


Supreme Court of Nevada  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Nevada Credentialed Court Interpreters

**FROM:** John McCormick, Assistant Court Administrator 

**DATE:** May 11, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Continuing Interpretation Hour Requirement during the Pandemic

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Pursuant to Section 5 of the *State Court Administrator Guidelines for the Nevada Credentialed Court Interpreter Program*, each credential interpreter is required to interpret for at least 120 hours during the three year renewal period.

The Program recognizes that the last year has been difficult for everyone due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and that, due to public health measures and closures, opportunities for work as an interpreter has been significantly reduced.

Towards this end, the Program is prepared to grant exceptions to the existing requirement for continuing interpretation work hours for candidates whose three year renewal period included a substantial part of the time period beginning March 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

In order to obtain an exception, a candidate for renewal needs to request such an exception when submitting his or her renewal application and show that he or she made substantive progress towards obtaining the requisite hours prior to March of 2020.

As an alternative to showing appropriate progress toward completing the required hours, a candidate may provide a detailed explanation of why the required hours were not worked, and any supporting documentation, when submitting his or her renewal application, and request an exception. These second type of requests will be subject to greater scrutiny.

All exceptions requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis, with greater weight assigned to those requests showing substantive progress towards completing the work hours requirement.