

**WAC 388-02-0125 What definitions apply to limited-English-proficient (LEP) parties?** The following definitions apply to LEP parties:

**"Hearing impaired person"** means a person who, because of a hearing or speech impairment, cannot readily speak, understand or communicate in spoken language.

**"Intermediary interpreter"** means an interpreter who:

(1) Is a certified deaf interpreter (CDI); and

(2) Is able to assist in providing an accurate interpretation between spoken and sign language or between types of sign language by acting as an intermediary between a hearing impaired person and a qualified interpreter.

**"Limited-English-proficient (LEP)"** includes limited English speaking persons or other persons unable to communicate in spoken English because of a hearing impairment.

**"Limited-English-speaking (LES) person"** means a person who, because of non-English speaking cultural background or disability, cannot readily speak or understand the English language.

**"Qualified interpreter"** includes qualified interpreters for a limited English-speaking person or a person with a hearing impairment.

**"Qualified interpreter for a limited-English-speaking person"** means a person who is readily able to interpret or translate spoken and written English communications to and from a limited English-speaking person. If an interpreter is court certified, the interpreter is considered qualified.

**"Qualified interpreter for a person with a hearing impairment"** means a visual language interpreter who is certified by the registry of interpreters for the deaf or National Association of the Deaf and is readily able to interpret or translate spoken communications to and from a hearing impaired person.

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