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Registering for the EIPA Tests

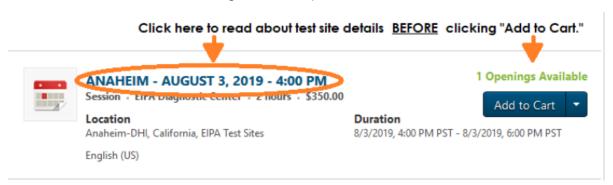
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To apply for an Educational Signed Language Interpreter License in New Mexico you must have an EIPA Performance Test score of 4.0 or higher and demonstrate a passing score on the EIPA Written Test. Below is information on how to register for these tests.

Registering for Either Exam

New Mexico is a member of the Training and Assessment Systems for K-12 Interpreters (TASK12) program which means that you must either live or work in New Mexico or another TASK12 state to take any EIPA tests in New Mexico. You can find a list of TASK12 states here: www.taese.org/cms/index.php/task12-home. You may also choose to take an EIPA test outside of New Mexico, but please be cognizant of any registration restrictions listed in the exam details before registering or your test may be canceled and you charged a cancellation fee. To view any restrictions or other important information, click the blue testing date to expand with additional details.



Here is a list of all the testing dates and locations on offer:

boystown.csod.com/LMS/BrowseTraining/BrowseTraining.aspx?tab page id=-6&tab id=20000518#f=1&o=1. The Written test and the Performance test are listed side by side, so check that you have selected the correct test before registering.

Registration availability will be listing under each testing date. Registration for each test will close 120 hours before the scheduled date regardless of whether seats for the test are still available. Please see the picture below for examples of availability:

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The EIPA has also addressed other frequently asked questions concerning registration: boystown.csod.com/catalog/CustomPage.aspx?id=20000735

EIPA Written Test

The EIPA Written Test is a computer based multiple-choice exam. This test costs \$250 and may also have an additional proctor fee as determined by the local test administrator. NMCDHH is an official testing site for the EIPA Written Test. We do not charge a proctor fee; however, you must be an interpreter who has passed the EIPA Performance Test with as score of 4.0 or higher and working to obtain a New Mexico Educational Interpreter License to schedule a test with us. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic we are only scheduling tests on an as-needed basis. If you are interested in taking the EIPA Written Test at NMCDHH, please contact either Lisa Dignan (Lisa.Dignan@cdhh.nm.gov) or Jessica Eubank (Jessica.Eubank@cdhh.nm.gov) to discuss potential testing dates. Please note that test dates must be scheduled at least 3 months in advance. EIPA has addressed other frequently asked questions about the written exam here: www.boystownhospital.org/professional-education/eipa/examevaluation-options/written-test-faq

The EIPA Performance Test

The EIPA Performance Test is an assessment that examines an educational interpreter's competence to work both expressively and receptively within K-12 educational settings. This test costs \$350 and may also have an additional proctor fee as determined by the local test administrator. In New Mexico, this test is typically held annually at the New Mexico School for the Deaf campus in Santa Fe at the beginning of June. This test is known to fill seats quickly, so you will want to register for it as soon as possible. Registration for testing dates in Santa Fe will be available here: https://www.taese.org/cms/index.php/eipa-registration. EIPA has addressed other frequently asked questions about the performance exam here: www.classroominterpreting.org/EIPA/fags/index.asp