

Step 3: Written Exam

The written test is an intermediate-level exam and requires extensive self-preparation. It consists of 135 multiple-choice questions that measure basic, general English proficiency as well as court and ethics knowledge. The test is written by the National Center for State Courts and administered by the Office of the Executive Secretary for the Supreme Court of Virginia.

Exam details:

- a. Required minimum score 80%.
- b. Three attempts allowed (once every six months).
- c. Three unsuccessful attempts require candidates to provide a certificate of completion, at candidates' expense, of an English course. Acceptable courses:
 - TOEFL Prep Course.
 - Upper-level English college course.
 - Courses specific to the preparation of the interpreter written exam.
- d. After completion of a qualified English course, two more attempts will be permitted before disqualification from the program.

There is a fee of \$125 for the written exam. The written exam is available to all languages and is a required step to become a certified or qualified interpreter.

The written exam will be administered twice in 2025 in four locations: Chesapeake, Hanover, Warrenton and Blacksburg, VA.

Please see our [calendar](#) for registration dates and locations.

** Prerequisites: Completion of steps one and two (webinars and oral proficiency interviews).