ABOUT US

The National Board of Certification for Medical Interpreters (NBCMI) is an independent division of the International Medical Interpreters Associations (IMIA). The National Board was founded in 2009.

OUR MISSION

The mission of the National Board is to foster improved healthcare outcomes, patient safety, and patient/provider communication by elevating the standards and quality of medical interpreting through a nationally recognized and validated certification for medical interpreters.

OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The National Board is pleased to announce the Hub-CMI credential’s second year of success after being launched in May 2020. The Hub-CMI credential has been a long-awaited opportunity for many medical interpreters who speak languages outside the existing CMI certification to earn a credential. This year we granted 55 Hub-CMI credentials in 27 languages outside of our CMI certification. The top 6 Hub-CMI languages for this year are Tagalog, Arabic, Portuguese, Brazilian Portuguese, French, and Haitian Creole. A total of 1176 Hub-CMI credentialed interpreters are included in the NBCMI registry, expanding visibility and employment opportunities.

SCHOLARSHIPS

25 NBCMI Scholarships Awarded for 60 Hour Training Course

In partnership with MiTiO, 25 scholarships for the 60 hours Medical Interpreting Certificate Course were awarded; 10 scholarships for the Hub-CMI and 15 for the CMI credentials. The languages for the Hub CMI were Nepali, Hindi, Arabic, Farsi, French, Ukrainian, and Hmong.

We received close to 200 applications and an overwhelming amount of support and gratitude for making this scholarship possible. More than ever, medical interpreting has become essential in closing the health care disparities gap and critical to providing quality care. We are proud to support the medical interpreter community as they pursue their goals and aspirations.
In 2022, the National Board received 1063 registrations and delivered 1190 exams (664 written, 526 oral).

The Board also granted 537 new Hub-CMI credentials, 214 new CMI certifications, and 326 recertifications.

**CMI Certifications**

Active certifications are those CMI credentials that are not expired, either because the original expiration date has not yet been reached or the interpreter chose to recertify (renew the credential rather than allowing it to expire).

Total certified to date includes all CMI credentials that have been issued by the National Board in each of the six languages as of 12/31/2022 (both active and expired).

*Includes active and inactive certifications

94% of oral exams were administered online using the platform ProctorU and 6% of the candidates took the oral exams onsite with Prometric.

In 2022, the National Board delivered 526 oral exams (208 pass, 318 fail).

Pass percentages:
Vietnamese 14%, Spanish 44%, Russian 48%, Cantonese 44%, Mandarin 13%, Korean 43%.
In 2022, the National Board delivered 664 written exams (507 pass, 157 fail).

The overall pass percentage: 76%.

NBCMI candidates can take the written exam either on-site or online through ProctorU.

During 2022, the National Board granted a total of 537 Hub-CMI credentials. 482 Hub-CMIs were granted to candidates for whom the subsequent CMI certification is available (Spanish, Russian, Korean, Mandarin, Cantonese, and Vietnamese), and 55 credentials were granted for other languages.

Top 6 Hub-CMI languages:
- Tagalog
- Arabic
- Portuguese
- Brazilian Portuguese
- French
- Haitian Creole

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