

MAINTENANCE OF REGISTRATION — *Board Operating Procedures*

ORAL PERFORMANCE THRESHOLD SCORES

Rule Requirement. Effective October 1, 2015, under rule 14.200(a), court interpreters shall, prior to providing interpreter services, become registered with the Office of the State Courts Administrator. Board operating procedures governing oral examination threshold scores are outlined below.

1. In accordance with rule 14.200(i), registration may be revoked by the board for any person who fails to attain minimum scores, in accordance with standards prescribed by the board and published in board operating procedures, on the sight translation, simultaneous interpretation, and consecutive interpretation components during a single test administration as specified under rule 14.200(b)(7)(i) or (b)(7)(iii), or who fails to demonstrate satisfactory functional speaking ability as prescribed by the board during an oral proficiency interview under rule 14.200(b)(7)(ii).

For maintenance of registered status:

- a. for those languages in which a full oral performance examination is available, candidates must attain a minimum 55 percent score on all exam components during a single test administration, with an overall score of 60 percent.
- b. in the event only an abbreviated oral performance examination is available, as a prerequisite to taking the abbreviated exam, candidates must first demonstrate functional speaking ability by attaining a minimum score of Advanced High or 11 on the oral proficiency interviews in both English and a non-English language, and must subsequently achieve a minimum score of 55 on the abbreviated exam; or
- c. for languages in which no full or abbreviated oral performance examination is available, candidates must attain a minimum score of Advanced High or 11 on the oral proficiency interviews in both English and a non-English language.

Adopted March 26, 2015

2. Without exception, this policy applies to every test administration under 14.200(b)(7)(i), (b)(7)(ii) and (b)(7)(iii)—to include a registered candidate's initial test attempt and subsequent test attempts, per language, as applicable. Adopted August 25, 2016
3. Interpreters registering and appearing for oral testing who (1) either refuse to begin testing, or (2) terminate testing after examination has begun, who thereby effectively acquiesce in a lower score on one or more components of examination, will, without exception, be subject to discretionary revocation for failure to achieve minimum threshold scores under Rule 14.200(i). Adopted November 30, 2016
4. For tests administered subsequent to September 2016, the board will meet within 11 weeks of every regularly scheduled oral performance examination/oral proficiency administration to consider revocation under rule 14.200(i) for any person who fails to attain minimum board-prescribed threshold performance scores. Adopted August 25, 2016
5. Minimum threshold score performance applies to oral testing measures taken out-of-state. Interpreters must notify program staff of (1) their intent to sit for an out-of-state oral examination no later than 30 days in advance of the examination date, or, if there are fewer than 30 days remaining before the out-of-state examination, (2) no later than the date of registering for an out-of-state oral examination. Adopted August 25, 2016