

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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In the Matter of: )  
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COURT STAFF INTERPRETER ) Administrative Order  
CREDENTIALING DEADLINE ) No. 2019 – 38  
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Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2016-02 established the Arizona Court Interpreter Credentialing Program and required staff interpreters to become credentialed at the Tier 3 or 4 level by June 30, 2019. This deadline applies to staff interpreters hired before July 1, 2017. Those interpreters hired on or after July 1, 2017 are required to become credentialed within 24 months of their date of hire.

A number of staff interpreters hired before July 1, 2017 have not yet passed the credentialing exams at the required level and the Court Interpreter Program Advisory Committee has recommended allowing additional time for certain staff interpreters who have begun but not yet completed the certification process.

Therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED granting an extension to the staff interpreter credentialing deadline, as follows:

1. Court employees who provide interpreting services holding a Tier 1 or Tier 2 Credential and who sit for the Oral Court Interpreter Exam in May 2019 shall be granted a one-time extension to become credentialed at the Tier 3 or Tier 4 level through June 30, 2020.
2. Court employees who provide interpreting services holding a Tier 1 or Tier 2 Credential and who do not sit for the Oral Court Interpreter Exam in May 2019 shall not be granted an extension.
3. Court employees who provide interpreting services and who have not earned a credential shall not be granted an extension.

4. Courts shall not continue utilizing interpreter services by court employees who do not qualify for an extension and who do not earn a Tier 3 or Tier 4 Credential by June 30, 2019, except as noted below for employees hired on or after July 1, 2017.
5. Courts may continue utilizing interpreter services by court employees who qualify for an extension through the date of the extension while the employee(s) continue to work on earning a Tier 3 or Tier 4 Credential.
6. All other provisions of Administrative Order 2016-02 shall remain in effect.

Dated this 29th day of March, 2019.

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SCOTT BALES  
Chief Justice