

Path to National Certification for Medical Interpreters

Name	National Board for Certified Medical Interpreters (NBCMI)	Certifications Commission for Healthcare Providers (CCHI)
Languages	Spanish, Korean, Cantonese, Mandarin, Russian, Vietnamese	CHI level for Arabic, Mandarin, Spanish
Handbooks	Certification Examination Handbook	Candidate's Examination Handbook
To Be Eligible	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Age: Minimum age to apply is 18. Driver's license/birth certificate/passport copy are acceptable proofs of age. 2. General Education: Minimum education: High School Diploma. A High School or GED diploma are acceptable proofs of general education. 3. Oral Proficiency in English and Target language 4. Medical Interpreter Education: Successful completion of a medical interpreter educational program that is <u>at least 40 hours</u>. Certificate of completion is the only acceptable proof. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Age: Minimum age to apply is 18. Driver's license/birth certificate/passport copy are acceptable proofs of age. 2. General Education: graduation from a U.S. high school or its equivalent, including an equivalent from an educational program outside the Unites States. 3. Language Proficiency in English and target language 4. Medical Interpreter Education: successful completion of a medical interpreter educational program that is <u>at least 40 hours</u>. Certificate of completion is the only acceptable proof.
Acceptable Proof of Language Proficiency	<p>Oral proficiency in English. One of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Bachelors, Masters, PhD, or any other degree from any US institution of higher education B. Graduation from any High School from an English language country or from an American School abroad <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. One of the following tests: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. TOEFL: 570+ on paper; 230+ on computer version; 90+ on iBT ii. ELPT: 950+ iii. MELAB: 80+ iv. ECPE: Pass v. FCE: A vi. CAE: B vii. CPE: B 	<p>English Proficiency. One of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. A high school diploma, or its equivalent, from an English speaking country B. Successful completion of extensive coursework at the post-secondary level, resulting in a degree, with the majority of classes conducted in English. C. Time spent studying and/or working in an English speaking country, where you were required on a daily basis to perform tasks at a professional level in English. D. Successfully passing an oral proficiency interview for an agency or employer that required you to perform your duties in English.

	<p>viii. IELTS: 7.0</p> <p>Oral proficiency in the Target Language. <u>One of the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Bachelor, Masters, PhD, or any degree from an institution of higher education where the target language is spoken B. Graduation from a high school of the country where the target language is spoken C. 24+ semester college credit hours of the target language D. ACTFL Oral Exams (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages): 3.5+/Advanced Mid Level 	<p>Target Language Proficiency. <u>One of the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. A high school diploma, or its equivalent, with classes taught in the other language. B. Growing up speaking the other language at home and in the community, along with some formal study of the language at the post-secondary level. C. Successful completion of extensive coursework at the post-secondary level, with the majority of classes conducted in the other language. D. Time spent studying and/or working in a country where the applicant was required on a daily basis to perform tasks at a professional level in the other language. E. Successfully passing an oral proficiency interview for an agency or employer that required the applicant to perform duties in the other language.
<p>Cost</p>	<p>Registration Fee/Application - \$35 Written Exam or CoreCHI examination - \$175 Oral Exam or CHI examination - \$275</p> <p>**All fees are non-refundable and are for one test administration only. **</p>	<p>Registration Fee/Application - \$35 CoreCHI Exam (Written) - \$175 CHI Exam (Oral) - \$275</p> <p>**All fees are non-refundable and are for one test administration only. **</p>
<p>Steps to Apply</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Register. Complete and submit application 2. Pay registration fee 3. Submit documentation to staff@certifiedmedicalinterpreters.org with all of the required files attached in one email. 4. Candidates will be notified by email within 2 -4 weeks regarding acceptance of their application. Once accepted; candidates can schedule their written exam. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete and submit application 2. Await application review and approval by CCHI 3. Schedule the CoreCHI Exam. Depends on the language which you are seeking the CCHI certification for. Spanish, Arabic or Mandarin

<p>Test Details</p>	<p><u>Written:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compute-based exam • 51 multiple choice questions • 75 minutes to complete • Available year round • Topics covered (7): Roles of the Medical Interpreter, Medical Interpreter Ethics, Cultural Competence, Medical Terminology in Working Languages, Medical Specialties in Working Languages, Interpreter Standards of Practice, Legislation and Regulations. (Reference CMI Handbook for specifics; pg. 8) <p>If you pass the written exam, you will receive instructions on how to schedule your oral exam.</p> <p>*offered only in English – can be taken at home (with the right equipment) or at a testing center*</p> <p><u>Oral:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer-based exam • Available year round • 60 minutes to complete • Breakdown: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 10 mins: complete 2 sight translations ○ 30 mins: complete 12 mini-scenarios 	<p><u>CoreCHI Exam (Written):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer-based exam • 100 multiple choice questions • 120 minutes to complete • Topics covered (5): Manage an Interpreting Encounter, Healthcare Terminology, Interact with Other Healthcare Professionals, Prepare for an Interpreting Encounter, and Demonstrate Cultural Responsiveness <p>Test Content Outline: Click Here</p> <p><u>CHI Exam (Oral):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer-based exam • 60 minutes to complete (90 mins including sample problems) • Topics covered (3): Interpret Consecutively, Interpret Simultaneously, Sight Translate/Translate Healthcare Documents.
<p>Recertification</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every 5 years • No retest required • Proof of 3.0 Continuing Education Units (30 hours) • Application due at least 45 days before the 5 year mark • Renewal Cost: \$300 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every 4 years • No retest required • Years 1-2: 16 hours continuing education – 20 hours healthcare interpreting experience • Years 3-4: 16 hours continuing education, 20 hours healthcare interpreting experience • Two renewal applications (for years 1-2 and 3-4) must be submitted at least 30 days before the 4 year mark • Renewal Cost: \$150 per application (\$300 total)

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