If an applicant's documentation expires during the application process, the Commission shall not complete the licensure process until the applicant submits current documentation of certification; and
 - b. A photocopy of the certificate provided by RID, NAD, or BEI or a copy of the letter received from RID, NAD, or BEI at the time of initial certification;
2. Hours of paid interpreting.
 - a. An applicant shall submit an affidavit affirming that the applicant provided the number of hours of paid interpreting required under subsection (A)(2) after initial certification by RID, NAD, or BEI; and
 - b. Within the time provided under R9-26-509(F) and upon receipt of a comprehensive written request for documentation of the hours of paid interpreting provided, an applicant shall submit evidence that demonstrates the truthfulness of the affirmation provided under subsection (B)(2)(a).

3. Hours of legal training. A photocopy of documentation from the organization providing the legal training that includes the information required under R9-26-510(B).

Historical Note

Adopted effective April 4, 1997 (Supp. 97-2). Section repealed; new Section made by final rulemaking at 13

A.A.R. 1720, effective May 1, 2007 (Supp. 07-2).

Amended by final rulemaking at 22 A.A.R. 1675, effective August 15, 2016 (Supp. 16-2).

R9-26-505. Application for Provisional Interpreter License

- A.** To apply for a provisional interpreter license, an applicant shall comply with R9-26-502 and submit documentation of the following:

1. Education. The following hours of participation in an interpreter-preparation training program offered by an accredited college or university or approved by RID, NAD, or BEI:
 - a. Class A or D provisional license: 40 hours; and
 - b. Class B or C provisional license: 80 hours;
2. Examination. Pass the written portion of the RID, NAD, or BEI examination; and
3. Work experience. The following hours of interpreting for which a license is not required under A.R.S. § 36-1971:
 - a. Class A provisional license: 24 hours;
 - b. Class B provisional license:
 - i. A score of at least 4.0 on the EIPA performance test; or
 - ii. ACCI certification; or
 - iii. A state-issued certification or certificate of competency in good standing;
 - c. Class C provisional license: 80 hours; and
 - d. Class D provisional license: 40 hours.

- B.** In addition to the documentation required under subsection (A), an applicant for a Class B provisional license shall:

1. Have a letter submitted directly to the Commission by an individual licensed under R9-26-503 or R9-26-504 indicating that the individual agrees to:
 - a. Act as a mentor to the applicant if the applicant is granted a provisional license;
 - b. Observe the provisional licensee providing interpreting services at least once each month;
 - c. Provide feedback to the provisional licensee following each observation; and
 - d. Provide 30-days' notice to the provisional licensee and the Commission before terminating the mentoring relationship; and
2. Submit a letter to the Commission indicating that if the applicant is issued a provisional license, the applicant agrees to:
 - a. Make and maintain a record of each time the mentor observes the applicant and a summary of the feedback provided;
 - b. Make the record maintained under subsection (B)(2)(a) available to the Commission annually at license renewal; and
 - c. Provide 30 days' notice to the Commission and the mentor before terminating the mentoring relationship; or
3. Submit a letter to the Commission indicating that if the applicant is issued a provisional license, the applicant agrees to:

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- a. Team with an individual licensed under R9-26-503(2)(a) or R9-26-504(A)(1)(a) or (b) for at least eight hours each month;
 - b. Maintain a journal that records the dates on which and the name of the licensee with whom teaming was done and a summary of any feedback provided; and
 - c. Make the journal maintained under subsection (B)(3)(b) available to the Commission annually upon license renewal.
- C. The Commission shall accept the following documentation of the criteria in subsection (A):
1. Education. A photocopy of documents showing that the applicant completed the hours required under subsection (A)(1);
 2. Examination. A photocopy of the letter provided by RID, NAD, or BEI indicating that the applicant passed the written portion of the RID, NAD, or BEI examination;
 3. Work experience.
 - a. One or more letters, each of which is signed by an individual or a representative of an entity for whom the applicant provided interpreting, indicating:
 - i. The name of the applicant,
 - ii. The dates on which interpreting was provided, and
 - iii. The hours of interpreting provided by the applicant; or
 - b. One or more paystubs, each of which indicates:
 - i. The name of the applicant,
 - ii. The job title of the applicant,
 - iii. The dates on which interpreting was provided by the applicant, and
 - iv. The hours of interpreting provided by the applicant, and
 - c. For an applicant for a Class B provisional license:
 - i. A photocopy of the letter provided by EIPA indicating the applicant's score on the EIPA performance test,
 - ii. A photocopy of the applicant's ACCI certificate, or
 - iii. A photocopy of the applicant's state-issued certification or certificate of competency in good standing.
 5. Name, address, and contact information of the person or event for which interpreting services will be provided; and
 6. Date of most recent short-term registration with the Commission, if any.
- B. In addition to complying with subsection (A), the interpreter shall submit a copy of current documentation from RID, NAD, or BEI showing the interpreter's certification is in good standing or a copy of the interpreter's license from another state's interpreter licensing authority.
- C. An interpreter who makes application under subsections (A) and (B) for a short-term registration shall not provide interpreting services in Arizona until the Commission provides notice the registration has been granted.
- D. Within five days after providing interpreting services under a short-term registration, the interpreter shall submit a report to the Commission that provides the dates on and persons or events for which interpreting services were provided.
- E. The Commission shall not issue more than two short-term registrations to an interpreter during the interpreter's lifetime.

Historical Note

Adopted effective April 4, 1997 (Supp. 97-2). Section repealed; new Section made by final rulemaking at 13 A.A.R. 1720, effective May 1, 2007 (Supp. 07-2). Amended by final rulemaking at 22 A.A.R. 1675, effective August 15, 2016 (Supp. 16-2).

R9-26-507. License Renewal

- A. Renewal of a generalist or legal interpreter license.
1. A generalist or legal interpreter license expires one year after the license is issued. To continue to practice as a generalist or legal interpreter, the licensee shall, no more than 60 days before the expiration date, submit to the Commission a license renewal application form that provides the following information about the licensee:
 - a. Full name;
 - b. Social Security number;
 - c. Home or business address;
 - d. Email address;
 - e. Home, business, or mobile telephone number;
 - f. The start and end dates of the applicant's current certification cycle with RID, NAD, or BEI, as applicable;
 - g. Name of any state or country in which the licensee is currently licensed or certified to practice as an interpreter, the license or certificate number, date issued and date of expiration, and a statement whether the license or certificate is or has been the subject of discipline during the previous year and if the answer is yes, a complete explanation of the discipline including date, nature of complaint, and discipline imposed;
 - h. A statement of whether the licensee has been denied a license or certificate to practice as an interpreter by a licensing authority during the previous year and if the answer is yes, a complete explanation of the denial including date, name of the interpreter licensing authority, and reason for denial;
 - i. A statement of whether the licensee has been convicted of a felony or of an offense involving moral turpitude in this or any other jurisdiction during the previous year and if the answer is yes, a complete explanation of the charge and place and date of conviction;

Historical Note

Adopted effective April 4, 1997 (Supp. 97-2). Section expired under A.R.S. § 41-1056(E) at 9 A.A.R. 35, effective September 30, 2002 (Supp. 02-4). New Section made by final rulemaking at 13 A.A.R. 1720, effective May 1, 2007 (Supp. 07-2). Amended by final rulemaking at 22 A.A.R. 1675, effective August 15, 2016 (Supp. 16-2). Amended by final rulemaking at 30 A.A.R. 3887 (December 27, 2024), effective February 4, 2025 (Supp. 24-4).

R9-26-506. Short-term Registration of an Interpreter

- A. To register with the Commission to provide interpreting in Arizona in a non-legal situation for fewer than 20 days in a year, an interpreter shall submit the following information in writing to the Commission:
1. Interpreter's name;
 2. Interpreter's residential and e-mail addresses;
 3. Interpreter's mobile telephone number;
 4. Dates on which interpreting will be provided;

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- j. A statement of whether the licensee has been adjudicated insane or incompetent during the previous year and if the answer is yes, a complete explanation including date and place of adjudication;
 - k. A statement of whether the applicant's NAD, RID, or BEI certification lapsed during the previous year and if so, a complete explanation including date of and reason for the lapse;
 - l. A statement of whether the applicant's interpreter license from Arizona or another jurisdiction lapsed during the previous year and if so, a complete explanation including date of and reason for the lapse;
 - m. A statement of whether the applicant's interpreter license from Arizona or another jurisdiction was subject to a complaint during the previous year and if so, a complete explanation including date, allegation, and discipline imposed, if any;
 - n. A statement of whether the applicant's NAD, RID, or BEI certification was subject to a complaint during the previous year and if so, a complete explanation including date, allegation, and discipline imposed, if any, and if discipline was imposed, a statement of whether the notice required under R9-26-518 was submitted to the Commission;
 - o. A statement of whether the applicant completed any continuing education during the previous year and if so, the number of hours completed; and
 - p. A statement signed by the licensee verifying the truthfulness of the information provided and affirming that the licensee will comply with the NAD-RID Code of Professional Conduct.
2. In addition to the license renewal application form required under subsection (A)(1), the generalist or legal licensee shall submit or have submitted on the licensee's behalf:
 - a. A photocopy of current documentation showing the applicant's NAD, RID, or BEI certification is in good standing. If the licensee's documentation expires during the renewal process, the Commission shall not complete the license renewal process until the licensee submits a photocopy of current documentation;
 - b. If the answer to any item in subsections (A)(1)(g) through (A)(1)(m) is yes, a copy of any relevant order; and
 - c. The fee required under R9-26-508.
 3. If a generalist or legal licensee fails to comply with subsections (A)(1) and (A)(2) on or before the license expiration date, the license expires. The former licensee may renew the expired license by complying with subsections (A)(1) and (A)(2), and paying the penalty prescribed under R9-26-508 no later than 30 days after the license expired. If a former licensee fails to renew an expired license within the 30 days provided in this subsection, the former licensee shall stop providing interpreting for which a license is required under A.R.S. § 36-1971.
 4. If an expired license is not renewed under subsection (A)(3), the former licensee may obtain a license only by applying as a new applicant.
- B. Renewal of a provisional interpreter license.**
1. A provisional interpreter license expires one year after the date of issuance.
 2. To continue to practice as a provisional interpreter, the licensee shall, no more than 60 days before the expiration date, submit to the Commission a license renewal application form that provides the information specified under subsection (A)(1).
3. In addition to the license renewal application form required under subsection (B)(2), the provisional licensee shall submit or have submitted on the licensee's behalf:
 - a. If the answer to any item in subsections (A)(1)(h) through (A)(1)(m) is yes, a copy of any relevant order;
 - b. Documentation required under R9-26-510(C) that demonstrates compliance with the continuing education requirement in R9-26-510; and
 - c. The fee required under R9-26-508;
 - d. If a Class B provisional licensee wishes to renew the Class B provisional license, letters that meet the standards at R9-26-505(B)(1) and (2) or a letter that meets the standards at R9-26-505(B)(3); and
 - e. If a Class C provisional licensee wishes to renew the Class C provisional license, an affirmation that the licensee has provided and will continue to provide interpreting services only when working as part of a team that includes at least one individual licensed under R9-26-503(2)(a) or R9-26-504(A)(1)(a) or (b); or
 - f. If a Class C provisional licensee wishes to move to a Class B provisional license:
 - i. Letters that meet the standards at R9-26-505(B)(1) and (2) or a letter that meets the standards at R9-26-505(B)(3), and
 - ii. Evidence required under R9-26-505(C)(3)(a) or (b) showing at least 500 hours of work experience earned while working as part of a team that includes at least one individual licensed under R9-26-503(2)(a) or R9-26-504(A)(1)(a) or (b), or
 - iii. A score of at least 4.0 on the EIPA performance test.
 4. If a provisional licensee fails to comply with subsections (B)(2) and (3) on or before the license expiration date, the license expires. Unless the expired provisional license has previously been renewed under subsections (B)(2) and (3), the former licensee may renew the expired license by complying with subsections (B)(2) and (3) and paying the penalty prescribed under R9-26-508 no later than 30 days after the license expired. If a former licensee fails to renew an expired license within the 30 days provided in this subsection, the former licensee shall stop providing interpreting for which a license is required under A.R.S. § 36-1971.
 5. The Commission shall not issue a provisional interpreter license to an interpreter for more than five years over the interpreter's lifetime.
- C.** If the documentation previously submitted under R9-26-502(B)(4) was a limited form of work authorization issued by the federal government, an applicant for license renewal shall submit evidence that the work authorization has not expired.
- D.** The Commission shall require a licensee to submit the information required under R9-26-502(B)(5) every five years so an updated photograph is used in the identification badge required under R9-26-515.

Historical Note

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Amended by final rulemaking at 22 A.A.R. 1675, effective August 15, 2016 (Supp. 16-2). Section R9-26-507 amended by emergency rulemaking at 27 A.A.R. 549, with an immediate effective date of March 31, 2021; valid for 180 days under A.R.S. § 41-1026 (D) (Supp. 21-1). Section amended by final rulemaking at 27 A.A.R. 1257, with an immediate effective date of August 4, 2021 (Supp. 21-3). Amended by final rulemaking at 30 A.A.R. 3887 (December 27, 2024), effective February 4, 2025 (Supp. 24-4).

R9-26-508. Fees and Charges

- A.** Under the authority provided by A.R.S. §§ 36-1973(A) and 36-1974(C), the Commission establishes and shall collect the following fees, which are not refundable unless A.R.S. § 41-1077 applies:
1. Generalist or legal license application fee, \$125;
 2. Generalist or legal license renewal application fee, \$50;
 3. Provisional license application fee, \$25;
 4. Provisional license renewal application fee, \$25; and
 5. Penalty for late license renewal, \$100.
- B.** The Commission shall charge \$25 to:
1. Replace an identification badge,
 2. Issue a duplicate license.

Historical Note

Adopted effective April 4, 1997 (Supp. 97-2). Section repealed; new Section made by final rulemaking at 13 A.A.R. 1720, effective May 1, 2007 (Supp. 07-2). Amended by final rulemaking at 22 A.A.R. 1675, effective August 15, 2016 (Supp. 16-2).

R9-26-509. Procedures for Processing Applications; Time Frames

- A.** For the purpose of A.R.S. § 41-1073, the Commission establishes the following licensing time frames:
1. Administrative completeness review time frame: 30 days;
 2. Substantive review time frame: 60 days; and
 3. Overall time frame: 90 days.
- B.** The administrative completeness review time frame listed in subsection (A)(1) begins on the date the Commission receives a license application or license renewal application. During the administrative completeness review time frame, the Commission shall notify the applicant that the application is either complete or incomplete. If the application is incomplete, the Commission shall specify in the notice what information is missing.
- C.** An applicant with an incomplete application shall supply the missing information within 30 days from the date of the notice. Both the administrative completeness review and overall time frames are suspended from the date of the Commission's notice until the date that the Commission's office receives all missing information.
- D.** Upon receipt of all missing information, the Commission shall notify the applicant that the application is complete. The Commission shall not send a separate notice of completeness if the Commission grants or denies a license within the administrative completeness review time frame in subsection (A)(1).
- E.** The substantive review time frame listed in subsection (A)(2) begins on the date of the Commission's notice of administrative completeness or on expiration of the time listed in subsection (A)(1).
- F.** If the Commission determines during the substantive review time frame that additional information is needed, the Commission shall send the applicant a comprehensive written request for the additional information. The applicant shall supply the

additional information within 60 days from the date of the request. Both the substantive review and overall time frames are suspended from the date on the Commission's request until the date the Commission office receives the additional information.

- G.** If an applicant needs additional time in which to respond under subsection (C) or (F), the applicant shall submit a written notice of a 120-day extension to the Commission before expiration of the time to respond established under subsection (C) or (F).
- H.** If an applicant fails to submit information within the time provided under subsection (C) or (F) or as extended under subsection (G), the Commission shall close the applicant's file. An applicant whose file is closed and who later wishes to be licensed, shall apply anew.
- I.** Within the time listed in subsection (A)(3), the Commission shall:
1. Grant a license to an applicant who meets the requirements in A.R.S. § 36-1973 and this Article, or
 2. Deny a license to an applicant who does not meet the requirements in A.R.S. § 36-1973 or this Article.
- J.** If the Commission denies a license, the Commission shall send the applicant a written notice explaining:
1. The reason for the denial with citations to supporting statutes or rules,
 2. The applicant's right to appeal the denial and have a hearing,
 3. The time for appealing the denial, and
 4. The applicant's right to request an informal settlement conference.

Historical Note

Adopted effective April 4, 1997 (Supp. 97-2). Section repealed; new Section made by final rulemaking at 13 A.A.R. 1720, effective May 1, 2007 (Supp. 07-2). Amended by final rulemaking at 22 A.A.R. 1675, effective August 15, 2016 (Supp. 16-2). Amended by final rulemaking at 30 A.A.R. 3887 (December 27, 2024), effective February 4, 2025 (Supp. 24-4).

R9-26-510. Continuing Education Requirement; Waiver; Extension of Time to Complete

- A.** Continuing education is required as a condition of licensure renewal.
1. A generalist interpreter shall complete continuing education required by NAD, RID, or BEI to maintain certification by NAD, RID, or BEI. If the certification of a generalist interpreter is suspended or revoked by NAD, RID, or BEI because the generalist interpreter failed to complete the required continuing education, the Commission shall initiate proceedings under Article 3 against the generalist interpreter's license.
 2. A Class A legal interpreter shall complete continuing education required by NAD, RID, or BEI to maintain legal certification by NAD, RID, or BEI. If the certification of a Class A legal interpreter is suspended or revoked by NAD, RID, or BEI because the Class A legal interpreter failed to complete the required continuing education, the Commission shall initiate proceedings under Article 3 against the legal interpreter's license.
 3. A Class C or D legal interpreter shall complete continuing education required by NAD, RID, or BEI to maintain certification by NAD, RID, or BEI including at least 20 hours of legal training. If the certification of a Class C or D legal interpreter is suspended or revoked by NAD,

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RID, or BEI because the Class C or D legal interpreter failed to complete the required continuing education or if the Class C or D legal interpreter fails to complete the required hours of legal training, the Commission shall initiate proceedings under Article 3 against the legal interpreter's license.

4. When renewing a license under R9-26-507(B), a provisional interpreter shall submit the evidence required under subsection (B) showing completion of 12 hours of continuing education. The Commission shall accept continuing education:
 - a. Designed to enhance the provisional licensee's skill and ability to provide quality interpreting to the deaf and hard-of-hearing community;
 - b. Approved by RID, NAD, or BEI, as applicable, for certification maintenance;
 - c. Provided by an accredited institution of higher education; or
 - d. Provided by an entity involved with the deaf and hard-of-hearing community; and
- B. A provisional licensee shall obtain from the provider of a continuing education attended by the licensee documentation that includes:
 1. Licensee's name,
 2. Name of the continuing education provider,
 3. Name of the continuing education,
 4. Number of hours of attendance, and
 5. Date of the continuing education.
- C. Waiver of continuing education requirement.
 1. To obtain a waiver of the continuing education requirement, a provisional licensee shall submit to the Commission a written request that includes the following:
 - a. The period for which the waiver is requested,
 - b. Continuing education completed during the current license year and the documentation required under subsection (B), and
 - c. Reason a waiver is needed and supporting documentation:
 - i. For military service. A copy of current orders or a letter on official letterhead from the licensee's commanding officer;
 - ii. For absence from the United States. A copy of pages from the licensee's passport showing exit and reentry dates;
 - iii. For disability. A letter from the licensee's treating physician stating the nature of the disability; and
 - iv. For circumstances beyond the licensee's control. A letter from the licensee stating the nature of the circumstances and documentation that provides evidence of the circumstances.
 2. The Commission shall grant a request for waiver of the continuing education requirement that:
 - a. Is based on a reason listed in subsection (C)(1)(c),
 - b. Is supported by the required documentation,
 - c. Is submitted no sooner than 60 days before and no later than the license expiration date, and
 - d. Will promote the safe and professional practice of interpreting in this state.
- D. Extension of time to complete continuing education requirement.
 1. To obtain an extension of time to complete the continuing education requirement, a provisional licensee shall sub-

mit to the Commission a written request that includes the following:

- a. Ending date of the requested extension,
 - b. Continuing education completed during the current license year and the documentation required under subsection (B),
 - c. Proof of registration for additional continuing education that is sufficient to enable the provisional licensee to complete all continuing education required for license renewal before the end of the requested extension, and
 - d. Licensee's attestation that the continuing education obtained under the extension will be reported only to fulfill the current license renewal requirement and will not be reported on a subsequent license renewal application.
2. The Commission shall grant a request for an extension that:
 - a. Specifies an ending date no more than three months from the current license expiration date,
 - b. Includes the required documentation and attestation,
 - c. Is submitted no sooner than 60 days before and no later than the license expiration date, and
 - d. Will promote the safe and professional practice of interpreting in this state.
- E. Except as provided in subsection (D), a provisional licensee shall report only hours of continuing education obtained during the license year immediately preceding license renewal. A licensee shall not carry over hours in excess of those required under subsection (A)(4) to a subsequent license year.

Historical Note

Adopted effective April 4, 1997 (Supp. 97-2). Section repealed; new Section made by final rulemaking at 13 A.A.R. 1720, effective May 1, 2007 (Supp. 07-2). Amended by final rulemaking at 22 A.A.R. 1675, effective August 15, 2016 (Supp. 16-2).

R9-26-511. Video Remote Interpreting

- A. An interpreter who is licensed under A.R.S. Title 36, Chapter 17.1 and this Article is authorized to provide VRI only for individuals who are located in Arizona.
- B. An interpreter who is licensed under A.R.S. Title 36, Chapter 17.1 and this Article and provides VRI shall comply fully with the requirements of this Article.
- C. An interpreter who is located outside of Arizona shall not provide VRI for an individual located in Arizona before being licensed under A.R.S. Title 36, Chapter 17.1 and this Article.

Historical Note

Adopted effective April 4, 1997 (Supp. 97-2). Section repealed; new Section made by final rulemaking at 13 A.A.R. 1720, effective May 1, 2007 (Supp. 07-2). Section repealed; new Section made by final rulemaking at 22 A.A.R. 1675, effective August 15, 2016 (Supp. 16-2).

R9-26-512. Renumbered**Historical Note**

New Section made by final rulemaking at 13 A.A.R. 1720, effective May 1, 2007 (Supp. 07-2). Section R9-26-

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512 renumbered to R9-26-301 by final rulemaking at 22 A.A.R. 1675, effective August 15, 2016 (Supp. 16-2).

R9-26-513. Reserved

R9-26-514. Reserved

R9-26-515. Identification Badge Required

- A. To protect the public, a licensee shall have and present on request, an identification badge issued by the Commission whenever the licensee provides interpreting services.
- B. A licensee who loses or damages the identification badge required under subsection (A) may obtain a replacement identification badge by submitting a request to the Commission and paying the charge specified under R9-26-508.

Historical Note

New Section made by final rulemaking at 13 A.A.R. 1720, effective May 1, 2007 (Supp. 07-2). Section R9-26-515 renumbered to R9-26-302; new Section R9-26-515 made by final rulemaking at 22 A.A.R. 1675, effective August 15, 2016 (Supp. 16-2).

R9-26-516. Renumbered

Historical Note

New Section made by final rulemaking at 13 A.A.R. 1720, effective May 1, 2007 (Supp. 07-2). Section renumbered to R9-26-303 by final rulemaking at 22 A.A.R. 1675, effective August 15, 2016 (Supp. 16-2).

R9-26-517. Renumbered

Historical Note

New Section made by final rulemaking at 13 A.A.R. 1720, effective May 1, 2007 (Supp. 07-2). Section renumbered to R9-26-304 by final rulemaking at 22 A.A.R. 1675, effective August 15, 2016 (Supp. 16-2).

R9-26-518. Required Notices to the Commission

- A. If a licensee's certification by RID, NAD, BEI, or other acceptable certifying entity is suspended, revoked, or subject to other disciplinary action by RID, NAD, BEI, or the other acceptable certifying entity, the licensee shall provide immediate written notice of the disciplinary action to the Commission. Failure to provide the notice required under this subsection is unprofessional conduct.
- B. If a licensee's state-issued certification submitted as qualification for a Class B provisional license is suspended, revoked, or subject to other disciplinary action by the state that issued the certification, the licensee shall provide immediate written notice of the disciplinary action to the Commission. Failure to provide the notice required under this subsection is unprofessional conduct.
- C. The Commission shall communicate with a licensee or applicant using the name and address provided to the Commission by the licensee or applicant. To ensure timely receipt of communication from the Commission, a licensee or applicant shall notify the Commission of any change in the licensee's or applicant's name or address.

Historical Note

New Section made by final rulemaking at 13 A.A.R. 1720, effective May 1, 2007 (Supp. 07-2). Amended by final rulemaking at 22 A.A.R. 1675, effective August 15, 2016 (Supp. 16-2).