

TITLE 16 OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
CHAPTER 28 SIGNED LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS
PART 2 EDUCATION AND CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

16.28.2.1 ISSUING AGENCY: Regulation and Licensing Department, Signed Language Interpreting Practices Board.
[16.28.2.1 NMAC - N, 07/21/09]

16.28.2.2 SCOPE: Any person licensed to practice interpreting.
[16.28.2.2 NMAC - N, 07/21/09]

16.28.2.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: These rules are promulgated pursuant to the Signed Language Interpreting Practices Act, Section 61-34-1 through 61-34-17.
[16.28.2.3 NMAC - N, 07/21/09]

16.28.2.4 DURATION: Permanent
[16.28.2.4 NMAC - N, 07/21/09]

16.28.2.5 EFFECTIVE DATE: July 21, 2009 unless a later date is cited at the end of this section.
[16.28.2.5 NMAC - N, 07/21/09]

16.28.2.6 OBJECTIVE: The objective of Part 2 is to establish the minimum education requirements for applicants applying for licensure and to establish the continuing education requirements for license renewal.
[16.28.2.6 NMAC - N, 07/21/09]

16.28.2.7 DEFINITIONS: [Reserved]
[Refer to 16.28.1.7 NMAC]

16.28.2.8 EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS: The board shall issue a license as a signed language interpreter to an applicant, otherwise qualified, who furnishes evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant has fulfilled the degree requirements for certification as established by registry of interpreters for the deaf (RID). Official or unofficial transcripts showing the degree awarded is acceptable evidence.
[16.28.2.8 NMAC - N, 07/21/09; A, 12/16/15]

16.28.2.9 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

A. Community or educational signed language interpreter license shall submit a copy of the applicant's current RID membership card or verification letter from the RID member portal showing current membership status documenting compliance with the requirements of the certification maintenance program (CMP) which requires eight (8) RID-approved continuing education units (CEUs) (eighty (80) contact hours) per four (4)-year CMP cycle. Should RID change its number of CEUs required an interpreter must comply with the new requirement in order to maintain licensure in New Mexico. [An educational signed language interpreter meeting the criteria in 16.28.3.11 \(D\) but not holding the ED:K-12 credential must submit associate continuing education tracking \(ACET\) transcripts showing four \(4\) CEU's \(forty \(40\) hours\) of continuing education at each biannual renewal.](#)

B. Provisional license: two (2) CEUs (twenty (20) hours) of continuing education annually documented on the applicant's associate continuing education tracking (ACET) transcript from RID. Interpreting students should be aware that they need to become associate members of RID before the end of March in their year of graduation for CEU's earned prior to July 1st to be tracked on their ACET transcripts.

C. Provisional licensees who are within their first year may provide certificates of completion to the board office if the approved CEUs are not on ACET transcripts.
[16.28.2.9 NMAC - N, 07/21/09; A, 08/18/11; A, 01/15/14; A, 12/16/15]

HISTORY OF 16.28.2 NMAC: [RESERVED]