

Greetings fellow interpreters!

Arkansas has succeeded in the establishment of a licensure law, thus requiring that all who practice interpreting to hold a license. Our goal is to have all licensed by April 1, 2014.

The application process is very simple. Print the attached form(s), fill out the one that is appropriate for you (each form is two pages, the second set is for provisional licensure specifically for individuals who themselves are Deaf or Hard of Hearing and are applying for license to practice as a "Deaf Interpreter". Once the DI hold credentials, they will apply for license using the first set of forms.)

Be sure that you make copies of your credentials (RID Card, or BEI Card, or QAST Card, or EIPA Card - or certificate...whatever credential you hold that you are using to process your application. Without copies of your CURRENT credentials, you will not be able to be approved for license, they MUST be included with the application.

Enclose the appropriate fee (\$125) and mail to the address given at the bottom of page two. All checks, money orders, etc. are to be payable to Arkansas Department of Health.

The Advisory Board will host their first cycle of review of applications March 15 and another at the end of the month. Please allow approximately 30 to 45 days turn around for your application to be processed.

Thank you all for your cooperation emerging as leaders in our profession.

Ray James
Advisory Board for Interpreters, Chair