



## Virginia Court Interpreter Continued Education Requirement

### Summary of Requirements

**Effective January 1, 2026**

To maintain active status, interpreters in the following two categories will be required to complete Continuing Education Units (CEUs) within a designated cycle:

- **Certified Interpreters** – Those who have passed a recognized certification exam for their language.
- **Qualified Interpreters in Non-Certifiable Languages** – Those approved by the Office of the Executive Secretary (OES) to work in languages for which no certification exam currently exists.

Interpreters in the process of obtaining qualification or certification are exempt from the CEU requirement until such qualification or certification has been achieved.

- **Cycle Length:** Every 3 years
- **First Program Start Date:** January 1, 2026
- **Cycle Alignment:**
  - **Even-Year Start (e.g., 2026):** CEUs due by **December 1, 2028**
  - **Odd-Year Start (e.g., 2027):** CEUs due by **December 1, 2029**

**CEU Requirements:** Interpreters must complete a total of 18 CEU hours every three years, including:

- 3 hours in ethics and professional conduct
- 15 hours in interpreting skills, legal procedures, terminology, and other relevant professional competencies

### Approved CEU Providers and Activities

Any in-person or live online courses led by an instructor or trainer and that include a final assessment or test of the participants performance, are eligible for credit at the rate of one (1) CEU per contact hour. The maximum number of credits that will be approved for a single in-person or live online training event is twelve (12) CEUs. Archived, recorded and self-study trainings will not be approved.

- Accredited interpreting and translation organizations (e.g., NAJIT, ATA)
- Recognized academic institutions
- State and national court systems with training divisions (e.g., Maryland Judiciary)
- Certified online platforms offering **live** legal interpreter courses, including:
  - Interpretertrain
  - De la Mora Institute
  - Transinterpreting

- CEU Credit for Teaching at Conferences:  
Interpreters who serve as presenters, trainers, or panelists at approved conferences may receive CEU credit for their participation. CEU hours will be awarded based on the length and content of the presentation.
- Teach an academic course at an accredited college or university on a subject related to courts and legal interpreting.

### **Submission of CEU Documentation**

**Interpreters will receive a reminder 60 days prior to the renewal deadline.**

- Submit the CEU tracking sheet provided by the FLS Department.
- Submit the Certificate of Completion for each course.
- Submit supporting documentation verifying the role, the event, and the duration of the presentation at an approved conference.
- Only complete submissions that meet all requirements will be accepted. Do not submit partially completed CEU documentation.
- All CEUs must be completed within the designated 3-year period. CEUs completed prior to the start of the cycle will not be counted toward the requirement.
- Submit all documentation to [flscertification@vacourts.gov](mailto:flscertification@vacourts.gov).

### **Compliance Requirement**

- CEU compliance is mandatory to maintain your active status.
- Interpreters who do not meet CEU requirements by their assigned due date will be deemed non-compliant and will be ineligible to provide interpreter services in Virginia courts until all requirements are fulfilled.