

Developed and approved by the
Disability and Communication Access Board

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Recommended Fee Schedule for Interpreters

| Credential Level | Hourly Rate per Interpreter |
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| RID: NIC Master | \$75.00 |
| RID: NIC Advanced | \$65.00 |
| RID: CI and CT (holding both), CDI, CSC, or RSC, or NAD Level V, or HQAS Level V, or HQAS Level V+H | \$55.00 |
| RID: either CI or CT, or NAD Level IV, or HQAS Level IV, or HQAS Level IV+H | \$51.00 |
| RID: NIC, IC and IT (holding both), or NAD Level III, or HQAS Level III, or HQAS Level III+H | \$40.00 |
| RID: either IC or IT, or HQAS Level II, or HQAS Level II+H | \$34.00 |
| Interpreters holding no credential who have been requested and approved by the Person who is Deaf, Hard of Hearing or Deaf-Blind, including RID CDI-P. | \$27.00 |

An interpreter possessing a National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf Special Certificate (i.e. SC:L, Prov. SC:L, and SC:PA) or HQAS+H credential may be paid up to \$10.00 more than the hourly rate for the interpreter's credential level when interpreting in the particular situation identified on the certificate. An interpreter who is skilled at close-vision or tactile interpreting may be paid up to \$10.00 more than the hourly rate for the interpreter's credential level when interpreting for a person who is deaf-blind.

There is a two-hour minimum requirement for a job assignment for two (2) hours or less. The compensation is for travel time. Additional charges to the two-hour minimum include tax, mileage, and parking.

An interpreter may charge an additional \$5.00 more than the hourly rate for job assignments between the hours of 7:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m., on state holidays and on weekends (Friday – Sunday).

Recommended Fee Schedule for Real-Time Captioners

| <u>Credential Level</u> | <u>Hourly Rate per Captioner</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| RDR or RMR | \$95.00 |
| CBC, CCP, CRR | \$90.00 |
| CSR or RPR | \$80.00 |

Hourly rates shown are for real-time captioning services only. Providers will supply use of basic equipment only including stenographic machine and laptop computer. Providers may negotiate additional charges for additional display and telecommunications equipment.

A captioner may charge a fee not more than \$1.00 per page if a hard copy of the unedited transcript is requested.

**Recommended Fee Schedule for
Computer-Assisted Notetakers**

Hourly Rate per Computer-Assisted Notetaker

\$18.00 For situations that involve basic typing and notetaking skills.

\$20.00 For situations that involve typing at length or that use specialized vocabulary and knowledge of the subject.

The provider may charge a fee of not more than fifty cents per page for an edited hard copy of the notes; or \$5.00 for the dedicated disk if not provided by the agency.

**Recommendations Regarding Travel Charges
Including Mileage and Parking**

Providers who are independent contractors may be paid the current federal or state mileage rate for travel by private car both to and from the assignment plus documented parking charges, if any. It is recommended that the state agency cover intrastate travel expenses for a provider when no appropriate provider is available on island where services are needed.

Recommendations Regarding Other Allowable Charges

When specialized services are required to provide effective communication, the state agency may negotiate additional fees for those specialized services. The agency may contact DCAB for assistance in determining the reasonableness of additional fees and charges. Providers may negotiate additional fees for the use of specialized display equipment such as a monitor or overhead TV projector.

Recommendations Regarding Cancellation Guidelines

When communication access services are cancelled, fees payable to the provider are based on the length of the scheduled assignment and the cancellation time as shown in the chart below. ("Full Charges" means the fee payable for the full time of the assignment.)

| <i>Length of Assignment</i> | <i>Cancellation Time</i> | <i>Fees Payable</i> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Less than 2 hours | At least 24 hours | None |
| Less than 2 hours | Less than 24 hours | Full Charges |
| 2 to 4 hours | At least 48 hours | None |
| 2 to 4 hours | Less than 48 hours | Full Charges |
| 4 hours or more | At least 72 hours | None |
| 4 hours or more | 24 to 72 hours | Minimum of 2 hours plus half of the remaining scheduled time |
| 4 hours or more | Less than 24 hours | Full Charges |

Failure to appear by an essential person who is deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind or an essential person who is hearing is considered a cancellation and fees are payable to the provider as shown. Failure to appear by a communication access provider is not a cancellation and no fees are payable to the provider who fails to appear. For assignments where two providers are scheduled and one fails to appear, the solo provider shall be paid the full fee plus 30 per cent of the hourly rate.