

Texas HHS Board for the Evaluation of Interpreters (Sign Language)

<https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/handbooks/board-evaluation-interpreters/chapter-1-bei-general-interpreter-certification-policies-procedures/1-2-qualifications-requirements-a-bei-certificate>

To apply for or to take **Test of English Proficiency**, the prerequisite for BEI Basic, an applicant must

- be at least 18 years old;
- have earned a high school diploma or its equivalent; and
- earned at least 30 credit hours from an accredited college or university, with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.
- **not have a criminal conviction that could qualify as grounds for denial, probation, suspension, or revocation of a BEI certificate, or other disciplinary action against any holder of a BEI certificate.** See <https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/handbooks/board-evaluation-interpreters/chapter-3-criminal-conviction-records>

To take the **BEI Basic performance test**, an applicant must have

- **met all the criteria above AND**
- earned a **passing score on the Test of English Proficiency**
- **earned an associate degree and/or a minimum of 60 credit hours** from an accredited college or university, with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.
- **earn a passing score on the performance exam.**

To maintain certification:

- **Interpreter must not have a criminal conviction that could qualify as grounds for denial, probation, suspension, or revocation of a BEI certificate, or other disciplinary action against any holder of a BEI certificate**
- **Pay annual fee on time.** See <https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/handbooks/board-evaluation-interpreters/chapter-1-bei-general-interpreter-certification-policies-procedures/1-8-annual-certificate-renewal/1-8-1-process-annual-certificate-renewal>
- **Every 5 years complete 100 hours of Continuing Education Units – Including:**
 - 6.0 CEUs (60 clock hours) in interpreting-related topics;
 - 2.0 CEUs (20 clock hours) in ethics-related topics; and
 - 2.0 CEUs (20 clock hours) in general studies.

<https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/handbooks/board-evaluation-interpreters/chapter-1-bei-general-interpreter-certification-policies-procedures/1-9-five-year-certificate-recertification/1-9-2-continuing-education-units>