

21 NCAC 25 .0202 is amended as published in NC register 39:06 **with changes** as follows::

**21 NCAC 25 .0202        THE APPLICATION PACKAGE AND REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE**

(a) An applicant for licensure shall submit the following materials to the Board:

- (1) A completed, signed, and dated application **in the format provided by the Board;**
- (2) A clear, two-inch by two-inch, passport-style photograph of the head and shoulders of the applicant, made within two years of the date of application;
- (3) A legible, fully-completed finger print card obtained from a local law enforcement agency;
- (4) The applicant's signed, written consent to a criminal record check;
- (5) One or more cashier's checks, certified checks or money orders made payable to the North Carolina Interpreter and Transliterator Licensing Board in the amounts ~~necessary to cover the cost of~~ **charged by the Department of Public Safety for** all necessary local, State and federal criminal record checks; and
- (6) A cashier's check, certified check or money order made payable to the North Carolina Interpreter and Transliterator Licensing Board in the amount specified by Rule .0203 of this Section.

~~(b) An applicant for an initial license under S.L. 2002-182, s. 7, as amended by S.L. 2003-56, shall submit the following materials to the Board:~~

- ~~(1) Written verification that the applicant was actively engaged as an interpreter or transliterator in this State for at least 200 hours for each of the two years immediately preceding 31 October 2002. The written verification must be signed by the individual who paid or approved payment for the services or the individual who supervised the applicant when the services were rendered;~~
- ~~(2) Letters of recommendation from any two individuals who are:~~
  - ~~(A) Interpreters who hold valid National Association of the Deaf level 4 or 5 certifications; or~~
  - ~~(B) Interpreters who are nationally certified by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc.;~~
  - ~~or~~
  - ~~(C) Transliterators who have national certifications recognized by the National Cued Speech Association ("NCSA"); or~~
  - ~~(D) Interpreters who hold quality assurance North Carolina Interpreter Classification System ("NCICS") level A or B classifications in effect on January 1, 2000; or~~
  - ~~(E) Consumers of interpreter or transliterator services who have observed the applicant's performance as an interpreter or transliterator; or~~
  - ~~(F) The parent or legal guardian of a deaf consumer of interpreter or transliterator services who has observed the applicant's performance as an interpreter or transliterator.~~

~~(c)-(b)~~ Upon application to the Board and payment of the required fees under 21 NCAC 25 .0203(a), the Board **may** **shall** grant an Applicant a full license as an interpreter or transliterator if the applicant meets all of the following qualifications:

- (1) Is 18 years of age or older.

(2) Is of good moral character as determined by the Board presumptively established by the applicant's eligibility under 21 NCAC 25 .0302. If the Board determines there is probable cause to question an applicant's moral character, and after notice to the applicant and a hearing, the Board shall deny a license if there is clear and convincing evidence the applicant lacks good moral character, including possessing the characteristics of honesty, maturity, discipline, attention to detail, and respect for the rights of others, as more fully discussed and interpreted in: In re Willis, 288 N.C. 1, 215 S.E. 2d 771, appeal dismissed, 423 U.S. 976 (1975); State v. Harris, 216 N.C. 746, 6 S.E. 2d 854 (1940); In re Legg, 325 N.C. 658, 386 S.E. 2d 174 (1989); In re Applicants for License, 143 N.C. 1, 55 S.E. 635 (1906); In re Scott Dillingham's Application, 188 N.C. 162, 124 S.E. 130 (1924); State v. Benbow, 309 N.C. 538, 308 S.E. 2d 647 (1983); and later court decisions.

(3) Meets one of the following criteria:

(A) Is nationally certified by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc., (RID).

(B) Holds a valid Testing, Evaluation and Certification Unit, Inc. (TECUnit) national certification in cued language transliteration.

(C) Holds a current Cued Language Transliterator State Level Assessment (CLTSLA) level 3 or above classification.

(D) Holds a Board for Evaluation of Interpreters (BEI) assessment of Advanced or above.

(E) A Deaf Interpreter who holds a Board for Evaluation of Interpreters (BEI) intermediary certificate level IV or above.

~~(d)~~ (c) Upon application to the Board and payment of the required fees under 21 NCAC 25 .0203(a), the Board may shall grant an Applicant a one-time provisional license as an interpreter or transliterator if the applicant meets all of the following qualifications:

(1) Is 18 years of age or older.

(2) Is of good moral character as determined by the Board presumptively established by the applicant's eligibility under 21 NCAC 25 .0302. If the Board determines there is probable cause to question an applicant's moral character, and after notice to the applicant and a hearing, the Board shall deny a license if there is clear and convincing evidence the applicant lacks good moral character, including possessing the characteristics of honesty, maturity, discipline, attention to detail, and respect for the rights of others, as more fully discussed and interpreted in: In re Willis, 288 N.C. 1, 215 S.E. 2d 771, appeal dismissed, 423 U.S. 976 (1975); State v. Harris, 216 N.C. 746, 6 S.E. 2d 854 (1940); In re Legg, 325 N.C. 658, 386 S.E. 2d 174 (1989); In re Applicants for License, 143 N.C. 1, 55 S.E. 635 (1906); In re Scott Dillingham's Application, 188 N.C. 162, 124 S.E. 130 (1924); State v. Benbow, 309 N.C. 538, 308 S.E. 2d 647 (1983); and later court decisions.

(3) Completes two continuing education units approved by the Board. These units must be completed for each renewable year.

(4) Holds at least a two-year associate degree in interpreting from an accredited a post-secondary institution and satisfies one the following:

- (A) Holds a quality assurance North Carolina Interpreter Classification System (NCICS) level C classification.
- (B) Holds a valid National Association of the Deaf (NAD) level 2 or 3 certification.
- (C) Holds a current Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) level 3.5 or above classification.
- (D) Holds a Board for Evaluation of Interpreters (BEI) assessment of Basic.
- (E) A Deaf Interpreter who holds a Board for Evaluation of Interpreters (BEI) intermediary certificate level III.

~~((e) (d))~~ Upon application to the Board, payment of the required fees under 21 NCAC 25 .0203(a), and meeting the requirements for a provisional license under ~~subdivisions~~ (1) and (2) of ~~subsection~~ paragraph (c) of this ~~section~~ rule, is 18 years of age or older, and is of good moral character as determined by the Board, the Board ~~may~~ shall also issue a provisional license to any of the following categories of persons seeking a one-time provisional license:

- (1) A deaf interpreter who completes 16 hours of training in interpreting coursework or workshops provided by the North Carolina Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, including role and function or ethics, and 20 hours in the 12 months immediately preceding the date of application in the provision of interpreting services.
- (2) An oral interpreter who completes a total of 40 hours of training in interpreting coursework or workshops related to oral interpreting.
- (3) A cued language transliterator who holds a current TECUnit Cued language Transliterator State Level Assessment ( CLTSLA) level 2 or above classification.
- (4) A person providing interpreting or transliterating services who has a recognized credential from another state's licensing body in the field of interpreting or transliterating.
- (5) An interpreter or transliterator who has accumulated at least 200 hours per year in the provision of interpreting or transliterating services, in this State or another state, totaling at least 400 hours for the two years immediately preceding the date of the application. An applicant must provide documentation of hours when applying for a provisional license under this category, subject to verification by the Board.

~~(f) (e)~~ Subparagraphs subsections (c) (e) (b) (d) applies to licenses and provisional licenses issued or renewed by the North Carolina Interpreter and Transliterator Licensing Board on or after ~~October~~ December 1, 2023.

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