



Oral Performance Examination

Oral Performance Examinations have been administered in Florida since 1998 as part of a formal training and testing regimen for court interpreters. These exams, developed by the Consortium for Language Access in the Courts, are currently available for administration in Florida in the following languages: Arabic (modern standard), Cantonese, French, Haitian Creole, Hmong, Ilocano, Korean, Laotian, Mandarin, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.

Prospective candidates must first attend the two-day orientation workshop and successfully pass the Consortium written exam, in accordance with state policy requirements in Florida, for eligibility to take the Oral Performance Examination. See [Candidate Information: Overview of the Oral Performance Examination for Prospective Court Interpreters](#) for detailed information concerning the exam structure, Florida-specific policies and procedures, and suggested study resources. Individuals who pass the oral performance examination and fulfill all other requirements specified in [Rule 14.200](#), Rules for Certification and Regulation of Court Interpreters, are eligible for inclusion in an [online registry](#) maintained by the Office of the State Courts Administrator.

Interpreters certified by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts and whose name appears on the registry of federally certified interpreters, are eligible for waiver of the oral performance examination. See [Rule 14.210](#). Federally certified interpreters must fulfill all other certification requirements specified in Rule 14.200, to qualify for state certification *and* registry inclusion for the Florida State Courts System. Information regarding the Federal Court Interpreter Certification Examination Program (FCICE) is available online at <http://www.ncsc.org/fcice/>.

Effective March 18, 2004, reciprocity is NOT granted for out-of-state orientation workshop attendance.

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