

Order

Michigan Supreme Court
Lansing, Michigan

May 22, 2019

Bridget M. McCormack,
Chief Justice

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David F. Viviano,
Chief Justice Pro Tem

Amendments of Rules
1.111 and 8.127 of the
Michigan Court Rules

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On order of the Court, notice of the proposed changes and an opportunity for comment in writing and at a public hearing having been provided, and consideration having been given to the comments received, the following amendments of Rules 1.111 and 8.127 of the Michigan Court Rules are adopted, effective September 1, 2019.

[Additions to the text are indicated in underlining
and deleted text is shown by strikeover.]

Rule 1.111 Foreign Language Interpreters

(A) Definitions. When used in this rule, the following words and phrases have the following definitions:

(1)-(5) [Unchanged.]

(6) “Qualified foreign language interpreter” means:

(a) A person who provides interpretation services, provided that the person has:

(i) [Unchanged.]

(ii) passed the consecutive portion of a foreign language interpreter test administered by the State Court Administrative Office or a similar state or federal test approved by the state court administrator (if testing exists for the language), and is actively engaged in becoming certified; and

(ii)-(iii) [Renumbered (iii)-(iv) but otherwise unchanged.]

(b)-(c) [Unchanged.]

(B)-(H) [Unchanged.]

Rule 8.127 Foreign Language Board of Review and Regulation of Foreign Language Interpreters

(A)-(B) [Unchanged.]

(C) Interpreter Registration

- (1) Interpreters who meet the requirements of MCR 1.111(A)(4) and MCR 1.111(A)(6)(a) and (b) must register with the State Court Administrative Office and renew their registration before October 1 of each year in order to maintain their status. The fee for registration is \$60. The fee for renewal is \$30. The renewal application shall include a statement showing that the applicant has used interpreting skills during the 12 months preceding registration. Effective 2019, rRenewal applications must be filed or postmarked on or before September 13~~0~~. Any application filed or postmarked after that date must be accompanied by a late fee of \$100. Any late registration made after December 31 or any application that does not demonstrate efforts to maintain proficiency shall require board approval.

(2) [Unchanged.]

(D) [Unchanged.]

Staff Comment: The amendments of MCR 1.111 and 8.127 require additional testing for qualified interpreters and include a minor revision in the timing for recertification applications. The amendments, proposed by the Foreign Language Board of Review, promote greater confidence that a qualified foreign language interpreter is proficient in the language and reduce the possibility that renewals are delayed.

The staff comment is not an authoritative construction by the Court. In addition, adoption of an amendment in no way reflects a substantive determination by this Court.



I, Larry S. Royster, Clerk of the Michigan Supreme Court, certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the order entered at the direction of the Court.

May 22, 2019

Clerk