



Qualifications Process for DeafBlind Interpreting

The aim of this process is to determine if an extra \$5.00 fee for interpreting is eligible. The qualifications required of a deafblind interpreter includes: Visual Sign Language, Close Vision, Tactile and Basic Pro-Tactile.

The process in order to obtain credibility are as follows:

1. Two reference letters from any listed below:

- a. DB client/customer
- b. Professional DB organization/agency
- c. Education (college and training)
- d. DB interpreting mentorship program
- e. Employment/internship

2. Resume

3. DBSC Assessment Appointment

The assessment will be based on the interpreter's skills. If it is determined that any area of the DB interpreter's skills or knowledge needs improvement, they will be required to take specialized training. The SSP training will be up to 10 hours, depending on the individual's knowledge and skill set.

If the interpreter takes SSP training as required and receives a \$5.00 increase, but then goes on to work with non-DeafBlind clients for 6 months, and skills regress, the interpreter has another 6 months to catch up before losing the extra rate.

4. The interpreter will receive a verification letter providing notification that they are eligible to receive the increased DB interpreter fee.

5. The interpreter is responsible to submit the verification letter to ODHH Interpreter Services.

Note: These credentials are good for one fiscal Year; from July 1st to June 30th and are required to be renewed each fiscal year.

Disclaimer: DBSC has the right to revoke credentials if a DeafBlind person reports unresolved communication barriers which will result in taking away the \$5.00 increase.