THE NATIONAL BOARD OF CERTIFICATION
FOR MEDICAL INTERPRETERS

2025
Annual Report

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ABOUT US

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

Website Launch & Registry Enhancements:

To meet the growing demands of our global healthcare environment, NBCMI plans to launch a new, mobile-friendly website by the end of 2026. The website will feature a personalized dashboard where candidates can track their application status, access credential information, and follow next steps throughout the credentialing process. The new platform will guide users from prerequisite submission through credential attainment and renewal.

NBCMI has long maintained a registry of credential holders. The redesigned registry will make credential verification easier by providing streamlined employer searches and credential status checks. As healthcare organizations increasingly seek efficient and secure ways to verify interpreter credentials, these enhancements will help meet the needs of employers and credential holders alike.

Since its founding in 2009, NBCMI has grown significantly and now offers both the Certified Medical Interpreter (CMI) certification and the Hub-CMI credential to interpreters across all languages. The new website reflects this growth and will enable NBCMI to better support medical interpreters and the healthcare organizations they serve through a more intuitive, accessible, and engaging online experience.

Our Partnerships:

In 2025, the National Board of Certification for Medical Interpreters (NBCMI) continued its mission to expand access to professional credentials for qualified interpreters nationwide.

Our partnerships with community colleges and universities continue to grow each year. NBCMI has cultivated long-standing relationships with community colleges across the country, working collaboratively with interpreter training programs to help students transition from their medical interpreter education to pursuing NBCMI credentials. These partnerships support students' professional development and advancement in the field.

New Staff Member:

NBCMI is pleased to welcome Maria Renovato to the team. A Texas native, Maria brings a strong background in public health and community service. She graduated from the Bradford School of Business in Houston, Texas, where she developed the administrative and organizational skills that have supported her diverse career path.

Maria worked in public health at the Galveston County Health District for several years, educating community members about infectious diseases and promoting public health initiatives. Her passion for serving others, combined with her bilingual expertise, continues to shape her commitment to supporting individuals and families in her community.

As a Program Advisor, Maria will support NBCMI staff initiatives and contribute to the organization's ongoing efforts to serve medical interpreters. We are delighted to welcome her to the team and look forward to the contributions she will make.

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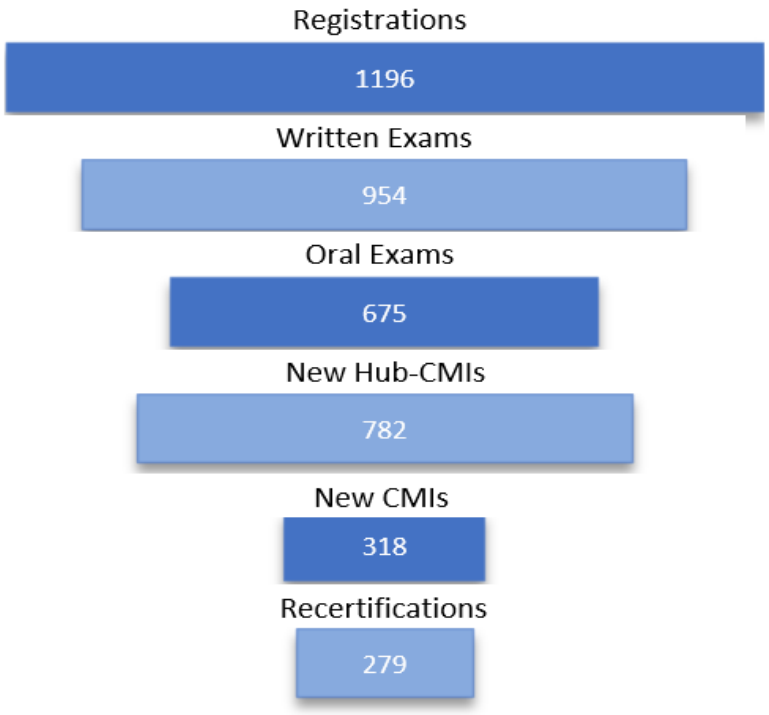
Annual Statistics

In 2025, the National Board administered 1196 registrations, 954 written exams, and 675 oral exams.

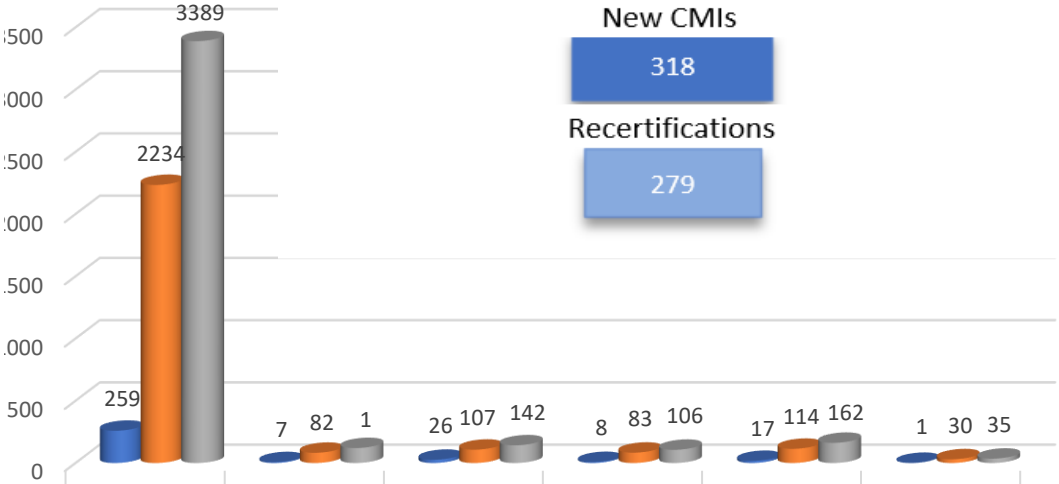
The Board also granted 782 new Hub-CMI credentials, 318 new CMI certifications, and 279 recertifications.



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).

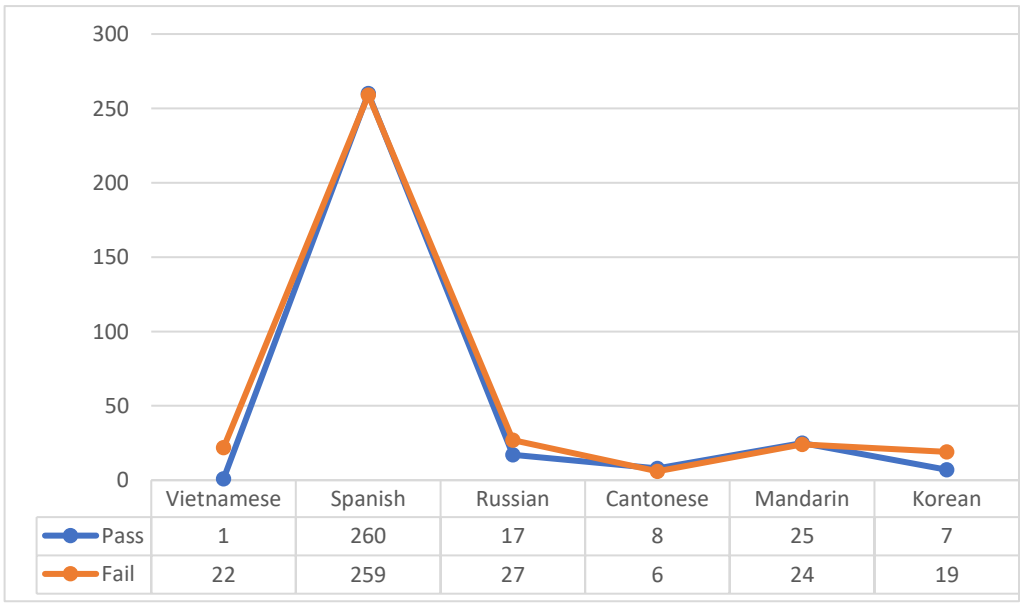
Total certified to date includes all CMI that have been issued by the National Board in each of the six languages as of 12/31/2025 (both active and expired).



	Spanish	Korean	Mandarin	Cantonese	Russian	Vietnamese
Certified This Year	259	7	26	8	17	1
Active Certifications as of 12/31/2025	2234	82	107	83	114	30
Certified thru 12/31/2025*	3389	120	142	106	162	35

*Includes active and inactive certifications

Oral Exams



	Vietnamese	Spanish	Russian	Cantonese	Mandarin	Korean
Pass	1	260	17	8	25	7
Fail	22	259	27	6	24	19

46% of oral exams were administered online using the remote platform and 54% of the candidates took the oral exams onsite at testing centers.

In 2025, the National Board delivered 675 oral exams (318 passed, 357 failed).

Pass percentages:
Vietnamese 4%,
Spanish 50%,
Russian 39%,
Cantonese 57%,
Mandarin 51%,
Korean 27%.

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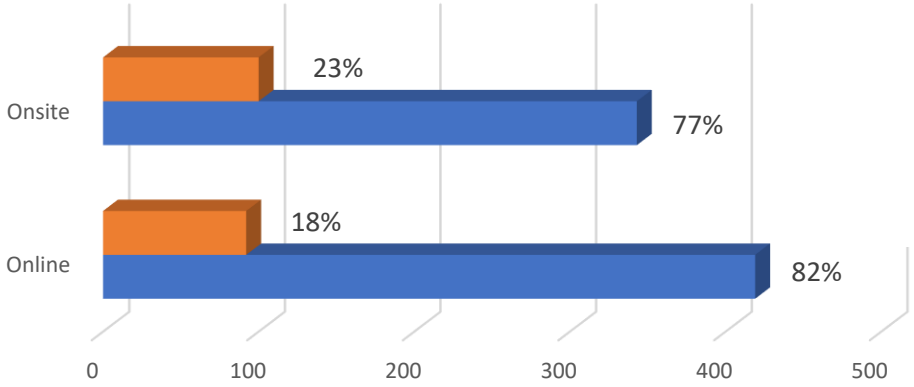
Written Exams



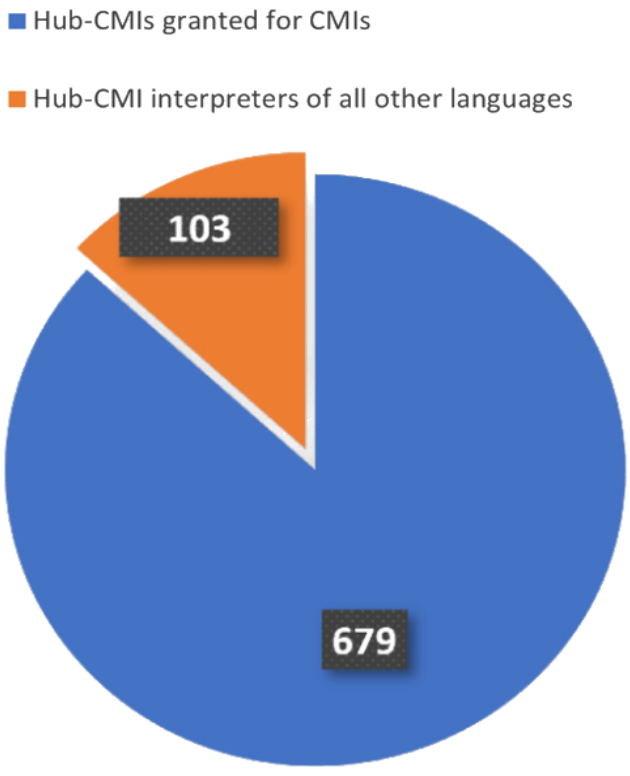
	Online	Onsite
Failed	92	100
Passed	419	343

In 2025, the National Board delivered 954 written exams (762 passed, 192 failed).

The overall pass percentage: 80%.

CMI candidates can take the written exam either on site or remotely.

Hub-CMI Credentials



Top 5 Hub-CMI languages:

Portuguese
Haitian Creole
Ukrainian
Arabic
Japanese

During 2025, the National Board granted a total of 782 Hub-CMI credentials. 679 Hub-CMIs were granted to candidates for whom the subsequent CMI certification is available (Spanish, Russian, Korean, Mandarin, Cantonese, and Vietnamese), and 103 credentials were granted for other languages.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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