

WAC 388-03-110 What requirements apply to persons providing language services to DSHS clients? (1) Any department staff member serving in a bilingual capacity must pass a bilingual skills examination.

(2) Any candidate seeking employment with the department in a position that requires bilingual skills must pass a bilingual skills examination.

(3) Any employee of a non-DSHS county agency/program that contracts with the department to provide services to the department's limited English proficient (LEP) clients (also known as licensed agency personnel) must pass a bilingual skills examination.

(4) Any candidate wishing to provide language services to the department's LEP clients as a contracted interpreter or translator must meet the training requirements and pass a bilingual skills examination.

(5) Interpreters can be certified or authorized by the department as:

(a) Social services interpreters; and/or

(b) Medical interpreters.

(6) Translators can be certified by the department in any of the certified languages.

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