



## Judicial Council of California

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# MEMORANDUM

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**Date**

July 1, 2026

**Action Requested**

Submit Annual Renewal Fee and  
Required Forms

**To**

Active Certified and Registered Court  
Interpreters

**Deadline**

November 30, 2026

**From**

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Leadership Support Services

**Contact**

Questions regarding compliance:  
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**Subject**

2026 Court Interpreter Renewal and  
Compliance Cycle

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The 2026 Court Interpreter Renewal and Compliance cycle has launched effective July 1, 2026. All active certified and registered court interpreters are required to pay the annual renewal fee of \$100 and attest to completion of their continuing education and professional assignment requirements. The Court Interpreters Program unit must receive the annual renewal fee and attestation form (if due) by **November 30, 2026**, for active court interpreters to avoid suspension.

### **Changes to Annual Compliance Cycle and Removal of Late Fees/Automatic Revocation**

Effective January 1, 2025, the Court Interpreters Advisory Panel (CIAP) approved the following changes:

- The annual compliance cycle was changed to five months within the same calendar year (July 1 to the last business day in November); and

- Late fees, automatic revocation, and retesting requirements were removed for interpreters who are out of compliance. Instead, interpreters who are out of compliance will be placed on suspension and will be able to come back into good standing at any time upon request and payment of outstanding fees.

These changes make the compliance process simpler and will help retain interpreters. For the revised dates and fees, please see the table on page 5.

For the current 2026 compliance cycle, please note that to avoid suspension and a reinstatement fee, **you must pay your annual fee and attest (if due) by November 30, 2026**. Also, please note that staff are only available to assist with questions during business hours and non-holidays.

[Ethics requirements](#) for court interpreters have also been updated. The online “Ethics Refresher” course is now required to be taken every two years by all credentialed interpreters after an interpreter’s first two years. More information on the free ethics courses offered by the Judicial Council for interpreters can be found on the Language Access Services [Interpreter Learning Portal](#).

### **American Sign Language (ASL) Court Interpreters**

Effective January 1, 2024, existing ASL court interpreters must pay the \$100 annual interpreter renewal fee and attest that they are in good standing and may do so through the Court Interpreter Data Collection System (CIDCS) [Court Interpreter Portal](#). This allows the Court Interpreters Program (CIP) to more accurately track the number, status, and contact information of ASL court interpreters who are on the Judicial Council Master List. Fees collected will be deposited into the Court Interpreters’ Fund, which supports interpreter training (including for ASL court interpreters) and other program efforts.<sup>1</sup>

The online “Ethics Refresher” course is now required to be taken every two years by all credentialed interpreters, including ASL court interpreters, after an interpreter’s first two years. Other continuing education requirements for ASL court interpreters remain with the entity from which they received their certification, for example, the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) or the Texas Board for Evaluation of Interpreters (Texas BEI).

### **Online Attestation and Payment Platform**

All active certified and registered court interpreters may continue to pay their compliance fees and attest to completion of their continuing education and professional assignment requirements

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<sup>1</sup> See Judicial Council of Cal., Court Interpreters Advisory Panel Rep., [Language Access Plan: New Requirements for American Sign Language Court Interpreters](#) (Oct. 27, 2023).

(if due) by November 30, 2026, via the [CIDCS Court Interpreter Portal](#). CIP strongly encourages interpreters to utilize this function of CIDCS for immediate online processing of their payment and attestation.

However, as discussed below, interpreters may continue to send paper checks and the attestation form (if due), but they are required to mail them together. **CIP must receive them by November 30, 2026.**

### **Instructions**

For guidance on making payments and attesting via the online platform, please go to the [Language Access Learning Portal](#) website that houses our newly developed step by step instructional video. The instructions include contact information, if additional assistance is needed, and are also posted on [CIDCS Interpreter Portal - Resources](#).

For completing the compliance requirements online, please note:

- The Interpreter Portal only accepts Visa and Mastercard.
- Use of Google Chrome is recommended.
- Clear the browser cache if your payment is not going through.

To ensure that your online payment has been received, check for receipt of an email confirmation from the Judicial Council (via the Clover platform) confirming the payment was successful.

### **Service Fee**

The online system will charge a \$2.50 service fee for each online payment to help offset the cost of providing this service.

### **Importance of Current Email Addresses**

CIP communicates with active certified and court interpreters exclusively by email. It is therefore crucial that you ensure your contact information, especially your email address, is current in CIDCS. When making payments and attesting, please also review your contact information and make any necessary updates.

### **Payment by Check/Money Order and Attestation by Paper Form**

While CIP strongly encourages interpreters to utilize the online platform to pay the annual fee and attest, interpreters who still wish to pay by check and submit the paper attestation form may continue to do so. Please note that processing of paper checks and forms will continue to take approximately two months. Due to the high volume of inquiries that normally come with

compliance, CIP cannot confirm receipt of payment or the attestation form. If you require proof of delivery, please send your payment and attestation form via express delivery.

The following 2026 compliance forms are attached:

- **Annual Renewal Fee.** This form must be completed and included with payment by personal check, cashier's check, and/or money order.
- **Attestation to Completion of the Continuing Education and Professional Assignments Requirements.** This form must be completed and included with payments by check, if an interpreter's completion of continuing education and professional assignments requirements is due by November 30, 2026. Interpreters should refer to the sticker on their badge for the completion due date. As discussed above, interpreters may also attest via the CIDCS Court Interpreter Portal. CIP may check (audit) your records at any time and may ask you to show proof that you have met the requirements.
- **Information Update/Verification.** Updates to contact information may be requested via this form. If none are needed, then it is not necessary to send this form. Interpreters are encouraged to update their contact information via the CIDCS Court Interpreter Portal.

The forms are also available on the Language Access Services [Annual Renewal, Compliance and Continuing Education](#) webpage.

Personal checks, cashier's checks, and/or money orders must be made payable to "State of California." Your canceled check is your receipt. Returned checks are subject to a \$15 returned check fee.

**Please mail payment of the \$100 annual renewal fee and completed forms by November 30, 2026, to:**

**Judicial Council of California  
Court Interpreters Program  
455 Golden Gate Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102-3688**

CIP cannot accept forms by email or fax. Checks and the attestation form (if due) must be mailed together, and must be *received* by November 30, 2026.

Please do not hand-deliver payment and forms to the Judicial Council.

## Hardship

As in recent years, interpreters who are experiencing hardship are strongly encouraged to contact CIP at [courtinterpreters@jud.ca.gov](mailto:courtinterpreters@jud.ca.gov) to discuss a waiver or other accommodation to avoid suspension of their certified and/or registered status.

## Compliance Periods and Fees

The following table outlines the compliance periods and fees due for the current and upcoming compliance periods.

Compliance Period	Fees Due	Deadline	Impact to Credential If Fees and/or Attestation Not Received by Deadline
<b>Calendar Year 2026:</b> Compliance period runs July 1 – November 30, 2026	Annual Fee (\$100)	November 30, 2026	Suspension. To come back into compliance, you must pay \$350 (\$100 annual fee plus \$250 reinstatement fee)
<b>Calendar Year 2027:</b> Compliance period runs July 1 – November 30, 2027	Annual Fee (\$100)	November 30, 2027	Suspension. To come back into compliance, you must pay \$350 (\$100 annual fee plus \$250 reinstatement fee)

## Compliance Requirements

For all compliance requirements, please refer to the [Compliance Requirements for California Certified Court and Registered Interpreters](#) and [Language Access Learning Portal](#).

## Questions

For questions regarding compliance, please email [courtinterpreters@jud.ca.gov](mailto:courtinterpreters@jud.ca.gov). For questions or login issues regarding CIDCS, please email [cidcs@jud.ca.gov](mailto:cidcs@jud.ca.gov).

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to support language access in the California courts.

## Attachments and Links

1. Attachment A: Forms for 2026 Renewal and Compliance
2. Link: [Language Access Learning Portal](#)

Active Certified and Registered Court Interpreters

July 1, 2026

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cc: Chairs of the Regional Employment Relations Committee

Language Access Representatives of the Superior Courts

Human Resources Contacts of the Superior Courts

Interpreter Coordinators of the Superior Courts

## **Attachment A**





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**Attestation to Completion of the Continuing Education and Professional Assignments Requirements for Spoken Language Court Interpreters**

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Name on badge:

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Certification and/or Registration Number(s):

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Language(s):

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**For the compliance period ending November 30, 2026:**

(Please refer to your identification badge for the expiration date)

- I have completed 30 hours of Court Interpreter Minimum Continuing Education (CIMCE) activities as per the *Compliance Requirements for Certified Court and Registered Interpreters*.
- I have completed 40 court-related or other qualifying professional interpreting assignments as per the *Compliance Requirements for Certified Court and Registered Interpreters*.
- I completed the JC's New Interpreter Orientation and the JC's New Interpreter Live Ethics training within the first two years.
- I have completed the JC's online Ethics Refresher Course.
- I understand the Judicial Council of California's Court Interpreters Program has the right to conduct an audit and that **I must maintain records verifying that I have completed all compliance requirements for 5 years**. Failure to provide documentation as requested could result in the imposition of sanctions up to and including suspension or revocation of my interpreting credential.
- I have read and understand the *Compliance Requirements for Certified Court and Registered Interpreters*, located at <http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/CIP-Compliance-Requirements.pdf>

**All boxes must be checked in order to be in compliance.**

**I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct:**

Signature

Date

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Please retain a copy of this form for your records. This form and your annual fee form must be received by November 30, 2026, to avoid suspension and negative impact to your credentialed status.



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**Attestation to Completion of the Continuing Education and  
Professional Assignments Requirements  
For American Sign Language (ASL) Court Interpreters**

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Name on badge:

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Certification and/or Registration Number(s):

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Language(s):

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**For the compliance period ending November 30, 2026:**

(Please refer to your identification badge for the expiration date)

- I declare under penalty of perjury that I am in good standing with the body that credentialed me as an American Sign Language (ASL) court interpreter. (If you were credentialed by an entity that is no longer active, please check the box to indicate that you are in good standing as an ASL court interpreter).
- I completed the New Interpreter Orientation and the New Interpreter Live Ethics training within the first two years.
- I have completed the online Ethics Refresher Course.
- I understand the Judicial Council of California's Court Interpreters Program has the right to conduct an audit and that **I must maintain records verifying that I have completed all compliance requirements for 5 years.** Failure to provide documentation as requested could result in the imposition of sanctions up to and including suspension or revocation of my interpreting credential.
- I have read and understand the *Compliance Requirements for Certified Court and Registered Interpreters*, located at <http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/CIP-Compliance-Requirements.pdf>

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Signature

Date

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INFORMATION UPDATE/ VERIFICATION
ALL INTERPRETERS: PLEASE FILL OUT FORM AND RETURN ONLY
IF YOU HAVE CHANGES

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Is this a new name? Yes/No)
Certification and/or Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information, including phone numbers and e-mail addresses, will be published on the Master List on the California Courts website and may also be provided, along with your mailing address, to trial court personnel on request, unless you indicate otherwise below.

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street/P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

County and State in which you live: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mark "X" in the box if you want the following information published to the Master List.

Home phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_
Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

GEOGRAPHIC AVAILABILITY (Please circle all counties in which you are available to work)

- Alameda, Glenn, Marin, Placer, San Mateo, Tehama
Alpine, Humboldt, Mariposa, Plumas, Santa Barbara, Trinity
Amador, Imperial, Mendocino, Riverside, Santa Clara, Tulare
Butte, Inyo, Merced, Sacramento, Santa Cruz, Tuolumne
Calaveras, Kern, Modoc, San Benito, Shasta, Ventura
Colusa, Kings, Mono, San Bernardino, Sierra, Yolo
Contra Costa, Lake, Monterey, San Diego, Siskiyou, Yuba
Del Norte, Lassen, Napa, San Francisco, Solano, Out of State
El Dorado, Los Angeles, Nevada, San Joaquin, Sonoma, All counties
Fresno, Madera, Orange, San Luis Obispo, Stanislaus, Out of Country
Sutter, VRI (Remote)

**NAME CHANGE: If your name has changed, please provide:**

**Former Name** (as it appears on the Master List): \_\_\_\_\_

**New Name** \_\_\_\_\_

If you have changed your name, you will require a new badge. Please return this form along with a \$20 check, cashier's check, or money order payable to the State of California. *Returned checks are subject to a \$15 returned check fee*

**IDENTITY VERIFICATION**

Please provide a scan or photocopy of your driver's license or other identification that shows your photo and date of birth. This information is requested to verify your identity and *will not* be retained.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

I authorize the Judicial Council to release information contained herein, unless I have indicated otherwise.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**DECLARATION**

I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. I understand that any false or misleading statements may result in the forfeiture of my status as a certified court or registered interpreter and removal from the Judicial Council's Master List, in addition to other penalties provided by law.

Your new full name (print clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail completed and updated form to:*

**Judicial Council of California  
Court Interpreters Program  
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San Francisco, CA 94102-3688**

**Please keep a copy of the completed form for your records.**