

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and Answers Related to Fees

Q: I'm confused by the fees for Michigan certification, Michigan certification renewal, Michigan Endorsements, and Endorsement renewal on page 11. Can you help clarify?

A: All Michigan interpreter certification must be renewed every year. An interpreter's certification will list all of the interpreter's Michigan credentials.

Credentials include practice levels (Standard Level 1, Standard Level 2, Standard Level 3, Elementary or Secondary Education), as well as any Endorsements (Legal, Medical/Mental Health, DeafBlind, and Educational). Michigan certification must be renewed every year and interpreters must satisfy continuing education requirements. Thus, all Michigan certified interpreters have one annual Michigan certification renewal date and one four year Michigan credential cycle, both of which will occur on the same calendar date which is determined based on the interpreter's credential(s).

Interpreters holding Michigan certification based only on an active RID certification will have an annual renewal date of June 30 every year. All other interpreters will have a renewal date that is the anniversary of their BEI or other state based certification.

Annual renewal fees for Michigan certification are \$30. This \$30 annual fee is the same even if more than one credential is listed for Michigan certification. This \$30 fee includes the review and listing of an interpreter's Standard Practice Level. Interpreters must individually pay to add new Endorsements and to renew them every four years.

Example: Interpreter A has a Michigan BEI III credential initially obtained May 1, 2014 and a NIC credential initially obtained July 1, 2010. The annual renewal for the NIC credential is June 30 every year. The renewal date for Interpreter A's BEI III credential is May 1 of every year. Interpreter A's first four year Michigan credential cycle is from May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2020.

In 2016, for annual Michigan certification renewal, Interpreter A will:

- *pay \$30 and submit all required documentation for maintaining Michigan certification, which includes:*
 1. *2.0 CEUs (20 hours) for the BEI III credential, and*
 2. *RID membership card with an expiration date of June 30, 2017 and/or RID CMP receipt for the NIC credential*

If Interpreter A also obtains an initial Medical/Mental Health Endorsement at the same time, Interpreter A will:

- *pay \$20, and submit all required documentation for obtaining initial Medical/Mental Health Endorsements and the Endorsement credential would be added to Interpreter A's Michigan certification and the Endorsement will align with the four year Michigan certification cycle and therefore will need to be renewed on or before April 30, 2020.*

In 2017 (prior to April 30, 2017), for annual Michigan certification renewal, Interpreter A will:

- *pay \$30 and submit all required documentation for maintaining Michigan certification which includes:*
 1. *2.0 CEUs (20 hours) for the BEI III credential, and*
 2. *RID membership card with an expiration date of June 30, 2018 and/or RID CMP receipt for the NIC credential*

If Interpreter A obtains a Legal Endorsement at any time during 2017, Interpreter A will:

- *pay \$10 and submit all required documentation for obtaining initial Legal Endorsements the Legal Endorsement would be added to Interpreter A's Michigan certification.*

In 2018, (prior to April 30, 2018), for annual Michigan certification renewal, Interpreter A will:

- *pay \$30 and submit all required documentation for maintaining Michigan certification which includes:*
 1. *2.0 CEUs (20 hours) for the BEI III credential, and*
 2. *RID membership card with an expiration date of June 30, 2019 and/or RID CMP receipt for the NIC credential*

In 2019, (prior to April 30, 2019) for annual Michigan certification renewal, Interpreter A will:

- *pay \$30 and submit all required documentation for maintaining Michigan certification which includes:*
 1. *2.0 CEUs (20 hours) for the BEI III credential, and*
 2. *RID membership card with an expiration date of June 30, 2020 and/or RID CMP receipt for the NIC credential*

If Interpreter A obtains a DeafBlind Endorsement at any time during 2019, Interpreter A will:

- *pay \$10 and submit all required documentation for obtaining initial DeafBlind Endorsements the DeafBlind Endorsement would be added to Interpreter A's Michigan certification.*

In 2020, Interpreter A will reach the end of the current four year Michigan credential cycle for the Michigan BEI III credential and all of the Endorsement credentials. Therefore, prior to April 30, 2020, Interpreter A must:

- *pay \$70 (\$30 annual renewal fee, \$20 for a first endorsement and \$10 each for two additional endorsements) and submit all required documentation for maintaining Michigan certification which includes:*
- *8.0 CEUs (80 hours) earned during the four year credential cycle to maintain the Michigan BEI III credential (including 5.0 Professional Studies CEUs (50 hours), 2.0 Ethics CEUs (20 hours), and 1.0 General Studies CEUs (10 hours), and*
- *satisfy all Endorsement CEU requirements for each Endorsement to be renewed (this includes all Endorsements earned anytime between 2016 to 2020), and*
- *RID membership card with an expiration date of June 30, 2021 and/or RID CMP receipt for the NIC credential*