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Fee Standards for Sign Language Interpreters Working in Alabama's Legal Settings

The Alabama Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, in compliance with Section 12-21-131, as amended by Act 88-538, Paragraph (j), "...the fee shall be in accordance with standards established by the Alabama Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, in addition to actual expenses for travel and transportation..."

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Credentials for Payment:

- Interpreters must be credentialed with a License issued by the Alabama Board of Interpreters and Transliterators (ALBIT).
- Interpreters holding the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) "Special Certificate: Legal" (issued since 1992) shall be secured for court and related cases. If unavailable, interpreters with certificates from the Registry of interpreters for the Deaf (RID) or the National Association of the Deaf (NAD), Levels 5 or 4 shall be secured, with preference given to those with documented legal training.
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- The Appointing Authority shall provide a Letter of Appointment prior to case.
- Appointing Authority shall sign required forms on site.

Fees and Expense Provisions:

- Interpreters with an RID "Special Certificate: Legal" (SC:L) or Legal Skills Certificate (LSC) shall be paid at \$260 hourly, or any fraction thereof, for the first and second hour; and, at \$130 hourly, or any fraction thereof, thereafter.
- Interpreters with other recognized National Certification (above), shall be paid at \$210 hourly, or any fraction thereof, for the first and second hour; and, at \$105 hourly, or any fraction thereof, thereafter.
- Mileage will be paid at the current State rate.
- Expenses related to approved overnight stays shall be paid at the State per diem rate.
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