

I am writing to express my concerns in regards to the proposal of requiring all VRS interpreters to have RID Certification. As a professional interpreter I continue to build on my skills through daily professional development and successfully passed other screenings/test. As a member of a national body of interpreters association I work towards having certification. I have taken steps towards this goal but do not feel that my employment with a VRS provider should end because I have not obtained certification yet. This would have not only a negative impact on me but the consumers of VRS. The demand for interpreters is experienced on a daily basis, to implement RID's certification on this group would cause a greater demand and will impose another strain on the consumers. My employer with VRS requires all new hires to be screened and to be a member of a national body of interpreters. I feel this is more beneficial in providing the best service to our consumers. Having a code of ethics to follow and the goals for lifelong learning as a professional interpreter is the way to provide the best customer service to any consumer.

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