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**MICHIGAN INTERPRETER ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION**  
**(This form should not be used for certification renewal)**

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Type or Print Clearly/Complete All Fields

Applicant's First Name		Middle Name	Last Name	
U.S. Social Security #			Date of Birth	
Address				
City		State	Zip Code	County
Telephone Number		Email Address (Required)		

List any other name or alias by which you have ever been known, including maiden name, if applicable:

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CHECK THE ENDORSEMENT YOU ARE APPLYING FOR		FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
		Certification # _____	Processed: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Deaf/Blind <b>\$10.00</b> 7301-03		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medical /Mental Health <b>\$10.00</b> 7301-03		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Legal <b>\$10.00</b> 7301-03		
<p>Note: To interpret in an Elementary Education or Secondary Education setting, please submit the Michigan Interpreter Certification Application with the required fee. See Rule 393.5026 of the Qualified Interpreter General Rules for information regarding educational interpreter qualifications.</p> <p>Your check or money order, drawn from a U.S. financial institution and made payable to the <b>STATE OF MICHIGAN</b>, must accompany this request. <b>DO NOT SEND CASH.</b> Fees are non-refundable.</p>			

**Required Additional Documents:**

**All Applicants**

- Endorsements have various requirements that must be met depending on applicant eligibility. Please see below for the specific requirements for each type, per R 393.5028 of the Qualified Interpreter General Rules. **PLEASE NOTE: Interpreters with an endorsement are subject to additional CEU requirements. See R 393.5083 for the specific requirements.**

**DeafBlind Endorsement**

- Proof of a valid Michigan interpreter certification.

**Medical/Mental Health Endorsement**

- Proof of valid Michigan certification qualifying the interpreter to interpret for a Standard Level 2 or 3 proceeding.
- Proof of passing an English competency test or possess at least a bachelor's degree in any field from an accredited institution. Acceptable proof of the bachelor's degree means an official copy of a transcript issued by the institution.
- Successfully complete a skills development course that focuses on sign language concepts and interpretation of medical vocabulary.
  - Note: A list of approved English competency tests and skills development courses can be found on our website, [www.michigan.gov/bchs](http://www.michigan.gov/bchs).
  - Note: If submitting a RID transcript, indicate which workshop you are using to satisfy the skills development requirement for the endorsement.

**Legal Endorsement**

- Provide proof of possessing an SC:L or CLIP-R.
- OR**
- Obtain certification for 1 of the certificates listed under Standard Level 3.
  - Proof of passing an English competency test administered by the division, SCAO, or another approved agency or possess a minimum of a bachelor's degree in any field from an accredited institution. Acceptable proof of a bachelor's degree means an official copy of a transcript issued by the institution.
  - Successfully complete court orientation training approved by the Bureau.
  - Successfully complete a skills development course that focuses on sign language concepts and interpretation of legal vocabulary.
    - Note: A list of approved English competency tests, court orientation trainings, and skills development courses can be found on our website, [www.michigan.gov/bchs](http://www.michigan.gov/bchs).
  - Meet 1 of the following educational and mentoring selections:
    - A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution in any field, or an associate's degree in interpreting from an accredited institution, and proof of the following additional education and experience:
      - not less than 50 hours of legal interpreting or mentoring experience;
      - not less than 30 hours of formal legal interpreter training; and
      - not less than 4 years of post-certification interpreting experience.
    - An associates degree in any field from an accredited institution and proof of the following additional education and experience:
      - not less than 75 hours of legal interpreting or mentoring experience;
      - not less than 50 hours of formal legal interpreter training; and
      - not less than 4 years of post-certification interpreting experience.
    - High school diploma and proof of all of the following additional education and experience:
      - not less than 100 hours of legal interpreting or mentoring experience;
      - not less than 70 hours of formal legal interpreter training; and
      - not less than 4 years of post-certification interpreting experience.

Note: If submitting a RID transcript, indicate which workshop is to satisfy the legal endorsement requirements.

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the statements in this application are true and complete. I understand that any omitted statement, misrepresentation, or fraud may be cause for denial of my application, disciplinary action, or may be punishable by law.

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Applicant's Signature

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Date