

Language Testing and Certification Program (LTC)

Department of Social and Health
Services



About LTC

- Initiated in 1991
 - Civil rights complaints
 - Lawsuits
 - Consent Decree

Who takes an LTC test?

- To-be:
 - Interpreters
 - Translators
 - New requirement:
 - 18+
 - High School diploma/GED/equivalent
- DSHS Employees
- Licensed Agency Personnel (LAPL)

What languages does LTC test?

- Certified languages
 - Cambodian, Chinese-Cantonese, Chinese-Mandarin, Korean, Laotian, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese
- Screened Languages
 - ***Any*** other language, other than those above

Authorizations and Certifications

- Certifications

- Medical Interpreter
- Social Services Interpreter
- Translator
- Employee/LAPL

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Cost (/attempt):

- Interpreter
 - Written \$30
 - Oral \$45
- Translator
 - \$50

Updates

- Chapter 388-03 WAC
 - <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=388-03>
- New Website
 - www.dshs.wa.gov/ltc
- Additional Test Location
- Advisory Committee