

§ 6-707. Registered court interpreter requirements.

(A) A registered court interpreter must be able to interpret simultaneously and consecutively and provide sight translation from English to the language of the non-English-speaking person and from the language of that person into English, only when a certified interpreter is not available. See § 6-703(B).

(B) An interpreter will be eligible for registration as a registered interpreter upon establishing to the satisfaction of the State Court Administrator that he or she has:

(1) Reached the age of 19;

(2) Had no past felony convictions or pending felony criminal charges. In addition, in the preceding 5 years had no misdemeanor convictions or pending charges manifesting a significant deficiency in honesty, trustworthiness, diligence, or reliability. Disposition of any felony charges or those misdemeanor charges less than 5 years in the past other than by acquittal or dismissal (e.g., pretrial diversion) shall be the basis for denial of registered court interpreter status;

(3) Completed the orientation approved by the State Court Administrator;

(4) Achieved a passing score (80 percent or higher) on a written examination administered by the State Court Administrator; and

(5) Achieved a score of 50 percent or better on the oral certification examination administered or approved by the State Court Administrator as described in § 6-704(E). Registered interpreters in languages for which the oral certification is not available will be retained upon the list of registered interpreters only upon submission to the State Court Administrator some other measure of language competence (e.g., a passing score on an oral proficiency exam) acceptable by the State Court Administrator.

(C) To maintain registered status, court interpreters must comply with continuing education requirements as outlined in § 6-709. Failure to complete recognized continuing education shall be grounds for removal of the interpreter's name from the list of Nebraska Registered Court Interpreters.

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