

HCI Policy Change Chart

Previous requirements	Current requirements	Reasoning
Language proficiency: Advanced-mid on the ACTFL scale	No change	Matches expectation of NBCMI. This way Interpreters are ready to submit their paperwork for Oregon Qualification, Certification testing, or Oregon Certification without further testing.
Language proficiency: language of lesser diffusion and relay	7/1/22 Applicants speaking languages of lesser diffusion (LLD) can submit the alternate proof of language documents naming 2-3 community members who can vouch for the language competencies.	There are no current test sites that can test for language proficiency for LLD. This option reduces a barrier and provides necessary interpreter services.
Background Check	7/1/22 OHA no longer requires background checks as part of the application process. Applicants still must pass the Medicaid exclusion list check.	Background checks presented a barrier for some people. Employers may still conduct background checks if it is part of their policy.
\$25 Application Fee	7/1/22 No application fee required	The application fee presented a barrier for some HCIs.
Certification required upon renewal for HCIs of Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, Russian, Korean, Arabic and Vietnamese	7/1/22 Certification now optional	Certification was presenting a barrier for some.
Certification exams accepted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NBCMI • CCHI • RID • Oregon and Washington Court certification • Federal court interpreter certification 	No change as of 7/1/22. Certification exams accepted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NBCMI • CCHI • RID • Oregon and Washington Court certification • Federal court interpreter certification 	The exams were all evaluated regarding the skills tested and rigor, as well as percentage of candidates who pass the exam. All exams are at least as rigorous as the NBCMI and CCHI exams and test equivalent skills as the national medical certification exams.