

State of Nevada Certified Court Reporters Board
Legislative Regulations Committee Meeting – February 3, 2022
Agenda Item #5

For possible action; discussion to formulate a bill draft request for the 82nd Legislative Session in 2023 to amend the qualifications for admission to take the certification exam for a court reporter, specifically NRS 656.150, NRS 656.170, NRS 656.180.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *blue italics* is new material; and matter between ~~[red brackets with single strikethrough]~~ is material to be omitted.

NRS 656.150 Court reporters: Application for certificate; passage of examination and payment of fee required for issuance.

1. Each applicant for a certificate must file an application with the Executive Secretary of the Board at least 30 days before the date fixed for examination. The application must be accompanied by the required fee and all information required to complete the application.

2. No certificate may be issued until the applicant has:

(a) Passed the examination prescribed by the Board;

(b) Passed one of the examinations described in paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of [NRS 656.170](#); and

(c) Paid the fee as provided in [NRS 656.220](#).

(Added to NRS by [1973, 1318](#); A [1985, 1882](#); [1997, 2185](#); [2003, 440](#); [2005, 2801, 2807](#); [2017, 2217](#))

NRS 656.170 Court reporters: Frequency and location of examination; documentary evidence of qualifications required for admission to examination.

1. Examinations must be held not less than twice a year at such times and places as the Board may designate.

2. No natural person may be admitted to the examination unless the natural person first applies to the Board as required by [NRS 656.150](#). The application must include, without limitation, satisfactory evidence to the Board that the applicant has, at the time of filing his or her application:

(a) Satisfied the requirements set forth in subsections 1 to 4, inclusive, of [NRS 656.180](#);

(b) Received a passing grade on:

(1) The National Court Reporters Association's examination for *an* registered professional reporters, *registered merit reporters or certified realtime reporters*; or

(2) The National Verbatim Reporters Association's examination for certified verbatim reporters;

(c) Received one of the following:

(1) ~~[A]~~ *An active* certificate as ~~[a]~~ *an registered professional reporter*, registered merit reporter *or certified realtime reporter* issued to the applicant by the National Court Reporters Association; *or*

~~[(2) A certificate as a registered merit reporter issued to the applicant by the National Court Reporters Association;~~

~~[(3)]~~ (2) A certificate as a certified verbatim reporter issued to the applicant by the National Verbatim Reporters Association; ~~[or]~~

~~[(4) A valid certificate or license to practice court reporting issued to the applicant by another state if the requirements for certification or licensure in that state are substantially equivalent to the requirements of this State for obtaining a certificate;]~~

~~[(d) Either];~~

(3) *An applicant must have at the time of application:*

(a) ~~[(1)]~~ At least 1 year of continuous experience within the 5 years immediately preceding the application, in the practice of court reporting or producing verbatim records of meetings and conferences by the use of voice writing or any system of manual or mechanical shorthand writing and transcribing those records; or

(b) ~~[(2)]~~ Obtained in the 12 months immediately preceding the application, a certificate of satisfactory completion of a prescribed course of study from a court reporting program that, as determined by the Board, evidences a proficiency substantially equivalent to subparagraph (a) ~~[(1)]~~; and

~~[(e) Paid the fee for filing an application for an examination set forth in NRS 656.220.]~~

3. As used in this section, “practice of court reporting” includes reporting by use of voice writing or any system of manual or mechanical shorthand writing, regardless of the state in which the reporting took place.

(Added to NRS by [1973, 1317](#); A [1985, 1883](#); [1993, 1405](#); [2007, 18, 1034](#); [2009, 157](#); [2011, 218](#); [2017, 2217](#); [2019, 4333](#))

NRS 656.180 Court reporters: Qualifications of applicant. An applicant for a certificate of registration as a certified court reporter is entitled to a certificate if the applicant:

1. Is at least 18 years of age;
2. Is of good moral character;
3. Has not been convicted of a felony relating to the practice of court reporting;
4. Has a high school education or its equivalent;
5. Satisfactorily passes:
 - (a) An examination administered by the Board pursuant to [NRS 656.160](#); and
 - (b) One of the examinations described in paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of [NRS 656.170](#);
6. Pays the requisite fees; and
7. Submits all information required to complete an application for a certificate of registration.

(Added to NRS by [1973, 1317](#); A [1975, 66](#); [1977, 1568](#); [1993, 1406](#); [1997, 2186](#); [2005, 192, 2803, 2807](#); [2017, 2218](#); [2019, 4334](#))