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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**  
INCLUDING STATEMENT OF NEED & FISCAL IMPACT

CHAPTER 816  
OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY  
HEALTH LICENSING OFFICE, STATE BOARD OF SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

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FILING CAPTION: Sign language interpreters licensing requirements and board governance.

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*The Agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business.*

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HEARING(S)

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DATE: 04/16/2024

TIME: 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

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NEED FOR THE RULE(S)

Rules are needed to continue to license sign language interpreters under the regulation of the State Board of Sign Language Interpreters (Board). The Board was established within the Health Licensing Office during the 2023 Legislative Session by passage of HB 2696. These rules make the Board operational by proposing Board approved minimum qualifications and licensing requirements for sign language interpreters in Oregon.

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE

HB 2696 (2023), HLO Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS), Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Health Care Interpreter Program administrative rules, 2023 legislative documents, information from professional organizations, Rules Advisory Committee information and financial and licensing documentation.

All documents are available at the HLO, 1430 Tandem Ave Suite 180, Salem, OR 97301-1287. To obtain information or copies of information please contact Samie Patnode, Policy Analyst, at 503-373-1917 or by email at samie.patnode@oha.oregon.com, during normal business hours Monday through Friday between 7 am to 2:30 pm.

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#### STATEMENT IDENTIFYING HOW ADOPTION OF RULE(S) WILL AFFECT RACIAL EQUITY IN THIS STATE

The statutes require that all applicants meet minimum qualifications for licensing as determined by the Board. This law is carried out equally, fairly, and justly for anyone who applies for a sign language interpreter license in Oregon without bias treatment of people of different races.

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#### FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT:

There will likely be a fiscal impact on the public, sign language interpreters in Oregon and outside of Oregon, businesses in Oregon including small businesses, several state agencies including Oregon Health Authority and Department of Education, and healthcare providers.

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#### COST OF COMPLIANCE:

*(1) Identify any state agencies, units of local government, and members of the public likely to be economically affected by the rule(s). (2) Effect on Small Businesses: (a) Estimate the number and type of small businesses subject to the rule(s); (b) Describe the expected reporting, recordkeeping and administrative activities and cost required to comply with the rule(s); (c) Estimate the cost of professional services, equipment supplies, labor and increased administration required to comply with the rule(s).*

If sign language interpreters are considered the public as of June 8, 2024, they will be required to pay license and application fees to continue to provide interpretation services to Deaf, Hard of Hearing and DeafBlind people in Oregon.

Application and license fees are as follows:

Supervisory license fees: application - \$150, initial and renewal license - \$200

Generalist license fees: application - \$100, initial and renewal license – \$150 (2 renewals)

Provisional license fees: application - \$75, initial and renewal license - \$100 (up to 5 renewals)

Educational license fees: application - \$75, initial and renewal license - \$100 (up to 5 renewals)

Medical license fees: application - \$50, initial and renewal license - \$50

Legal license fees: application - \$50, initial and renewal license - \$50

Specialty training license fees: application - \$50, initial and renewal license - \$50 (up to 5 renewals)

The license fees are larger than the hourly rate of many sign language interpreters and may negatively impact available funds of sign language interpreters. According to a recent survey of sign language interpreters the following estimates exist in Oregon:

K-12 Educational sign language interpreters earn \$25 to \$40 per hour depending on where the Interpreter is located in Oregon.

Post secondary educational sign language interpreters earn \$25 to \$60 per hour depending on if the educational institution is private or public.

Freelance or community sign language interpreters earn \$35 to \$70 per hour.

From the same survey results, the average sign language interpreter currently pays approximately \$1000 annually for certification and membership fees, continuing education, liability insurance, and testing for additional credentials annually.

Specialty training license will allow students and individuals in rural communities to continue training while they work towards fulfilling licensing requirements. There will be a cost to the specialty license of \$100 initially and \$50 annually for up to 5 years. Without the license these individuals may not be able to complete their education or fulfill training requirements for other sign language interpreter licenses, which could negatively impact those individuals.

Deaf, Hard of Hearing and DeafBlind individuals in Oregon may see cost of translation services increased due to mandatory licensing and due to the shortage of sign language interpreters in Oregon (supply and demand).

The HLO will be economically affected as the state agency licensing sign language interpreters in Oregon. HLO is an Other Funds agency which operates on the fees paid by applicants and licensees. HLO issues 6 sign language interpreter licenses and is proposing to add a 7th specialty license for individuals in "training" who do not qualify for a provisional license. The costs of the program are not equivalent to the current expenditures for operating the licensing program.

Many state agencies such as Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Oregon Health Plan, Coordinated Care Organizations, Department of Human Services Child Welfare and Aging and People with Disabilities may see a negative economic impact if the sign language interpreter raises their fees or wages due to cost of mandatory licensing. The cost to these agencies is unknown but could be considerable depending on the frequency of hiring interpreters for interpretation services such as court appearances, medical and dental insurance benefits, long term and residential care benefits and disability benefits.

Oregon Department of Education and OHA Equity and Inclusion Division Healthcare Interpreter Program may be required to write rules to align with mandatory licensing.

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DESCRIBE HOW SMALL BUSINESSES WERE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE RULE(S):

According to HLO records there are approximately 30 interpreter agencies that employ and schedule sign language interpreters that may be affected. Many sign language interpreters are freelance and work on a contract basis and consider themselves small business owners. Freelance interpreters generally set their own schedules and are paid directly from the client. There are currently 195 licensed supervisory and 321 generalist sign language interpreters in Oregon who may be recognized as small businesses.

In 2022 the U.S. Business Administration Office of Advocacy reported Oregon had upwards of 400,000 small businesses. The Americans with Disabilities Act requires businesses to provide sign language interpreters if it is necessary to ensure effective communication with a client who is Deaf or Hard of Hearing. As an example of small businesses hiring interpreters, this may include lawyers or physicians in small clinics who are required to hire sign language interpreters to communicate effectively with clients and patients. It is unknown how many small businesses in Oregon hire sign language interpreters, but mandatory licensing may increase the rate an interpreter charges for services.

There may be a minimal fiscal impact to small businesses regarding reporting requirements. If businesses that employ and schedule sign language interpreters are considered small businesses and are approved through the Department of Administrative Services to provide services to state agencies there may be reporting requirements to meet contractual obligations and maintain approval to provide services.

There may be a minimal economic impact on small business for equipment, supplies, labor and increased administration for compliance.

Small business owners serve on the Board and the Rules Advisory Committee.

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WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE RULE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSULTED? YES

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RULES PROPOSED:

816-005-0000, 816-005-0010, 816-005-0020, 816-005-0030, 816-015-0000, 816-025-0000, 816-025-0020, 816-025-0030, 816-025-0040, 816-025-0050, 816-025-0060, 816-025-0070, 816-025-0080, 816-025-0090, 816-025-0100, 816-025-0110, 816-025-0150, 816-025-0160, 816-045-0000, 816-065-0000, 816-085-0000

ADOPT: 816-005-0000

RULE SUMMARY: Definitions for sign language interpreters.

CHANGES TO RULE:

816-005-0000

Definitions

The following abbreviations apply to OAR Chapter 816, Divisions 005 to 0085:¶

(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 ORS 676.750.¶

(10) "SLI generalist license" means a "sign language interpreter license" corresponding to ORS 676.756.¶

(11) "TBEI" means Texas Board for Evaluation of Interpreters.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 676.750, ORS 676.753, ORS 676.756, ORS 676.759, ORS 676.762, ORS 676.765, ORS 676.768, ORS 676.783, ORS 676.786

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 676.750, ORS 676.753, ORS 676.756, ORS 676.759, ORS 676.762, ORS 676.765, ORS 676.768, ORS 676.783, ORS 676.786

ADOPT: 816-005-0010

RULE SUMMARY: Requirements for electing chairperson and vice-chairperson of the State Board of Sign Language Interpreters.

CHANGES TO RULE:

816-005-0010

Election Of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson ¶

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The chairperson and vice chairperson must be elected annually. Elections must be held during the last Board meeting of the year or if canceled, the next scheduled meeting. Terms of office run from January 1 to December 31.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 676.780, ORS 676.783

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 676.780

ADOPT: 816-005-0020

RULE SUMMARY: Process for filling chairperson and vice chairperson vacancies when they are unavailable..

CHANGES TO RULE:

816-005-0020

Vacancies in Office ¶

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If the chairperson or vice chairperson is unable to complete the Officer's respective term, then the Board must elect another chairperson or vice chairperson.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 676.780, ORS 676.783

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 676.780

ADOPT: 816-005-0030

RULE SUMMARY: Duties of the chairperson and vice chairperson.

CHANGES TO RULE:

816-005-0030

Duties of Officers and Board Procedures ¶

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(1) Except for the provision listed in subsection (2) of this rule, the chairperson must preside at all meetings. The chairperson shall confer with the Office on matters that come up between meeting dates and matters that need to be placed on the agenda for Board meetings. The chairperson may order or reorder the agenda. ¶

(2) The vice chairperson will preside at the meeting or the portion of the meeting when the chairperson is absent.

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(3) Board decisions will be made by a vote of the Board, preceded by a motion and second to the motion.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 676.780, ORS 676.783

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 676.780

ADOPT: 816-015-0000

RULE SUMMARY: Exemptions for licensing requirements.

CHANGES TO RULE:

816-015-0000

Emergency Care and Exceptions ¶

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(1) 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.¶

(2) 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.¶

(3) Nothing in these rules is meant to conflict with or supersede federal law.¶

(4) 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 SLI services for the purpose of a proceeding in the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Oregon Tax Court, or a circuit court.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 676.771, ORS 676.783

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 676.771, ORS 676.783



ADOPT: 816-025-0000

RULE SUMMARY: Description of a SLI supervisory license.

CHANGES TO RULE:

816-025-0000

SLI Supervisory License ¶

¶

(1) A SLI supervisory license holder:¶

(a) May provide SLI services.¶

(b) May supervise SLI provisional 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 ORS 676.765 and OAR 816-025-0060.¶

(e) May not provide SLI services in a legal setting unless the person holds a license under ORS 676.768 and OAR 816-025-0080.¶

(2) A SLI supervisory license is current for one year and becomes inactive on the last day of the month one year from the date of issuance.¶

(3) A SLI supervisory license may be renewed.¶

(4) The issuance or the licensee's holding of a SLI supervisory 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.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 676.753, ORS 676.783

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 676.750, ORS 676.753, ORS 676.759, ORS 676.762, ORS 676.768, ORS 676.783

ADOPT: 816-025-0020

RULE SUMMARY: Description of a SLI generalist license.

CHANGES TO RULE:

816-025-0020

SLI Generalist License ¶

¶

(1) A SLI generalist license holder:¶

(a) May provide SLI services.¶

(b) May supervise SLI provisional license holders until July 1, 2030.¶

(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 ORS 676.765 and OAR 816-025-0060.¶

(e) May not provide SLI services in a legal setting unless the person holds a license under ORS 676.768 and OAR 816-025-0080.¶

(2) A SLI generalist license is current for one year and becomes inactive on the last day of the month one year from the date of issuance.¶

(3) This SLI generalist license may be renewed twice.¶

(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.¶

Statutory authority: 676.756, 676.783¶

Statutory implementation: ORS 676.750, 676.756, 676.759, 676.762, 676.765, 676.768, 676.783

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 676.750, ORS 676.756, ORS 676.783

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 676.756, ORS 676.759, ORS 676.762, ORS 676.765, ORS 676.768, ORS 676.783

ADOPT: 816-025-0030

RULE SUMMARY: Application requirements for SLI generalist license.

CHANGES TO RULE:

816-025-0030

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 and be accompanied by payment of all required fees pursuant to OAR 816-085-0000.¶

(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) Submit proof of being in compliance with the 2005 NAD-RID Code of Professional Conduct listed under OAR 816-065-0000.¶

(5) Submit proof of 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 Interpretation Certificate.¶

(j) RID Transliteration Certificate.¶

(k) NAD IV Level Certification.¶

(l) NAD V Level Certification.¶

(m) TBEI Advanced Certificate.¶

(n) TBEI Master Certificate.¶

(o) TBEI Trilingual Advanced Certificate.¶

(p) TBEI Trilingual Master Certificate.¶

(q) TBEI Level IV Certificate.¶

(r) TBEI Level V Certificate.¶

(s) TBEI Level III Intermediary Certificate.¶

(t) TBEI Level IV Intermediary Certificate.¶

(u) TBEI Level V Intermediary Certificate.¶

(v) EIPA Secondary Level PSE 4.0 or above.¶

(w) EIPA Secondary Level ASL 4.0 or above.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 676.756, ORS 676.759, ORS 676.783

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 676.750, ORS 676.756, ORS 676.783

ADOPT: 816-025-0040

RULE SUMMARY: Description of a SLI educational license.

CHANGES TO RULE:

816-025-0040

SLI Educational License ¶

¶

(1) An SLI educational license holder may only provide services in an educational setting.¶

(2) A SLI educational license is current for one year and becomes inactive on the last day of the month one year from the date of issuance.¶

(3) This SLI educational license may be renewed five times.¶

(4) The issuance or the licensee's holding of an SLI educational 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.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 676.750, ORS 676.753, ORS 676.762, ORS 676.783, ORS 676.786

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 676.753, ORS 676.756, ORS 676.762, ORS 676.783, ORS 676.786

ADOPT: 816-025-0050

RULE SUMMARY: Application requirements for an SLI educational license.

CHANGES TO RULE:

816-025-0050

Application Requirements for SLI Educational License ¶

¶

An individual applying for an SLI educational 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 and be accompanied by payment of all required fees pursuant to OAR 816-085-0000.¶

(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) Submit proof of being in compliance with the 2005 NAD-RID Code of Professional Conduct listed under OAR 816-065-0000.¶

(5) Submit proof of meeting minimum standard requirements established by the Department of Education in OAR 581-015-2035. If OAR 581-015-2035 establishes an educational sign language interpreter license as the minimum standard, then this requirement is met if HLO finds that the applicant qualifies for licensure under this rule.¶

(6) Submit proof of meeting the following minimum standards: 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.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 676.762, ORS 676.783, ORS 676.786

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 676.750, ORS 676.762, ORS 676.783

ADOPT: 816-025-0060

RULE SUMMARY: Description of a SLI medical license.

CHANGES TO RULE:

816-025-0060

SLI Medical License ¶

¶

(1) A SLI medical license holder may provide SLI services in a medical setting.¶

(2) Only a person holding a SLI medical license under this rule may provide SLI services in a medical setting.¶

(3) A SLI medical license is current for one year and becomes inactive on the last day of the month one year from the date of issuance.¶

(4) This SLI medical license may be renewed.¶

(5) The issuance or the licensee's holding of a SLI medical 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.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 676.765, ORS 676.783

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 676.750, ORS 676.753, ORS 676.756, ORS 676.765, ORS 676.783

ADOPT: 816-025-0070

RULE SUMMARY: Application requirements for an SLI medical license.

CHANGES TO RULE:

816-025-0070

Application Requirements for SLI Medical License ¶

¶

An individual applying for a SLI medical 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 and be accompanied by payment of all required fees.¶

(3) Hold an active SLI supervisory license under ORS 676.753 and OAR 816-025-0000 or an active SLI generalist license under ORS 676.756 and OAR 816-025-0020, both with no current disciplinary action.¶

(4) Submit proof of 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.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 676.765, ORS 676.783

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 676.750, ORS 676.753, ORS 676.756, ORS 676.765, ORS 676.783, ORS 676.786

ADOPT: 816-025-0080

RULE SUMMARY: Description of a SLI legal license.

CHANGES TO RULE:

816-025-0080

SLI Legal License ¶

¶

(1) A SLI legal license holder may provide SLI services in a legal setting.¶

(2) Only a person holding a SLI legal license under this rule may provide SLI services in a legal setting.¶

(3) A SLI legal license is current for one year and becomes inactive on the last day of the month one year from the date of issuance.¶

(4) This SLI legal license may be renewed.¶

(5) The issuance or the licensee's holding of a SLI legal 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.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 676.768, ORS 676.783

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 676.750, ORS 676.753, ORS 676.756, ORS 676.768, ORS 676.783



ADOPT: 816-025-0090

RULE SUMMARY: Application requirements for an SLI legal license.

CHANGES TO RULE:

816-025-0090

Application Requirements for SLI Legal License ¶

¶

An individual applying for a SLI legal 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 and be accompanied by payment of all required fees pursuant to OAR 816-085-0000.¶

(3) Hold an active SLI supervisory license under ORS 676.753 and OAR 816-025-0000 or a SLI generalist license under ORS 676.756 and OAR 816-025-0020 with no current disciplinary action.¶

(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.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 676.768, ORS 676.783

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 676.750, ORS 676.753, ORS 676.756, ORS 676.768, ORS 676.783

ADOPT: 816-025-0100

RULE SUMMARY: Description of a SLI provisional license.

CHANGES TO RULE:

816-025-0100

SLI Provisional License ¶¶

¶¶

(1) A SLI provisional license holder:¶¶

(a) May only provide SLI services under the supervision of a person holding a SLI supervisory 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 ORS 676.762 and OAR 816-025-0040.¶¶

(2) A SLI provisional license is current for one year and becomes inactive on the last day of the month one year from the date of issuance.¶¶

(3) A SLI provisional license may be renewed up to five times.¶¶

(4) The issuance or the licensee's holding of a SLI provisional 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.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 676.759, ORS 676.783

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 676.750, ORS 676.753, ORS 676.756, ORS 676.759, ORS 676.783

ADOPT: 816-025-0110

RULE SUMMARY: Application requirements for an SLI provisional license.

CHANGES TO RULE:

816-025-0110

Application Requirements SLI for Provisional License ¶  
¶

An individual applying for a SLI provisional 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 and be accompanied by payment of all required fees pursuant to OAR 816-085-0000.¶

(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) Submit proof of being in compliance with the 2005 NAD-RID Code of Professional Conduct listed under OAR 816-065-0000.¶

(5) Submit proof of 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.¶

(6) Attest that the individual will only provide SLI services under the supervision of a person holding a SLI supervisory license or a SLI generalist license.¶

(7) Provide supervisor information including but not limited to name and license number on a form prescribed by the Office.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 676.759, ORS 676.783

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 676.750, ORS 676.753, ORS 676.756, ORS 676.759, ORS 676.783

ADOPT: 816-025-0150

RULE SUMMARY: Description of a SLI specialty training license.

CHANGES TO RULE:

816-025-0150

SLI Specialty Training License ¶

¶

(1) A SLI specialty training license holder:¶

(a) May provide SLI services under the direct on-site supervision of a person holding a SLI supervisory license or a SLI generalist license.¶

(b) May provide SLI services in an educational setting under the direct on-site supervision of a person holding a SLI supervisory license or a SLI generalist license.¶

(c) May not provide SLI services in a medical or legal setting.¶

(2) A SLI specialty training license is current for one year and becomes inactive on the last day of the month one year from the date of issuance.¶

(3) A SLI specialty training license may be renewed up to five times.¶

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

(5) A SLI specialty training license is for purposes of learning and training and is an authorization under ORS 676.562.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 676.783

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 676.750, ORS 676.783

ADOPT: 816-025-0160

RULE SUMMARY: Application requirements for an SLI specialty training license.

CHANGES TO RULE:

816-025-0160

Application Requirements for SLI Specialty Training License ¶

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An individual applying for a SLI specialty training 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 identity; documentation to prove identity may include identification listed under OAR 331-030-0000.¶

(4) Attest that the individual will only provide SLI services under the direct on-site supervision of a person holding a SLI supervisor license or a SLI generalist license.¶

(5) Provide supervisor information including but not limited to name and license number on a form prescribed by the Office.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 676.771, ORS 676.783

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 676.750, ORS 676.771, ORS 676.783

ADOPT: 816-045-0000

RULE SUMMARY: Requirements for license issuance and renewal.

CHANGES TO RULE:

816-045-0000

License Issuance and Renewal Requirements ¶

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(1) A licensee is subject to the provisions of OAR Chapter 331, Division 30 regarding the renewal of an authorization, and provisions regarding authorization to practice, identification, and requirements for issuance of a duplicate authorization.¶

(2) Authorizations issued under these rules are valid for one year. ¶

(3) LICENSE RENEWAL: To avoid delinquency fees, license renewal must be made prior to the authorization entering inactive status. To renew, the license holder must submit:¶

(a) Renewal application form; and¶

(b) Payment of required renewal fee pursuant to OAR 816-085-0000.¶

(4) INACTIVE LICENSE RENEWAL: A license may be inactive for up to three years. A licensee who is inactive is not authorized to practice. When renewing after entering inactive status, the licensee must submit the following:¶

(a) Renewal application form; and¶

(b) Payment of delinquency and license fees pursuant to OAR 816-085-0000.¶

(5) EXPIRED LICENSE: A license that has been inactive for more than three years is expired and the licensee must reapply for licensure and meet the requirements for the applicable license:¶

(a) SLI supervisory license application requirements listed in OAR 816-025-0010.¶

(b) SLI generalist license application requirements listed in OAR 816-025-0030.¶

(c) SLI educational license application requirements listed in OAR 816-025-0050.¶

(d) SLI medical license application requirements under OAR 816-025-0070.¶

(e) SLI legal license application requirements under OAR 816-025-0090.¶

(f) SLI provisional license application requirements under OAR 816-025-0110.¶

(g) SLI specialty training license application requirements under OAR 816-025-0160.¶

(6) For the purpose of subsection (1) through (5) of this rule "license" refers to all license types SLI supervisory, SLI generalist, SLI educational, SLI medical, SLI legal, SLI provisional, and SLI specialty licenses.¶

(7) An SLI generalist license may be renewed twice.¶

(8) An SLI provisional license may be renewed up to five times.¶

(9) SLI educational license may be renewed up to five times.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 676.753, ORS 676.756, ORS 676.579, ORS 676.762, ORS 676.768, ORS 676.771, ORS 676.783

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 676.750, ORS 676.753, ORS 676.756, ORS 676.579, ORS 676.762, ORS 676.768, ORS 676.783

ADOPT: 816-065-0000

RULE SUMMARY: Approved code of conduct.

CHANGES TO RULE:

816-065-0000

Approved Code of Professional Conduct ¶

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(1) The Board approves the 2005 NAD-RID Code of Professional Conduct as its professional practice standards code. ¶

(2) A person licensed under the SLI rules must be in compliance with the code of professional conduct listed in section (1) of this rule. ¶

(3) The 2005 NAD-RID Code of Professional Conduct is available on the RID website or is available for review at the HLO.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 676.753, ORS 676.756, ORS 676.759, ORS 676.762, ORS 676.783, ORS 676.786

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 676.750, ORS 676.753, ORS 676.756, ORS 676.759, ORS 676.762, ORS 676.783

ADOPT: 816-085-0000

RULE SUMMARY: Fees for SLI applicants and licensees.

CHANGES TO RULE:

816-085-0000

Fees

(1) An applicant or license holder is subject to the provisions of OAR 331-010-0010 and OAR 331-010-0020 regarding the payment of fees, penalties, and charges.

(2) Fees established by the Office pursuant to ORS 676.576 are:

(a) Application fee:

(A) SLI supervisory license: \$150.

(B) SLI generalist license: \$100.

(C) SLI educational license: \$100.

(D) SLI medical license: \$50.

(E) SLI legal license: \$50.

(F) SLI provisional license: \$75.

(G) SLI training license: \$50.

(b) Original issuance and renewal fee:

(A) SLI supervisory license: \$200.

(B) SLI generalist license: \$150.

(C) SLI educational license: \$150.

(D) SLI medical license: \$50.

(E) SLI legal license: \$50.

(F) SLI provisional license: \$100.

(G) SLI training license: \$50.

(c) Other administrative fees:

(A) Delinquency fee: \$40 for each year the license is inactive for up to three years.

(B) Replacement of license, including name change: \$25.

(C) Duplicate license document: \$25 per copy, with a maximum of three.

(D) Affidavit of licensure or credential: \$50.

(E) An additional \$25 administrative processing fee will be assessed if a non-sufficient funds or non-negotiable instrument is received for payment of fees, penalties, and charges. Refer to OAR 331-010-0010.

(3) As of June 8, 2024, an individual applying for or renewing a SLI educational license may be granted a discount if the individual meets all application or renewal requirements for an SLI educational license listed under OAR 816-025-0040 and OAR 816-025-0050 and resides in Oregon. The discounted fees are listed below and may be granted through July 1, 2025:

(a) SLI educational license application fee: \$75.

(b) SLI educational original license fee: \$100.

(c) SLI educational renewal license fee: \$100.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 676.572, ORS 676.576, ORS 676.753, ORS 676.756, ORS 676.759, ORS 676.762, ORS 676.765, ORS 676.768

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 676.572, ORS 676.576, ORS 676.753, ORS 676.756, ORS 676.759, ORS 676.762, ORS 676.765, ORS 676.768, ORS 676.786