



# Health Licensing Office Temporary Rules

**OREGON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

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**CHAPTER 331, DIVISION 050**

**TEMPORARY RULES EFFECTIVE**

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## HLO Temporary Licensing for Sign Language Interpreters Chapter 331, Division 050

### **331-050-0000**

#### **Definitions**

The following abbreviations apply to OAR Chapter 331, Divisions 050:

- (1) “ASL” means American Sign Language.
- (2) “Board” means the State Board of Sign Language Interpreters.
- (3) “Educational setting” means a public agency or school district as those terms are defined in OAR 581-015-2000.
- (4) “EIPA” means the Educational Interpreting Performance Assessment.
- (5) “HLO” means the Health Licensing Office.
- (6) “NAD” means the National Association of the Deaf.
- (7) “DOE” means Department of Education.
- (8) “RID” means Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf.
- (9) “SLI” means “sign language interpreter” as that term is defined in HB 2696 (2023) section 1.
- (10) “SLI generalist license” means a “sign language interpreter license” corresponding to HB 2696 (2023) section 3.
- (11) “TBEI” means Texas Board for Evaluation of Interpreters.

## **331-050-0010**

### **General Administration, Emergency Care and Exceptions**

- (1) Holding a license under these rules does not guarantee that the license holder will be granted a license under the State Board of Sign Language Interpreters.
- (2) Nothing in these rules is meant to prevent an Emergency Medical Services provider from providing prehospital care as that term is defined in ORS 682.025 to an individual who communicates in signed language.
- (3) Nothing in these rules is meant to delay assistance or care in emergency situations involving imminent or immediate harm and during which a licensee is not available.
- (4) Nothing in these rules is meant to conflict with or supersede federal law.
- (5) Sign language interpretation services may be provided by a person who is a qualified interpreter under ORS 45.288, or a court interpreter certified under ORS 45.291 providing signed language interpretation services for the purpose of a proceeding in the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Oregon Tax Court, or a circuit court.

## **331-050-0020**

### **Supervisory SLI License**

- (1) A supervisory SLI license holder:
  - (a) May provide SLI services.

- (b) May supervise provisional SLI license holders.
- (c) May provide SLI services in an educational setting.
- (d) May not provide SLI services in a medical setting unless the person holds a license under HB 2696 (2023) section 6 or OAR 331-050-0100.
- (e) May not provide SLI services in a legal setting unless the person holds a license under HB 2696 (2023) section 7 or OAR 331-050-0120.
- (2) A supervisory SLI license becomes invalid when one of the following occurs, whichever occurs first: June 8, 2024, or the HLO grants or denies the license holder a license under HB 2696 (2023) section 2-5.
- (3) This supervisory SLI license may not be renewed.
- (4) The issuance or the licensee's holding of a supervisory SLI license does not supersede, replace, or negate the need for the licensee to comply with other laws requiring licensure or registration, or competent SLI services.

### **331-050-0030**

#### **Application Requirements for Supervisory License**

An individual applying for a supervisory SLI license must:

- (1) Meet the requirements of OAR 331 division 30.
- (2) Submit a completed application form prescribed by HLO, which must contain the information listed in OAR 331-030-0000.

- (3) Submit proof of being at least 18 years of age; documentation to prove age may include identification listed under OAR 331-030-0000.
- (4) Attest to being in compliance with a nationally recognized code of professional conduct such as the code authored by the RID and NAD.
- (5) Attest to holding a credential from one of the following for at least three years:
- (a) RID Certified Deaf Interpreter Certification.
  - (b) RID National Interpreting Certification.
  - (c) RID National Interpreting Certification: Advanced.
  - (d) RID National Interpreting Certification: Master.
  - (e) RID Certificate of Interpretation.
  - (f) RID Certificate of Transliteration.
  - (g) RID Comprehensive Skills Certificate.
  - (h) RID Master Comprehensive Skills Certificate.
  - (i) RID Reverse Skills Certificate.
  - (j) RID Interpretation Certificate.
  - (k) RID Transliteration Certificate.
  - (l) NAD IV Level Certification.
  - (m) NAD V Level Certification.
  - (n) TBEI Advanced Certificate.
  - (o) TBEI Master Certificate.
  - (p) TBEI Trilingual Advanced Certificate.
  - (q) TBEI Trilingual Master Certificate.
  - (r) TBEI Level IV Certificate.

- (s) TBEI Level V Certificate.
- (t) TBEI Level III Intermediary Certificate.
- (u) TBEI Level IV Intermediary Certificate.
- (v) TBEI Level V Intermediary Certificate.
- (w) EIPA Secondary Level PSE 4.0 or above.
- (x) EIPA Secondary Level ASL 4.0 or above.

### **331-050-0040**

#### **SLI Generalist License**

- (1) A SLI generalist license holder:
  - (a) May provide SLI services.
  - (b) May supervise provisional SLI license holders.
  - (c) May provide SLI services in an educational setting.
  - (d) May not provide SLI services in a medical setting unless the person holds a license under HB 2696 (2023) section 6 or OAR 331-050-0100.
  - (e) May not provide SLI services in a legal setting unless the person holds a license under HB 2696 (2023) section 7 or OAR 331-050-0120.
- (2) A SLI generalist license becomes invalid when one of the following occurs, whichever occurs first: June 8, 2024, or the HLO grants or denies the license holder a license under HB 2696 (2023) section 2-5.
- (3) This SLI generalist license may not be renewed.
- (4) The issuance or the licensee's holding of a SLI generalist license does not supersede, replace, or negate the need for the licensee to comply with other laws

requiring licensure or registration, or competent SLI services.

### **331-050-0050**

#### **Application Requirements for SLI Generalist License**

An individual applying for a SLI generalist license must:

- (1) Meet the requirements of OAR 331 division 30.
- (2) Submit a completed application form prescribed by HLO, which must contain the information listed in OAR 331-030-0000.
- (3) Submit proof of being at least 18 years of age; documentation to prove age may include identification listed under OAR 331-030-0000.
- (4) Attest to being in compliance with a nationally recognized code of professional conduct such as the code authored by the RID and NAD.
- (5) Attest to holding a credential from one of the following:
  - (a) RID Certified Deaf Interpreter Certification.
  - (b) RID National Interpreting Certification.
  - (c) RID National Interpreting Certification: Advanced.
  - (d) RID National Interpreting Certification: Master.
  - (e) RID Certificate of Interpretation.
  - (f) RID Certificate of Transliteration.
  - (g) RID Comprehensive Skills Certificate.
  - (h) RID Master Comprehensive Skills Certificate.
  - (i) RID Reverse Skills Certificate.

- (j) RID Interpretation Certificate.
- (k) RID Transliteration Certificate.
- (l) NAD IV Level Certification.
- (m) NAD V Level Certification.
- (n) TBEI Advanced Certificate.
- (o) TBEI Master Certificate.
- (p) TBEI Trilingual Advanced Certificate.
- (q) TBEI Trilingual Master Certificate.
- (r) TBEI Level IV Certificate.
- (s) TBEI Level V Certificate.
- (t) TBEI Level III Intermediary Certificate.
- (u) TBEI Level IV Intermediary Certificate.
- (v) TBEI Level V Intermediary Certificate.
- (w) EIPA Secondary Level PSE 4.0 or above.
- (x) EIPA Secondary Level ASL 4.0 or above.

### **331-050-0060**

#### **Provisional SLI License**

- (1) A provisional SLI license holder:
  - (a) May provide SLI services under the supervision of a person holding a supervisory SLI license or a SLI generalist license.
  - (b) May be supervised onsite or remotely.
  - (c) May have more than one supervisor.
  - (d) May not supervise any other person providing SLI services.



- (e) May not provide SLI services in a medical or legal setting.
- (f) May not provide SLI services in an educational setting unless the person holds a license under HB 2696 (2023) section 5 or OAR 331-050-0080.
- (2) A provisional SLI license becomes invalid when one of the following occurs, whichever occurs first: June 8, 2024, or the HLO grants or denies a license under HB 2696 (2023) section 2-5.
- (3) This provisional SLI license may not be renewed.
- (4) The issuance or the licensee's holding of a provisional SLI license does not supersede, replace, or negate the need for the licensee to comply with other laws requiring licensure or registration, or competent SLI services.

### **331-050-0070**

#### **Application Requirements for Provisional SLI License**

An individual applying for a provisional SLI license must:

- (1) Meet the requirements of OAR 331 division 30.
- (2) Submit a completed application form prescribed by HLO, which must contain the information listed in OAR 331-030-0000.
- (3) Submit proof of being at least 18 years of age; documentation to prove age may include identification listed under OAR 331-030-0000.
- (4) Attest that the individual will only provide SLI services under the supervision of a person holding a supervisory SLI license or a SLI generalist license.

(5) Attest to being in compliance with a nationally recognized code of professional conduct such as the code authored by the RID and NAD.

(6) Attest to holding a credential from one of the following:

(a) EIPA Secondary PSE 3.5 or above.

(b) EIPA Secondary ASL 3.5 or above.

(c) American Sign Language Performance Interview 4 or above.

(d) Sign Language Proficiency Interview score of Advanced or above.

(e) TBEI Basic Certificate.

(f) TBEI Level III Certificate.

(g) TBEI Level II Certificate.

(h) NAD Level III Certification.

(i) Center for the Assessment of Sign Language Interpretation Generalist Knowledge Exam.

### **331-050-0080**

#### **Educational SLI License**

(1) An educational SLI license allows an individual to provide SLI services in an educational setting only.

(2) An educational SLI license becomes invalid when one of the following occurs, whichever occurs first: June 8, 2024, or the HLO grants or denies a license under HB 2696 (2023) section 2-5.

(3) This educational SLI license may not be renewed.

(4) The issuance or the licensee's holding of an educational SLI license does not supersede, replace, or negate the need for the licensee to comply with other laws requiring licensure or registration, or competent SLI services.

### **331-050-0090**

#### **Application Requirements for Educational SLI License**

An individual applying for an educational SLI license must:

- (1) Meet the requirements of OAR 331 division 30.
- (2) Submit a completed application form prescribed by HLO, which must contain the information listed in OAR 331-030-0000.
- (3) Submit proof of being at least 18 years of age; documentation to prove age may include identification listed under OAR 331-030-0000.
- (4) Attest to being in compliance with a nationally recognized code of professional conduct such as the code authored by the RID and NAD.
- (5) Attest to meeting minimum standard requirements established by the Department of Education in OAR 581-015-2035.
- (6) Attest to meeting the following minimum standards:
  - (a) Achieving a passing score of 3.5 or above on the EIPA Performance Test or holding RID National Interpreting Certification, RID Certificate of

Interpretation or RID Certificate of Transliteration;  
and

(b) Holding a bachelor's or associate degree from an Interpreter Education Program or in a related educational field; or achieving a passing score on the EIPA Written test.

### **331-050-0100**

#### **Medical SLI License**

- (1) A medical SLI license holder may provide SLI services in a medical setting.
- (2) Only a person holding a medical SLI license under this rule or under HB 2696 (2023) section 6 may provide SLI services in a medical setting.
- (3) A medical SLI license holder becomes invalid when one of the following occurs, whichever occurs first: June 8, 2024, or the HLO grants or denies the license holder a license under HB 2696 (2023) section 2-6.
- (4) This medical SLI license may not be renewed.
- (5) The issuance or the licensee's holding of a medical SLI license does not supersede, replace, or negate the need for the licensee to comply with other laws requiring licensure or registration, or competent SLI services.

### **331-050-0110**

#### **Application Requirements for Medical SLI License**

An individual applying for a medical SLI license must:

- (1) Meet the requirements of OAR 331 division 30.

- (2) Submit a completed application form prescribed by HLO, which must contain the information listed in OAR 331-030-0000.
- (3) Hold a license listed under HB 2696 (2023) section 2 or 3, OAR 331-050-0020, or OAR 331-050-0040.
- (4) Attest to holding one of the following credentials:
  - (a) Certification in ASL interpreting from the RID; or
  - (b) American Sign Language Proficiency Interview or the Sign Language Proficiency Interview with a minimum proficiency level of 4 or advanced.

### **331-050-0120**

#### **Legal SLI License**

- (1) A legal SLI license holder may provide SLI services in a legal setting.
- (2) Only a person holding a legal SLI license under this rule or under HB 2696 (2023) section 7 may provide signed language interpretation services in a legal setting.
- (3) A legal SLI license holder becomes invalid when one of the following occurs, whichever occurs first: June 8, 2024, or the HLO grants or denies the license holder a license under the HB 2696 (2023) section 2-5 or 7.
- (4) This legal SLI license may not be renewed.
- (5) The issuance or the licensee's holding of a legal SLI license does not supersede, replace, or negate the need for the licensee to comply with other laws requiring licensure or registration, or competent SLI services.

(6) A legal setting does not include proceedings in federal courts.

### **331-050-0130**

#### **Application Requirements for Legal SLI License**

An individual applying for a legal SLI license must:

- (1) Meet the requirements of OAR 331 division 30.
- (2) Submit a completed application form prescribed by HLO, which must contain the information listed in OAR 331-030-0000.
- (3) Hold a license listed under HB 2696 (2023) section 2 or 3, OAR 331-050-0020, or OAR 331-050-0040.
- (4) Attest to having completed 40 hours of education on legal interpreting or attest to holding one of the following credentials:
  - (a) Qualified interpreter under ORS 45.288.
  - (b) Court interpreter certified under ORS 45.291.
  - (c) RID Specialist Certification: Legal.
  - (d) RID Conditional Legal Interpreting Permit-Relay.
  - (e) Board for Evaluation of Interpreters Court Interpreter Certificate.