

I am a VRS interpreter and I do not agree that the FCC should give RID a monopoly on certifying VRS interpreters.

I have 20 years of experience in the field and have been QA certified in the state of Kansas for 10 years. I am not RID certified and do not have the required college degree to be tested for certification. I am well qualified for the work and I do not believe that RID should be able to make a decision that would take away my only means of income.

Not only would this ruling cost over 1000 qualified interpreters their jobs, it would bring about a lack of interpreters in the field and cause VRS providers to be unable to keep up with the call volume.

RID certification does not guarantee the ability or skill to work as a VRS interpreter. Years of experience should be considered. New interpreters, fresh out of training programs can obtain RID certification, but true skill and professional conduct in the VRS profession come from much more than just earning a certificate.