

Quick Guide to Proving Oral Language Proficiency

For Qualification:

- Oral proficiency in English and/or the target language may be demonstrated by proof of passing a language proficiency test at one of the following Oregon approved testing centers:
 - **Language Line University**
 - Language Proficiency Test: **\$145** per language
 - eLanguage Proficiency Test (eLPT): **\$130** (Spanish only)
 - Level Required: high intermediate or above
 - Contact: **877-351-6636** lla@languageline.com
 - **Language Testing International**
 - Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): **\$139** per language
 - Oral Proficiency Interview – Computer (OPIc): **\$70** per language
 - Offered for limited languages
 - Level Required: intermediate high or above **800-486-8444** info@languagetesting.com
 - Website: <http://www.languagetesting.com/oral-proficiency-interview-opi-2>
- Oral proficiency in both English and the target language (L2) may be demonstrated by proof of passing one of the following: (non-English documents)
 - National Board of Certified Medical Interpreters (NBCMI) Certification test
 - Certification Commission for Healthcare Interpreters (CCHI) Healthcare Interpreter Certification test
 - Oregon AHEC bilingual Spanish Interpreter Training Program (if L2 is Spanish)
 - Oregon Court Interpreter Certification test
- Oral proficiency in English may be demonstrated by proof of one of the following:
 - Bachelor, Masters, PhD, or any other degree from any US institution of higher education
 - Graduation from any high school in an English language country or from an American School abroad
 - Graduation from a higher education institution abroad with English as the language of instruction
 - One of the following tests (subject to change):
 - TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language): 570+ on paper; 230+ on computer version; 90+ on iBT
 - Cost TOEFL iBT: **\$190** (fees subject to change)
 - Website: <http://www.ets.org/toefl>
 - ELPT (English Language Proficiency Test): 950+
 - MELAB (Michigan English Language Assessment Battery) 80+
 - ECPE (Examination for the Certificate of Proficiency in English): PASS
 - FCE (First Certificate in English, Level 3): A
 - CAE (Certificate in Advanced English, Level 4): B
 - CPE (Certificate of Proficiency in English, Level 5): B
 - IELTS (International English Language Testing System): 7.0+
- Oral proficiency in the target language may be demonstrated by the one of the following:
 - Bachelors, Masters, PhD, or any other degree from an institution of higher education where the target language is spoken
 - Graduation from a high school of the country where the target language is spoken
 - Graduation from a US institution of higher education with a Major in the target language
 - ALTA Language Services oral and spoken language proficiency test
 - **ALTA Speaking and Listening Assessment**
 - Live assessment cost: **\$60**
 - Interactive Voice Response (IVR) assessment cost: **\$50**
 - Required Level/Contact: high intermediate or above **404-920-3832**
 - Website: <http://www.altalang.com/language-testing/speakinglisten/>

For Certification:

- No proof of oral language proficiency is required to present to the Office of Equity and Inclusion when submitting your application.
- However, oral language proficiency proof is required by the National Board for Certification of Medical Interpreters (NBCMI) in order to take the written and oral exams (it is not required by the Certification Commission for Healthcare Interpreters – CCHI)
- **NBCMI Requirements for Oral Language Proficiency:**
 - *If you have worked as a health care interpreter for at least 1 year in the last 2 years for Cantonese, Korean, Mandarin, Russian, or Vietnamese, then you can submit proof with a signed letter of employment on company letterhead in place of proof of language proficiency*
 - Make sure letter includes target language, hire date, and dates of employment
 - If you don't meet the work requirement above, then you must submit proof of oral proficiency in English and the target language (described below)
 - *Proof of oral proficiency in English by **one** of the following:*
 - Bachelor, Masters, PhD, or any other degree from any US institution of higher education
 - Graduation from any high school in an English language country or from an American School abroad
 - One of the following tests:
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 - *Proof of oral proficiency in the target language by **one** of the following:*
 - Bachelors, Masters, PhD, or any other degree from an institution of higher education where the target language is spoken
 - Graduation from a high school of the country where the target language is spoken
 - 24+ semester college credit hours of the target language
 - ACTFL Orals Exams (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages): Advanced Mid Level
 - Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI): **\$139**
 - Oral Proficiency Interview – Computer (OPIc): **\$70**
 - Offered for limited languages
 - Website: www.languageTesting.com
- **Note:** The NBCMI requires that all documents submitted for proof of language proficiency be translated to English; a non-certified translation is acceptable

Have a special situation? Contact the Office of Equity and Inclusion to clarify:

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