



WHO: Health Licensing Office
Board of Sign Language Interpreters
Rules Advisory Committee

WHEN: Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 10 a.m.

WHERE: 1430 Tandem Ave. NE, Suite 180, Salem, OR 97301

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Agenda Review



Health Licensing Office

Board of Sign Language Interpreters, Rules Advisory Committee

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#	Topic	Content
1	Call to Order Introductions Agenda Timeline Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) to order• RAC members, subject matter experts and HLO staff• Agenda overview• Rule schedule timeline and process
2	Review Draft Rules & Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OAR 816 – divisions to be determined
3	Working Lunch	
4	Review Requirements of HB 2696 (2023) & Information Gathering for Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Definitions• Board chairperson and vice chairperson responsibilities• Exemptions, emergency services and extenuating circumstances• Licensing and qualifications: supervisory, generalist, medical, legal and education sign language interpreters (SLI)• Supervision requirements• Defining settings• Specialty licenses• Renewal requirements
5	Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Authority• Breakdown of fees
6	Statement of Need and Fiscal Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Effect on the public and small business• Cost of compliance
7	Racial Equity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gather information and resources

	Statement	
8	Timeline Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rule schedule timeline
9	Public and Interested Parties Feedback Period	

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Overview of Timeline

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Rule Schedule



Rule Schedule

HEALTH LICENSING OFFICE

Board of Sign Language Interpreter

Date	Action	Time
December 13, 2023	HLO temporary rule effective and HLO temporary licensing begins and outreach information	
January 1, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operative date of bill Mandatory licensing required Limited waiver on enforcement begins 	
January 3, 2024	Board meeting	10 a.m.
January 4, 2024	Board meeting	10 a.m.
January 8, 2024	Temporary rule – extenuating circumstance	
January 22, 2024	Communication and outreach for Rules Advisory Committee	
January 31, 2024	Date members must be licensed, if required	
February 29, 2024	Rules Advisory Committee meeting - Cancelled	10 a.m.
March 13, 2024	Rules Advisory Committee meeting	10 a.m.
March 20, 2024	Board meeting – consider Rules Advisory Committee report and approve proposed rules	10 a.m.
April 1, 2024	Notice of proposed rules published in Oregon Bulletin & first day of public comment	
April 13, 2024	Deadline to notify legislators 49-days before the adoption, amendment, or repeal of rule	
April 16, 2024	Public hearing	9 a.m. to noon
April 28, 2024	Last day for public comment	Noon
May 15, 2024	Board meeting adopt permanent rules	
June 7, 2024	Board permanent rules effective	
June 7, 2024	HLO temporary rules and the Board extenuating circumstance temporary rule expires	11:59 p.m.
June 7, 2024	Limited waiver on enforcement expires	11:59 p.m.
June 8, 2024	Licensing required	12:01 a.m.

Oregon Revised Statutes

1 **OREGON REVISED STATUTES**

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3 **SIGNED LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS**

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5 676.750 Definitions for ORS 676.750 to 676.789
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23 signed language interpretation services
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SIGNED LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

676.750 Definitions for ORS 676.750 to 676.789. As used in ORS 676.750 to 676.789:

(1) "Licensee" means an individual who holds a license issued under ORS 676.750 to 676.789.

(2) "Signed language interpretation services" means the interpretation of conversations and other communications by use of a visual signed language.

(3) "Sign language interpreter" means an individual who provides signed language interpretation services. [2023 c.414 §1]

676.753 Supervisory sign language interpreter license. (1) The Health Licensing Office may issue a supervisory sign language interpreter license to an applicant who:

- (a) Is at least 18 years of age;
- (b) Demonstrates compliance with the code of professional conduct authored by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, or its successor organization, and the National Association of the Deaf, or its successor organization, and approved by the State Board of Sign Language Interpreters;
- (c) Has at least three years of qualifying experience, as determined by the board;
- (d) Meets the requirements established by the board relating to minimum qualifications, education or training or any combination thereof;
- (e) Meets any other requirements established by the board; and
- (f) Pays a fee established by the office.

(2) A licensed supervisory sign language interpreter:

- (a) May not provide signed language interpretation services in a legal or medical setting without a license issued under ORS 676.765 or 676.768.
- (b) May supervise licensed provisional sign language interpreters.

[2023 c.414 §2]

676.756 Sign language interpreter license; renewal. (1) The Health Licensing Office may issue a sign language interpreter license to an applicant who:

- (a) Is at least 18 years of age;

1 (b) Demonstrates compliance with the code of professional conduct
2 authored by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, or its successor
3 organization, and the National Association of the Deaf, or its successor
4 organization, and approved by the State Board of Sign Language
5 Interpreters;

6 (c) Meets the requirements established by the board relating to
7 minimum qualifications, education or training or any combination thereof;

8 (d) Meets any other requirements established by the board; and

9 (e) Pays a fee established by the office.

10 (2) A license issued under this section may be renewed twice.

11 (3) A licensed sign language interpreter may not provide signed
12 language interpretation services in a legal or medical setting without a
13 license issued under ORS 676.765 or 676.768. [2023 c.414 §3]

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15 **676.759 Provisional sign language interpreter license; renewal. (1)**

16 The Health Licensing Office may issue a provisional sign language
17 interpreter license to an applicant who:

18 (a) Is at least 18 years of age;

19 (b) Demonstrates compliance with the code of professional conduct
20 authored by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, or its successor
21 organization, and the National Association of the Deaf, or its successor
22 organization, and approved by the State Board of Sign Language
23 Interpreters;

24 (c) Meets the requirements established by the board relating to
25 minimum qualifications, education or training or any combination thereof;

26 (d) Meets any other requirements established by the board; and

27 (e) Pays a fee established by the office.

28 (2) A license issued under this section may be renewed up to five
29 times.

30 (3) A licensed provisional sign language interpreter:

31 (a) May provide signed language interpretation services only under the
32 supervision of a licensed supervisory sign language interpreter.

33 (b) May not provide signed language interpretation services in an
34 educational, legal or medical setting without a license issued under section
35 ORS 676.762, 676.765 or 676.768. [2023 c.414 §4]

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37 **Note:** Sections 28 and 29, chapter 414, Oregon Laws 2023, provide:

38 **Sec. 28.** Notwithstanding sections 3 [676.756] and 4 [676.759] of this
39 2023 Act, a licensed sign language interpreter may supervise a licensed
40 provisional sign language interpreter. [2023 c.414 §28]

1 **Sec. 29.** Section 28 of this 2023 Act is repealed on July 1, 2030. [2023
2 c.414 §29]

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4 **676.762 Educational sign language interpreter license; renewal.** (1)

5 The Health Licensing Office may issue an educational sign language
6 interpreter license to an applicant who:

7 (a) Is at least 18 years of age;

8 (b) Demonstrates compliance with the code of professional conduct
9 authored by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, or its successor
10 organization, and the National Association of the Deaf, or its successor
11 organization, and approved by the State Board of Sign Language
12 Interpreters;

13 (c) Meets the requirements established by the Department of Education
14 by rule relating to sign language interpreters serving in schools;

15 (d) Meets any other requirements established by the board; and

16 (e) Pays a fee established by the office.

17 (2) A license issued under this section may be renewed up to five
18 times.

19 (3) Only a licensed sign language interpreter, licensed supervisory sign
20 language interpreter or licensed educational sign language interpreter may
21 provide signed language interpretation services in an educational setting as
22 defined by the board. [2023 c.414 §5]

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24 **676.765 Medical sign language interpreter license.** (1) The Health
25 Licensing Office may issue a medical sign language interpreter license to
26 an applicant who:

27 (a) Is a licensed supervisory sign language interpreter or a licensed
28 sign language interpreter;

29 (b) Meets any requirements established by the State Board of Sign
30 Language Interpreters; and

31 (c) Pays a fee established by the office.

32 (2) Only a licensed medical sign language interpreter may provide
33 signed language interpretation services in a medical setting as defined by
34 the board. [2023 c.414 §6]

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36 **676.768 Legal sign language interpreter license.** (1) The Health
37 Licensing Office may issue a legal sign language interpreter license to an
38 applicant who:

39 (a) Is a licensed supervisory sign language interpreter or a licensed
40 sign language interpreter;

1 (b) Meets any requirements established by the State Board of Sign
2 Language Interpreters; and

3 (c) Pays a fee established by the office.

4 (2) Only a licensed legal sign language interpreter may provide signed
5 language interpretation services in a legal setting as defined by the board.
6 [2023 c.414 §7]

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8 **676.771 Prohibition on unlicensed provision of signed language**
9 **interpretation services, use of title; exceptions.** (1)(a) Except as
10 provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, a person who is not licensed
11 under ORS 676.750 to 676.789 may not provide signed language
12 interpretation services.

13 (b) A person who is not licensed under ORS 676.750 to 676.789 may
14 provide signed language interpretation services:

15 (A) In circumstances in which a license issued under ORS 676.750 to
16 676.789 is not required.

17 (B) In emergency situations involving imminent or immediate harm and
18 during which a licensee is not available.

19 (C) In other extenuating circumstances, as determined by the State
20 Board of Sign Language Interpreters.

21 (D) If the person is a qualified interpreter under ORS 45.288 or a court
22 interpreter certified under ORS 45.291 providing signed language
23 interpretation services for the purpose of a proceeding in the Supreme
24 Court, Court of Appeals, Oregon Tax Court or a circuit court or at the
25 direction or with the approval of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court or
26 the presiding judge of the court in which the proceeding occurs.

27 (2) A person who is not licensed under ORS 676.750 to 676.789 may
28 not assume or use any title, words, abbreviations, signs or insignias,
29 including but not limited to the titles “licensed supervisory sign language
30 interpreter,” “licensed sign language interpreter,” “licensed provisional sign
31 language interpreter,” “licensed educational sign language interpreter,”
32 “licensed legal sign language interpreter” or “licensed medical sign
33 language interpreter,” that indicate that the person is licensed to provide
34 signed language interpretation services under ORS 676.750 to 676.789.

35 (3) For the purpose of providing signed language interpretation
36 services, a person may not employ or contract with an individual who is not
37 licensed to provide signed language interpretation services under ORS
38 676.750 to 676.789. [2023 c.414 §8]

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1 **676.774 Protection, disclosure of information acquired while**
2 **providing signed language interpretation services.** A licensee who
3 acquires any information protected by confidentiality, privilege or privacy
4 laws while providing signed language interpretation services may not be
5 required to disclose the information in an investigation, trial or other legal
6 proceeding without the consent of the individuals for whom the signed
7 language interpretation services were provided. [2023 c.414 §9]

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9 **676.777 Discipline.** In the manner prescribed in ORS chapter 183 for
10 contested cases, and at the direction of the State Board of Sign Language
11 Interpreters, the Health Licensing Office may impose a form of discipline
12 listed in ORS 676.612 for a violation of ORS 676.750 to 676.789 or rules
13 adopted under ORS 676.750 to 676.789. [2023 c.414 §10]

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15 **676.780 State Board of Sign Language Interpreters.** (1) There is
16 established within the Health Licensing Office the State Board of Sign
17 Language Interpreters consisting of seven members appointed by the
18 Governor as follows:

19 (a)(A) Two members who are deaf, deafblind or hard of hearing and
20 who represent an association in this state that promotes and protects the
21 rights of persons who are deaf and hard of hearing;

22 (B) One member who represents a professional organization in this
23 state for sign language interpreters and who holds a license issued under
24 ORS 676.750 to 676.789;

25 (C) One member who represents a sign language interpreter education
26 program at a post-secondary institution in this state and who holds a
27 license issued under ORS 676.750 to 676.789;

28 (D) Two members who are hearing interpreters certified by or
29 registered with a national organization for sign language interpreters and
30 who hold licenses issued under ORS 676.750 to 676.789; and

31 (E) One member who is a deaf interpreter certified by or registered with
32 a national organization for sign language interpreters and who holds a
33 license issued under ORS 676.750 to 676.789.

34 (b) All members must be residents of this state and proficient in
35 American Sign Language. To the extent practicable, the members must
36 reflect the geographic and racial diversity of this state.

37 (2) The term of office of each member of the board is three years, but a
38 member serves at the pleasure of the Governor. Before the expiration of a
39 term of a member, the Governor shall appoint a successor whose term
40 begins on January 1 next following. A member is eligible for reappointment.

1 If there is a vacancy for any cause, the Governor shall make an
2 appointment to become immediately effective for the unexpired term.

3 (3) A member of the board is entitled to compensation and expenses as
4 provided in ORS 292.495.

5 (4) The board shall select one of its members as chairperson and
6 another as vice chairperson, for such terms and with duties and powers
7 necessary for the performance of the functions of the office of chairperson
8 and vice chairperson as the board determines.

9 (5) A majority of the members constitutes a quorum for the transaction
10 of business.

11 (6) The board shall meet at least once each quarter as determined by
12 the office. The board may also meet at other times and places specified by
13 the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the board.
14 [2023 c.414 §11]

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16 **Note:** Section 27, chapter 414, Oregon Laws 2023, provides:

17 **Sec. 27.** (1) Notwithstanding the term of office specified by section 11
18 of this 2023 Act [676.780], of the members first appointed to the State
19 Board of Sign Language Interpreters:

20 (a) Two shall serve for a term ending December 31, 2024.

21 (b) Two shall serve for a term ending December 31, 2025.

22 (c) Three shall serve for a term ending December 31, 2026.

23 (2) The members who are required to hold a license under sections 1 to
24 14 of this 2023 Act [676.750 to 676.789] shall obtain a license not later than
25 January 31, 2024. [2023 c.414 §27]

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27 **676.783 Board duties, powers; rules.** The State Board of Sign
28 Language Interpreters:

29 (1) Shall advise the Health Licensing Office in the establishment of:

30 (a) A publicly available registry of licensees that includes at least the
31 names and specific license of each licensee.

32 (b) A process to receive and address grievances regarding licensees
33 and signed language interpretation services.

34 (2) Shall adopt rules to carry out ORS 676.750 to 676.789, including
35 rules to:

36 (a) Establish standards relating to minimum qualifications, education or
37 training or any combination thereof for issuance of licenses under ORS
38 676.750 to 676.789;

39 (b) Determine qualifications for renewal of licenses issued under ORS
40 676.750 to 676.789;

1 (c) Establish supervision requirements; and
2 (d) Establish a code of professional conduct for sign language
3 interpreters licensed under ORS 676.750 to 676.789.

4 (3) May establish additional specialty licenses for sign language
5 interpreters that the board determines necessary. [2023 c.414 §12]

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7 **676.786 Health Licensing Office, Department of Education**
8 **rules.** The Health Licensing Office and Department of Education may
9 adopt rules with the advice of the State Board of Sign Language
10 Interpreters to carry out the office's and the department's duties under ORS
11 676.750 to 676.789. [2023 c.414 §13]

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13 **676.789 Criminal penalties.** Violation of any provision of ORS 676.750
14 to 676.789 is a Class C misdemeanor. [2023 c.414 §14]

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Considerations

1 **Board of Sign Language Interpreters**
2 **Rules Advisory Committee**
3 **Questions and Considerations**
4 **March 13, 2024**

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6 **SLI Supervisory License**

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8 Application Requirements

9 ORS 676.753 and OAR 816-025-0010

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11 How would an applicant for a supervisory, generalist, provisional and educational
12 license demonstrate they are in compliance with the [National Association of the
13 Deaf \(NAD\) and Registry of Interpreters \(RID\) Code of Professional Conduct?](#)

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15 Are the credentials listed in OAR 816-025-0010(5), correct? The credentials may
16 include RID, NAD, Texas Board of Evaluation of Interpreters (TBEI), Educational
17 Interpreting Performance Assessment (EIPA)?

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19 Does the credential need to be active?

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21 What is considered qualifying experience?

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23 How can qualifying experience be obtained?

24 Examples: Hold a credential for three years, be a generalist or provisional
25 license holder for three years or have 3 years of experience with a license in
26 another state.

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28 Are there additional minimum qualifications, education or training or any
29 combination thereof required to be a supervisory license holder?

30 Example: Complete a minimum of three hours of training specific to
31 supervising or mentoring novice interpreters through free or online training or
32 self-study (magazines, studies, articles etc.)

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34 Supervisory License is Renewed Annually

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36 Should there be a specific number of continuing education hours to renew a
37 supervisory license? If so, how many?

1 **Generalist License**

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3 Application Requirements

4 ORS 676.756 and OAR 816-025-0030

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6 Are the credentials listed in OAR 816-025-0030(5), correct? The credentials may
7 include RID, NAD, Texas Board of Evaluation of Interpreters (TBEI), Educational
8 Interpreting Performance Assessment (EIPA)?

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10 Does the credential need to be active?

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12 Are there additional minimum qualifications, education or training or any
13 combination thereof required to be a generalist license holder?

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15 Generalist License may be Renewed Twice

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17 Are there specific requirements necessary to renew a generalist license
18 (continuing education)?

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20 Do the two renewals need to be done in consecutive years or can there be a
21 break in licensing?

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23 **Educational License**

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25 Application Requirements

26 ORS 676.762 and OAR 816-025-0050

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28 Are the current requirements established by the [Oregon Department of](#)
29 [Education](#) (ODE) sufficient to obtain an educational license? Current ODE
30 requirements are listed in OAR 331-050-0090(6) and OAR 581-015-2035 and
31 include achieving a passing score of 3.5 or above on the EIPA Performance Test or
32 holding RID National Interpreting Certification, RID Certificate of Interpretation or
33 RID Certificate of Transliteration; and holding a bachelor's or associate degree
34 from an Interpreter Education Program or in a related educational field; or
35 achieving a passing score on the EIPA written test.

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37 Are there additional requirements to obtain an educational license?

1 Educational License may Renew up to Five Times

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3 Are there specific requirements necessary to renew an educational license
4 (continuing education)?

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6 Do the five renewals need to be done in consecutive years or can there be a break
7 in licensing?

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9 **Medical License**

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11 Application Requirements

12 ORS 676.765 and OAR 816-025-0070

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14 Are the credentials listed in OAR 816-025-0070(4) sufficient for a sign language
15 interpreter to work in a medical setting? The requirements may include but are
16 not limited to certification in ASL interpreting from the RID; American Sign
17 Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI) or the Sign Language Proficiency Interview
18 (SLPI) with a minimum proficiency level of 4 or advanced or 60 hours of formal
19 health care interpreter training.

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21 Are there additional requirements necessary to work in a medical setting?

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23 Does the supervisory or generalist license need to be active with no current or
24 pending disciplinary action when obtaining or renewing a “medical license”.

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26 Medical License is Renewed Annually

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28 Are there specific requirements necessary to renew a medical license (continuing
29 education)?

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31 **Legal License**

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33 Application Requirements

34 ORS 676.768 and OAR 816-025-0090

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36 Are the requirements listed in OAR 816-025-0090(4) sufficient for a sign language
37 interpreter to work in a legal setting. Requirements may include but are not but

1 not limited to credentialing through RID or certification through BEICI, court
2 certification or 40-hours of education in legal sign language interpreting?

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4 What type of legal education would be required to work in a legal setting (online,
5 self-study, in-person)?

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7 Are there additional requirements necessary to work in a legal setting?

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9 Does the supervisory or generalist license need to be active with no current or
10 pending disciplinary action when obtaining and renewing a “legal license”.

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12 Legal License is Renewed Annually

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14 Are there specific requirements necessary to renew a legal license (continuing
15 education)?

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17 **Provisional License**

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19 Application Requirements

20 ORS 676.759 and OAR 816-025-0110

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22 Are the requirements listed in OAR 816-025-00110(5), correct (NAD, ASPLI, SPLI,
23 TBEI, EIPA, Center for the Assessment of Sign Language Interpretation Generalist
24 Knowledge Exam)? If so, does the credential need to be active?

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26 Are there additional minimum qualifications, education or training or any
27 combination thereof required to be a provisional license holder?

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29 Should a supervisor be approved before a provisional license holder provides
30 services?

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32 Are there situations when direct or indirect supervision is necessary? If so, how
33 should direct and indirect be defined?

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1 Requirements to be a Supervisor of a Provisional License Holder
2 OAR 816-025-0120

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4 Should the supervisory license be active license with no current or pending
5 disciplinary action to supervision a provisional license holder?

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7 How many years of experience should be required to supervise a provisional
8 license holder?

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10 What is considered supervision (mentoring, observing, teaching, hosting
11 supervision sessions, volunteering)?

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13 Provisional License may be Renewed up to Five Times

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15 Are there specific requirements necessary to renew a provisional license
16 (continuing education)?

17
18 Do the five renewals need to be done in consecutive years or can there be a break
19 in licensing?

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21 **Settings**

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23 Legal

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25 What constitutes a legal setting (consultation with an attorney, local, state or
26 federal law enforcement setting, legal proceedings, negotiation or meeting in
27 which one of the parties is represented by an attorney, situations involving
28 immigration, federal courts, involvement of a child welfare and protection agency
29 statements made that may be used in future legal proceedings, any investigation
30 conducted by a duly authorized law enforcement agency, employment related
31 hearings and appointments requiring the presence of an attorney)?

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33 What does not constitute a legal setting?

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35 Medical

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37 What constitutes a medical setting?

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2 What does not constitute a medical setting?

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4 Are there other settings that may need to be defined?

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6 **Specialty License**

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8 Are there specific specialty licenses that should be considered?

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10 **Other Licensing and Policy Considerations**

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12 How should following situations be regulated when sign language interpretation is
13 being performed:

- 14 • Cultural or linguistic brokering.
15 • Students.
16 • A person is visiting from out-of-state and performing sign language
17 interpretation services.
18 • Interpreters working with a signed language for which there are no existing
19 credentials.
20 • Volunteer work.
21 • Foreign sign language, idiomatic language, non-standard dialect, visual-
22 gestural communication, or home-signs.
23 • In pro-bono settings.
24 • Video relay services.

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26 Do sign language interpreters need to follow all other state and federal laws and
27 rules?

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29 What should occur is a Deaf person refuses service and requests a family
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Draft Rules

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OREGON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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Chapter 816 Division 005

Definitions & General Administration

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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.

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Election Of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

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.

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Vacancies in Office

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.

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Duties of Officers and Board Procedures

(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.

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

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Chapter 816 Division 015

Emergency Care, Exceptions and Extenuating Circumstances

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Emergency Care and Exceptions

(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.

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Chapter 816 Division 816-025

Licensing, Specialty Licensing and Supervision

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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 good 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.

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Application Requirements for SLI Supervisory License

An individual applying for a SLI supervisory license must:

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

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(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 code of professional conduct requirements listed in OAR 816-065-0000.

(5) Submit proof of having at least three years of qualifying experience defined under OAR 816-025-0XXX on a form prescribed by HLO.

(6) 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 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.

- 1 (o) TBEI Master Certificate.
- 2 (p) TBEI Trilingual Advanced Certificate.
- 3 (q) TBEI Trilingual Master Certificate.
- 4 (r) TBEI Level IV Certificate.
- 5 (s) TBEI Level V Certificate.
- 6 (t) TBEI Level III Intermediary Certificate.
- 7 (u) TBEI Level IV Intermediary Certificate.
- 8 (v) TBEI Level V Intermediary Certificate.
- 9 (w) EIPA Secondary Level PSE 4.0 or above.
- 10 (x) EIPA Secondary Level ASL 4.0 or above.

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12 **816-025-0020**

13 **SLI Generalist License**

- 14 (1) A SLI generalist license holder:
 - 15 (a) May provide SLI services.
 - 16 (b) May supervise SLI provisional license holders until July 1, 2030.
 - 17 (c) May provide SLI services in an educational setting.
 - 18 (d) May not provide SLI services in a medical setting unless the person
 - 19 holds a license under ORS 676.765 and OAR 816-025-0060.
 - 20 (e) May not provide SLI services in a legal setting unless the person holds
 - 21 a license under ORS 676.768 and OAR 816-025-0080.
- 22 (2) A SLI generalist license is good for one year and becomes inactive on
- 23 the last day of the month one year from the date of issuance.
- 24 (3) This SLI generalist license may be renewed twice.

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1 (4) The issuance or the licensee’s holding of a SLI generalist license does
2 not supersede, replace, or negate the need for the licensee to comply with
3 other laws requiring licensure or registration, or competent SLI services.
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6 **Application Requirements for SLI Generalist License**

7 An individual applying for a SLI generalist license must:

- 8 (1) Meet the requirements of OAR 331 division 30.
9 (2) Submit a completed application form prescribed by HLO, which must
10 contain the information listed in OAR 331-030-0000 and be accompanied
11 by payment of all required fees pursuant to OAR 816-085-0000.
12 (3) Submit proof of being at least 18 years of age; documentation to prove
13 age may include identification listed under OAR 331-030-0000.
14 (4) Submit proof of being in compliance with the code of professional
15 conduct requirements listed in OAR 816-065-0000.
16 (5) Submit proof of holding a credential from one of the following:
17 (a) RID Certified Deaf Interpreter Certification.
18 (b) RID National Interpreting Certification.
19 (c) RID National Interpreting Certification: Advanced.
20 (d) RID National Interpreting Certification: Master.
21 (e) RID Certificate of Interpretation.
22 (f) RID Certificate of Transliteration.
23 (g) RID Comprehensive Skills Certificate.
24 (h) RID Master Comprehensive Skills Certificate.
25 (i) RID Reverse Skills Certificate.
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- 1 (j) RID Interpretation Certificate.
- 2 (k) RID Transliteration Certificate.
- 3 (l) NAD IV Level Certification.
- 4 (m) NAD V Level Certification.
- 5 (n) TBEI Advanced Certificate.
- 6 (o) TBEI Master Certificate.
- 7 (p) TBEI Trilingual Advanced Certificate.
- 8 (q) TBEI Trilingual Master Certificate.
- 9 (r) TBEI Level IV Certificate.
- 10 (s) TBEI Level V Certificate.
- 11 (t) TBEI Level III Intermediary Certificate.
- 12 (u) TBEI Level IV Intermediary Certificate.
- 13 (v) TBEI Level V Intermediary Certificate.
- 14 (w) EIPA Secondary Level PSE 4.0 or above.
- 15 (x) EIPA Secondary Level ASL 4.0 or above.

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18 **SLI Educational License**

- 19 (1) An SLI educational license holder may only provide services in an
20 educational setting.
- 21 (2) A SLI educational license is good for one year and becomes inactive on
22 the last day of the month one year from the date of issuance.
- 23 (3) This SLI educational license may be renewed five times.
- 24 (4) The issuance or the licensee's holding of an SLI educational license
25 does not supersede, replace, or negate the need for the licensee to comply

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1 with other laws requiring licensure or registration, or competent SLI
2 services.

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5 **Application Requirements for SLI Educational License**

6 An individual applying for an SLI educational license must:

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

8 (2) Submit a completed application form prescribed by HLO, which must
9 contain the information listed in OAR 331-030-0000 and be accompanied
10 by payment of all required fees pursuant to OAR 816-085-0000.

11 (3) Submit proof of being at least 18 years of age; documentation to prove
12 age may include identification listed under OAR 331-030-0000.

13 (4) Submit proof of being in compliance with the code of professional
14 conduct requirements listed in OAR 816-065-0000.

15 (5) Submit proof of meeting minimum standard requirements established by
16 the Department of Education in OAR 581-015-2035.

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

18 (a) Achieving a passing score of 3.5 or above on the EIPA Performance
19 Test or holding RID National Interpreting Certification, RID Certificate of
20 Interpretation or RID Certificate of Transliteration; and

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

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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 good 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.

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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 or pending disciplinary action.

(4) Submit proof of holding one of the following credentials:

(a) Certification in ASL interpreting from the RID; or

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(b) American Sign Language Proficiency Interview or the Sign Language Proficiency Interview with a minimum proficiency level of 4 or advanced.

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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 good 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.

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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.

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(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 or pending disciplinary action.

(4) Submit proof of having completed 40 hours of education on legal interpreting on a form prescribed by HLO or submit proof of 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.

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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 legal license is good for one year and becomes inactive on the last day of the month one year from the date of issuance.

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(3) Provisional 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.

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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 code of professional conduct requirements listed in 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.

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

(5) 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.

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

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Supervision Requirements of a SLI Provisional License Holder

(1) A supervisor of a SLI provisional license holder must hold an active SLI supervisory or SLI generalist license with no current or pending disciplinary action imposed by the HLO or other regulatory body;

(2) A supervisor may not supervise a SLI provisional license holder until all HLO required documentation has been completed and submitted to HLO and the supervisor has received approval from HLO.

(3) A supervisor must exercise management, guidance, and control over the activities of the SLI provisional license holder. A supervisor must exercise professional judgment over the activities of the SLI provisional license holder.

(4) A supervisor is responsible for all matters related to the SLI.

(5) A supervisor’s approval may be withdrawn if the supervisor provides incomplete or inadequate training during supervision or falsifies documentation.

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Chapter 816 Division 035

Specialty Licensing

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Chapter 816 Division 045

Issuance and Renewal Requirements

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License Issuance and Renewal Requirements

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

(2) Licenses issued under this rule including, SLI supervisory, SLI generalist, SLI educational, SLI medical, SLI legal and SLI provisional are valid for one year.

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

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(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 listed in one or more of the following:

(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.

(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 and SLI provisional 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.

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Chapter 816 Division 055

Settings

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Legal setting

Oregon Youth Authority

Federal courts

Oregon Department of Human Resources, Child Welfare & Aging People
with disabilities

Department of Corrections

Parole and Probation

Executive sessions and contested case deliberation

Legal advice

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Medical setting

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Chapter 816 Division 065

Code of Professional Conduct and Practice Standards

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Approved Code of Professional Conduct

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

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

(3) A person is considered not in compliance with the code of professional conduct listed in section (1) of this rule if the person has [any discipline or pending discipline with the NAD-RID] [any pending discipline or been disciplined within the last 365 days with the NAD-RID].

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Chapter 816 Division 075

Civil Penalties

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Chapter 816 Division 085

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Fees & License Information



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Date: February 29, 2024
To: Rules Advisory Committee Members
From: Samie Patnode, Policy Analyst
Subject: Fees and Licenses Information

2023-25 Legislatively Approved Fees

License Type	One-time Application Fee	License Fee (initial & renewal)
Supervisory	\$150	\$200
Generalist	\$100	\$150
Provisional	\$75	\$100
Medical	\$50	\$50
Legal	\$50	\$50
Education	Original fee \$100 discount of \$25 new fee \$75 (one-time fee)	Original fee \$150 discount of \$50 annually new fee \$100 annually

Administrative Fees

Type of Administrative fees	Fee
Replacement	\$25
Delinquent	\$40
Affidavit of licensure	\$50
Non-sufficient funds	\$25

LICENSES ISSUED

From January 1 to February 23, 2024, 946 sign language interpreter (SLI) licenses have been issued to 561 individuals. A breakdown of license types is listed below:

License type	Total	Licensees with out-of-state address
Supervisory	189	50
Generalist	296	240
Educational	81	12
Medical	302	190
Legal	31	16
Total	946	514

SETTINGS

By statute and rule individuals can work in the following settings				
	General	Educational	Medical	Legal
Supervisory	Yes	Yes	No	No
Generalist	Yes	Yes	No	No
Educational	No	Yes	No	No
Medical	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Legal	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Provisional	Yes, supervised	No	No	No

SUPERVISION

For individuals holding a SLI medical or legal license, those who also hold a SLI supervisory license may supervise a provisional holder. Whereas those who hold a SLI generalist license may supervise a provisional license holder until July 1, 2023.

Fiscal Impact & Racial Equity

Each of the questions below must be answered in order to have a legally sufficient fiscal impact statement. Further, any errors cannot be fixed by an amended filing unless an advisory committee was used to develop the statement.

1. Are any state agencies likely to be economically affected by the rule change? If yes, which ones?
2. Are any units of local government likely to be economically affected by this rule change? If yes which ones?
3. Are any members of the public likely to be economically affected by the rule change? If yes, which ones?
4. Can you provide an estimate of the economic impact on state agencies, units of local government and members of the public? If yes, what is the estimate for each? *An estimate does not have to be an exact number but does need to let economically affected persons know that they may be impacted.*
5. Have you included a cost of compliance on small businesses¹ affected, including:
 - a. An estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the proposed rule.
 - b. An identification of the types of businesses and industries subject to the rule.
 - c. A description of expected reporting, recordkeeping, and administrative activities required to comply with the rule.
 - d. An estimate of the cost of professional services required to comply with the rule.
 - e. An identification of the equipment, supplies, and labor and increased administration required to comply with the rule.

¹ A “small business” for this purpose has 50 or fewer employees. ORS 182.310(10).

f. A description of how small businesses were involved in developing the rule. This will be the advisory committee. If you consult with any other promoters, etc., be sure to mention that.

6. If you cannot provide an estimate of the economic impact on state agencies, units of local government or members of the public, does the statement of fiscal impact, explain why an estimate is not possible. ***A bare “we don’t know” is not sufficient, there must also be a description of why an estimate is not possible.***

7. Is the fiscal impact statement sufficient to notify those who might be economically affected to evaluate their position? ***Err on the side of assuming an economic impact if there is any doubt.***

8. Are there ways to reduce the economic impact on small businesses?

a. Consolidating compliance and reporting requirements?

b. Objective criteria for standards?

c. Exempting small business from parts of the rule?

d. Other less intrusive or less costly alternatives?

9. Identify what persons and racial groups are impacted by the rule.

a. Who is subject to the rule?

b. What issues does the rule address?

c. Who will be affected by the rule?

d. Which racial groups will be affected by the rule?

e. Which racial groups are likely to be most concerned by the issues addressed in the rule?

f. Which racial groups are likely to be most affected by the issues addressed in the rule?

10. Do any current stakeholders represent the racial groups likely to be affected by the rule. Identify what persons and racial groups are impacted by the rule.
 - If not, who can HLO contact that represents racial groups likely to be affected by the rule?
11. Identify other resources where HLO can find data that helps to determine racial equity impacts specific to this rule.
12. Solicit from committee members their thoughts on how the rule might impact racial groups and any unintended adverse consequences that this rule might have on racial equity.

**Public and Interested
Parties Feedback Period**