



# *Administrative Office of the Courts*

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## **REGISTRATION FOR TENNESSEE STATE COURT INTERPRETER ORAL EXAMINATION**

The Tennessee State Court Interpreter Credentialing Program is pleased to announce that oral examinations for certification as a credentialed court interpreter will be offered:

**September 9-13 and September 16-20, 2019.**

You may select a time to take the exam on any day during this time period, beginning at 9:00 am and ending at 3:00 pm.

**Registration forms and payment must arrive at the AOC no later than 4:30 pm on August 9, 2019.**

### **Registration Instructions:**

1. Fill out the attached application form and indicate which day and time you would like to register for the exam.
2. **You can pay online (there is a transaction fee) at this address:**  
<https://paydirect.link2gov.com/TNCourts/ItemSelection/SelectItems>

Then choose either:

Interpreter Oral Exam Fee for Registered Interpreters Only (TN Resident) \$150

Interpreter Oral Exam Fee for Registered Interpreters Only (non-TN Resident) \$300

or

Send a **NON-REFUNDABLE** check or money order for \$150 (in-state residents) or \$300 (out-of-state residents) made payable to the *Administrative Office of the Courts*.

Be sure to note on the check that it is for the Court Interpreter Oral Examination.

Mail to:

Attn: Ryan Mouser  
Administrative Office of the Courts  
511 Union St., Suite 600  
Nashville, TN 37219

3. Admission letter: You will be sent a letter of admission confirming your scheduled testing session. Your letter of admission will confirm what parts of the examination you will be required to take. **IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR LETTER OF ADMISSION, RYAN MOUSER AT (615) 741-2687.** If you require an accommodation and/or have special needs because of a qualified disability, or if you have questions or need additional information regarding this issue, please contact Ryan Mouser at (615) 741-2687.

### **The examination will take place:**

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### **What you must bring to the testing session:**

1. Letter of Admission
2. Positive Photo Identification (This must be a driver's license or passport. An interpreter photo identification card is NOT sufficient.)
3. **Please note that bags, purses, cell phones, smart watches, key fobs, or any other electronic devices are not allowed in the exam room. You will be able to store these in a secure location during the exam.**

### **What to expect at the oral examination:**

The Court Interpreter Program Coordinator is responsible for oversight of the entire test administration process. It is their responsibility to ensure that test security standards are maintained and that the tests are administered in accordance with these instructions/standards.

### **The structure of the test:**

The oral exam has three parts:

- 1) Sight Translation – You will be given a document to translate orally from English into the target language. You will be given a second document to translate orally from the target language into English. Each document is approximately 225 words in length. You will have a total of six minutes to complete each task.
- 2) Consecutive Interpreting – This portion of the test consists of an audio tape recording from a transcript representing witness testimony. The examinees must interpret the testimony, acting exactly as if they were in court. This will involve interpreting from English into the target language (attorney's questions) and from the target language into English (witness' responses). You will have twenty-two minutes to complete this task. To prepare for this section of the examination, the National Center for State Courts recommends that you practice interpreting in the consecutive mode until you are able to interpret 45 to 50 separate utterances of varying lengths (up to 950 words total) within 20-22 minutes.
- 3) Simultaneous Interpreting – This portion of the test consists of an audio tape recording of a passage based on an attorney's opening or closing statement to a judge or jury, a discussion between a judge and an attorney, or a similar proceeding. You will simultaneously interpret this material from English into the target language. It is approximately 900 words in length and is recorded at an approximate speed of 120 words per minute. This portion of the test takes approximately 10 minutes, with instructions and preparation, and the recording lasts approximately 7 minutes.

Your response to each part of the examination is recorded on audiotape by your test administrator. Your exam will be graded by professional interpreters who have been trained to rate oral exams under the auspices of the National Center for State Court's Consortium for Court Interpreter Programs.

The entire exam takes approximately 40-45 minutes.



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**Tennessee State Court Interpreter Credentialing Program**  
Application for the September 2019 Oral Examination  
 September 9-13, 2019 September 16-20, 2019  
**DEADLINE: August 9, 2019**

Applicant's Full Name							
Last		First		Middle Initial			
Address							
City		State		Zip Code			
Telephone ( ) Home		( ) Cell		( ) Work			
Email Address: _____							
Have you previously taken the oral examination? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If yes, when and where did you take the examination? (include <u>all</u> previous testing exams whether in Tennessee or in another state):  _____ _____ _____ _____			<b>Circle DATE and TIME you wish to take the exam</b>				
			Monday 9/9 OR 9/16	Tuesday 9/10 OR 9/17	Wednesday 9/11 OR 9/18	Thursday 9/12 OR 9/19	Friday 9/13 OR 9/20
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PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING, IF APPLICABLE							
<input type="checkbox"/> I have paid my oral examination fee online.  <input type="checkbox"/> I have enclosed my <b>NON-REFUNDABLE</b> check or money order to this form.			<input type="checkbox"/> In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, please let us know if you require any modifications due to a qualified disability: _____ _____				
			<input type="checkbox"/> I am not able to attend during the week. I have particular schedule concerns that the AOC should be aware of. (This request will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.) _____ _____ _____				