Degree Requirements Beginning June 30, 2008

At the 2003 RID Conference in Chicago, the membership passed a motion which requires a degree in order to stand for future performance interview tests. It is important to note that these requirements are not immediate. In 2008, applicants who are hearing will be required to have a minimum of an associate’s degree in order to be considered a candidate for certification. This means that they can take written or knowledge tests without a degree, but must have the degree in order to apply for the interview and performance sections of any test.

In 2012, applicants who are hearing will be required to have a minimum of a bachelor’s degree in order to be considered a candidate for certification while applicants who are deaf will be required to have a minimum of an associate’s degree.

In 2016, applicants who are deaf will be required to have a minimum of a bachelor’s degree.

Additionally, there will be exceptions to the requirement. Those exceptions will be formulated and publicized no later than 2006.

The following is the text of the motion as approved at conference:

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RID adopt and publicize the following schedule for when all test candidates must have a degree from an accredited institution to stand for any RID certificate:

Effective June 30, 2008, candidates for RID certification must have a minimum of an associate’s degree. Effective June 30, 2012, Deaf candidates must have a minimum of an associate’s degree.

Effective June 30, 2012, candidates for RID certification must have a minimum of a bachelor’s degree. Effective June 30, 2016, Deaf candidates must have a minimum of a bachelor’s degree.

By June 30, 2006, the Certification Council shall establish equivalent alternative criteria allowable in lieu of the educational requirements such as one or more of the following:

Life experience, years of professional experience, years of education (credit hours) not totaling a formal degree.

National Council on Interpreting (In response to motion L from the 2001 conference.)