



## PROPOSED TEMPORARY RULE FOR PUBLICATION ON THE OAH WEBSITE

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**CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX:**

- Proposed Temporary Rule [G.S. 150B-21.1(a3)]  
 Proposed Temporary Rule simultaneously adopted as an emergency rule [G.S. 150B-21.1A(a)]

**1. Rule-Making Agency:** North Carolina Interpreter & Transliterator Licensing Board

**2. Proposed Action -- Mark the appropriate box(es) and list rule citation(s) beside proposed action:**

**ADOPTION:** 21 NCAC 25 .0501(e)

**AMENDMENT:**

**REPEAL:**

**3. Public Hearing:**

**Date:** April 29, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Location:** via Zoom b/c of COVID-19 & Governor's Exec. Orders. Board Office will provide the link to interested participants.

**4. Reason for agency adopting rule(s) under temporary action:**

A serious and unforeseen threat to the public health, safety or welfare.

The effective date of a recent act of the General Assembly or of the U.S. Congress.

Cite:

Effective date:

A recent change in federal or state budgetary policy.

Effective date of change:

A recent federal regulation.


Cite:

Effective date:

A recent court order.

Cite order:

**Other: COVID-19. Explain:** On March 10, 2020, the Governor of North Carolina, by issuing Executive Order No. 116, declared a state of emergency to coordinate a response and enact protective measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death. COVID-19, previously unidentified in humans, spreads easily from person to person. Once an outbreak of COVID-19 begins, it is difficult to contain. The World Health Organization, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and the United States Department of Health and Human Services have declared COVID-19 a public health threat and emergency. Through several additional Executive Orders, the Governor of North Carolina has prohibited mass gatherings, closed schools, urged social distancing, ordered North Carolinians to stay at home, with exceptions, and placed limitations on travel because of the COVID-19 public health threat and emergency. These Orders and declarations prohibit or discourage in-person continuing education offerings. In compliance with the Governor's Executive Orders, the NCITLB, through a temporary Rule, seeks to lift the in-person continuing education requirements solely for the 2019-20 licensure year and allow licensees to take all of their continuing education requirements electronically.

<b>5. Comments from the public shall be directed to:</b> <b>Name: Ms. Caitlin Schwab-Falzone</b> <b>Address:</b> <b>PO Box 20963</b> <b>Raleigh, NC 27619</b> <b>Phone (optional): 919-779-5709</b> <b>Fax (optional): 919-779-5642</b> <b>E-Mail (optional): NCITLB@caphill.com</b>	
<b>6. Comment Period Starts: April 13, 2020</b>	<b>Comment Period Ends: May 11, 2020</b>
<b>7. Rule-making Coordinator: Ms. Caitlin Schwab-Falzone</b>  <b>Address: PO Box 20963</b> <b>Raleigh, NC 27619</b>  <b>Phone: 919-779-5709</b> <b>E-Mail: NCITLB@caphill.com</b>  <b>Agency contact, if any: Ms. Caitlin Schwab-Falzone</b>  <b>Phone: 919-779-5709</b> <b>E-mail: NCITLB@caphill.com</b>	<b>8. The Agency formally proposed the text of this rule(s) on</b> <b>Date: April 8, 2020</b>  <b>9. Signature of Agency* Head or Rule-making Coordinator:</b>  <hr/> <b>*If this function has been delegated (reassigned) pursuant to</b> <b>G.S. 143B-10(a), submit a copy of the delegation with this form.</b>  <b>Typed Name: Caitlin Schwab-Falzone</b>  <b>Title: NCITLB Adminsitrator and Rulemaking Coordinator</b>