

## SUBCHAPTER 17C – INTERPRETER SERVICES

### SECTION .0100 – CLASSIFICATION RECORDS

#### 10A NCAC 17C .0101 MAINTENANCE OF CLASSIFICATION RECORDS

The Division shall maintain the records for all interpreters who hold a quality assurance North Carolina Interpreter Classification System level A or B classification in effect on January 1, 2000.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 8B-1(3); 8B-6; 90D-7(a)(3)(d); 143B-216.33;  
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#### 10A NCAC 17C .0102 RECIPROCITY

*History Note:* Authority G.S.8B-1(3); 8B-6; 90D; 143B-216.33;  
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#### 10A NCAC 17C .0103 APPLICABILITY

*History Note:* Authority G.S.8B-1(3); 8B-6; 90D; 143B-216.33;  
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Expired Eff. June 1, 2017 pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A.

#### 10A NCAC 17C .0104 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of Rules .0101 through .0110 of this Section the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

- (1) "Classifications" means one of the four levels of skill based on the total score given by the evaluators on the classification test.
- (2) "Division" means the North Carolina Division of Services for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing.
- (3) "Division Director" means the Director of the North Carolina Division of Services for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing.
- (4) "N.C.I.C.S." means the North Carolina Interpreter Classification System.
- (5) "N.R.I.D." means the National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf.
- (6) "Sign Language Interpreter" means a person who performs services for the public in the capacity of an interpreter or transliterator between one or more hearing persons and one or more deaf persons using American Sign Language or manually coded English.
- (7) "Transliterator" means a person who performs services for the public in the capacity of a transliterator between one or more hearing persons and one or more deaf persons using a form of manually coded English.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 8B-1(3); 8B-6; 90D; 143B-216.33;  
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#### 10A NCAC 17C .0105 ELIGIBILITY

#### 10A NCAC 17C .0106 APPLICATION

#### 10A NCAC 17C .0107 CLASSIFICATION TEAM AND EVALUATORS

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**10A NCAC 17C .0108 CLASSIFICATION AND INTERPRETER DIRECTORY**

(a) NCICS-C Classifications levels previously assigned shall remain as follows:

- (1) "Class C" – (Limited), Limited performance competency level, scoring 71 – 80 percent of the total possible points. Limited expressive and receptive skills with specific competency in some areas of interpreting or transliterating.
- (2) "Class B" – (Intermediate), Intermediate performance competency level, scoring 81 – 90 percent of the total possible points. Stronger expressive skills and receptive skills with competency in most areas of interpreting or transliterating.
- (3) "Class A" – (Advanced), Advanced performance competency level, scoring 91 – 100 of the total possible points. Fluent expressive and receptive skills with competency in all areas of interpreting or transliterating.

(b) All candidates holding previous classification levels from the N.C.I.C.S. shall have the option of having their contact information printed in the North Carolina Interpreter Directory. This Directory shall provide a reference for all consumers of interpreters. It shall also be a reference for all agencies who must meet the requirements of hiring only qualified interpreters as set forth in G.S. 90D.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 8B-1(3); 8B-6; 90D-6; 143B-216.33;  
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**10A NCAC 17C .0109 REVIEW AND APPEAL OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS**

**10A NCAC 17C .0110 CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS OF CLASSIFICATION HOLDERS**

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**SECTION .0200 – INTERPRETER SERVICES**

**10A NCAC 17C .0201 ELIGIBILITY**

(a) Persons having a communicative disability resulting from a hearing impairment, including persons having additional handicapping conditions, are eligible for interpreter-related services.

(b) Community agencies and organizations, employers of deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind persons, and family members of deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind persons are eligible for interpreter-related services of the regional centers. Such services may include but are not limited to information, consultation, and sign language instruction.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 143B-216.33;  
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**10A NCAC 17C .0202 CONTRACTED INTERPRETER SERVICES**

Interpreter services may be contracted by the Division of Services for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing in order to facilitate the delivery of human services to deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind persons. Provision of interpreter services on a contractual basis does not supplant other resources available within the community for which the individual is entitled or may be eligible insofar as such benefits are adequate.

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**10A NCAC 17C .0203 LICENSURE OF INTERPRETERS**

Persons providing interpreter services through the Division of Services for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing must hold a current license from the North Carolina Interpreter and Transliterater Licensing Board.

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