

- WAC 170-03-0130 Interpreter qualifications.** (1) OAH must provide a qualified interpreter to assist any person who:
- (a) Has limited English proficiency; or
 - (b) Is limited English speaking or hearing impaired; and
 - (c) Is a party or witness in a hearing.
- (2) OAH may hire or contract with persons to interpret at hearings.
- (3) Relatives of any party and DEL employees may not be used as interpreters.
- (4) The ALJ must determine, at the beginning of the hearing, if an interpreter can accurately interpret all communication for the person requesting the service.
- (5) The parties or their representatives may question the interpreter's qualifications and ability to be impartial.
- (6) If at any time before or during the hearing the ALJ finds that the interpreter does not provide accurate and effective communication, OAH must provide another interpreter.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 43.215 RCW, RCW 34.05.220, chapter 34.05 RCW, 2006 c 265. WSR 08-06-102, § 170-03-0130, filed 3/5/08, effective 4/5/08.]