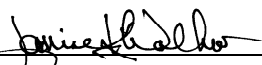


	NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT INTERPRETER FEE SCHEDULE AND PAYMENT POLICY	
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The fees and expenses of an interpreter shall be fixed and ordered paid by the judge before whom such proceeding takes place, in accordance with a fee schedule established by the Supreme Court, and be paid out of the General Fund with funds appropriated to the Supreme Court for that purpose. (Neb. Rev. Stat. § 25-2406) The Nebraska Supreme Court establishes the following interpreter fee schedule:

- A. For non-certified interpreters: \$35.00 per hour, two-hour minimum. Interpreter services and travel time will be included in the two-hour minimum.
- B. For an interpreter who is a Nebraska Supreme Court Certified Court Interpreter, \$50.00 per hour, two-hour minimum. Interpreter services and travel time will be included in the two-hour minimum.
- C. (1) Certified sign interpreters for the deaf and hard of hearing, \$50.00 per hour. (Certified sign interpreters possess a Level I classification pursuant to rule 1D of the Supreme Court Rules Relating to Court Interpreters, i.e., interpreters who hold at least one of the following RID certificates: Specialist Certificate: Legal (SC:L), NIC Master, NIC Advanced, CI/CT, CSC. Deaf interpreters who hold CLIP-R or CDI).
(2) Non-certified sign interpreters, \$35.00 per hour. (Non-certified sign interpreters possess a Level II classification pursuant to rule 1D of the Supreme Court Rules Relating to Court Interpreters, i.e., interpreters who hold RID NIC, RID CI, RID CT, NAD 4 or 5, QAST 4/4 or higher. Deaf interpreters who hold a Nebraska Specialist Intermediary License).
- D. Unless otherwise agreed to, interpreters shall be paid by the hour in thirty minute increments. Time shall be determined by using the next highest thirty minute increment (i.e., 2 hours 4 minutes equals 2 hours 30 minutes).
- E. In the event an interpreter has multiple assignments within two hours for the same or different offices, only one "two-hour minimum" shall be permitted. Only one "two-hour minimum" shall be permitted in the morning and only one "two-hour minimum" shall be permitted in the afternoon. Travel time will be considered in determining minimum hours for payment.
- F. Round-trip mileage will be compensated at the rate set forth in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-1176 for state employees if the number of miles traveled from the interpreter's starting point to the interpreting site (e.g., courthouse or probation office) is more than 15 miles one way. In addition, interpreters whose assignments require them to travel 50 or more miles in a single day are eligible to receive compensation for time spent traveling to and from those assignments **provided that when combined, the time spent traveling and the time spent interpreting exceeds the 2-hour minimum.** In such instances, both certified and non-certified interpreters shall be compensated for driving to and from assignments at the rate of 80 percent of the hourly rate for time in excess of the 2-hour minimum.
- G. If an interpreter has an assignment scheduled for eight hours or more and the assignment is canceled within two business days of the time the assignment is due to commence, the court may, by written authorization, allow the interpreter payment for the hours reserved. The judge shall authorize and certify the amount of time that was reserved.
- H. The State Court Administrator shall be permitted to enter into contracts with individual interpreters to perform interpretation services for a specified service area at a rate established by the contract.
- I. Notwithstanding the above fee schedule, a chief probation officer, or a judge before whom a proceeding has taken place, an interpreter, and the state court administrator may agree to pay an amount for interpreter services which is other than the established rate.
- J. An interpreter shall complete and submit a standard approved STATEMENT FOR PAYMENT OF INTERPRETER form for any unclaimed interpreter services between the 1st and the 7th day of the month only. The form shall include all authorizing signatures, names of courts, probation districts and counties, and types of activities being interpreted. Statements may include assignments from multiple courts and probation districts and shall include authorizing signatures from each judge, clerk or probation officer for whom the service was provided.

Amended effective this 1st day of July, 2008.



Janice K. Walker, State Court Administrator
Nebraska Supreme Court