

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Bureau of Professional Licensing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

December 21, 2020

1:00 p.m.

Location: The public hearing will be held virtually via Zoom to receive public comments while complying with statutorily required measures designed to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID 19).

The hearing is held to receive public comments on the following administrative rules:

Qualified Interpreter – General Rules (MOAHR #2018-70 LR)

The proposed rules include the following changes: clarify who is subject to the rules to reduce confusion; clarify the minimum credentials for certification and the types of certification; modify the endorsements that are required for specialized situations; add a deaf qualified interpreter and educational qualified interpreter certifications; separate the requirements for state certification as a RID holder from other state certifications based on credentials and testing; place certification types in a table that includes the credentials and the proceedings and environments where the interpreter may work; update the requirements for endorsements; establish an interpreter trainee permit and interpreter trainee supervisor; clarify testing requirements and no longer require that applicants retest as long as their certification does not lapse; clarify the requirements for certification, renewal, and recertification; expand the list of offenses to establish a lack of good moral character when evaluating an application; modify the process for a school district to request an exception to the minimum educational standards; clarify the use of a waiver to the requirement to use a qualified interpreter; modify exemptions to state certification; expand the minimum requirements for qualified interpreters; update the requirements for video remote interpreting; modify the complaint and hearing process; streamline continuing education (CE) requirements; allow for a waiver of CE in extenuating circumstances; provide a list of preapproved CE programs; clarify the CE review process; and clarify fees.

The rules will take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State, unless specified otherwise in the rules. Comments on the proposed rules may be presented in person at the public hearing. **Written comments will also be accepted from date of publication until 5:00 p.m. on December 21, 2020, at the following address or e-mail address:**

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Bureau of Professional Licensing– Boards and Committees Section
P.O. Box 30670
Lansing, MI 48909-8170
Attention: Policy Analyst Email: BPL-BoardSupport@michigan.gov

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by contacting Board Support at (517) 241-7500 or the email address noted above. Electronic copies also may be obtained at the following link:

<https://ars.apps.lara.state.mi.us/Transaction/RFRTransaction?TransactionID=10>

All members of the public may attend and participate in this meeting by visiting the following web link or dialing the number below at the time of the meeting.

Web Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89864417239?pwd=czdVaG16K3dLUlVTTGpBZ1VpUm4zUT09>

Password for video connection: 583087

Phone number: 877-336-1831

Conference Code for audio connection: 486917

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