

## Step 5: Oral Exam

This exam tests proficiency in the three modes of interpretation:

- Sight translation of an English document into the non-English language; and vice versa.
- Consecutive interpretation, English to the non-English language and the non-English language to English.
- Simultaneous interpretation from English to the non-English language.

Oral exam details:

- a. Required minimum score of 70% on each of the three sections: sight translation, consecutive and simultaneous. The sight translation section is divided into two portions that must average at least 70% with neither section's score being less than 65%.
- b. Three attempts allowed (once every six months)
- c. Three unsuccessful attempts require a certificate of completion, at candidates' expense, of one of the following options prior to being permitted to test again:
  - Any course specific to the training of a judicial interpreter for example: Interprettrain, Athena Sky, Edgar Hidalgo, De la Mora Institute of Interpretation or a university course specific to judicial interpreter training.
- d. Upon successful completion of the course, further attempts will be permitted once every six-months:
  - i. Until the candidate exhausts the number of attempts (two times per version) of the same version as permitted by the National Center for State Courts.
  - ii. If all versions are exhausted candidate will be submitted for disqualification review by the certification team. This will be a on a case-by-case basis. The office of the Executive Secretary reserves the right to disqualify candidates from the certification program.

The Oral Exam will be administered twice in 2025 in two locations: Hanover and Warrenton, VA.

Oral exam fees are language dependent and can range from \$225-\$600.

Please see our [calendar](#) for registration dates and locations.

\*\* Prerequisites: Completion of steps one, two, three and four (webinars, oral proficiency interviews, written exam, and orientation).