

INSPECTIONS AND APPEALS DEPARTMENT[481]

Notice of Intended Action

**Proposing rulemaking related to continuing education
and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing hereby proposes to amend Chapter 962, “Continuing Education for Sign Language Interpreters and Transliterators,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code chapters 154E and 272C.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code chapter 154E and section 272C.2.

Purpose and Summary

This proposed rulemaking implements Iowa Code chapter 154E and section 272C.2 as amended by 2024 Iowa Acts, House File 2686. Chapter 962 sets forth continuing education and training requirements for sign language interpreters and transliterators. The intended benefit of this chapter is to ensure that licensees maintain up-to-date practice standards and, as a result, provide high-quality services to Iowans. The Board of Sign Language Interpreters and Transliterators reviewed the continuing education requirements in the fall of 2023 pursuant to Executive Order 10. Subrule 962.2(6) is proposed to be amended to comply with the statutory changes from 2024 Iowa Acts, House File 2686, allowing a licensee to carry over up to 50 percent of excess completed continuing education hours from the previous renewal cycle. This rulemaking would grant sign language interpreters and transliterators the ability to carry over up to 20 hours of continuing education earned in excess of the 40 hours required every two years.

Regulatory Analysis

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on October 30, 2024. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- November 20, 2024

No public comments were received regarding this chapter. No changes from the Regulatory Analysis have been made.

Fiscal Impact

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Board for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 481—Chapter 6.

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on March 11, 2025. Comments should be directed to:

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Public Hearing

A public hearing at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

March 11, 2025	6200 Park Avenue, Suite 100
2:40 to 3 p.m.	Des Moines, Iowa

Persons who wish to make oral comments at the public hearing may be asked to state their names for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of this proposed rulemaking.

Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Board and advise of specific needs.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Rescind subrule 962.2(6) and adopt the following **new** subrule in lieu thereof:

962.2(6) Licensees who complete continuing education hours in excess of the requirements for renewal may apply up to 50 percent of the required hours to the following renewal period. Licensees may apply a maximum of 20 hours from the previous renewal period.