

## IDAPA 24 – DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

### IDAHO CERTIFIED SHORTHAND REPORTERS BOARD

#### 24.29.01 – Rules of Procedure of the Idaho Certified Shorthand Reporters Board

##### **Who does this rule apply to?**

*This rule applies to applicants, temporary permit holders, and license holders for certified shorthand reporters.*

##### **What is the purpose of this rule?**

*This rule governs the practice of shorthand reporting in Idaho to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. This rule establishes:*

- Minimum standards of competency and qualifications for applicants;
- Fees related to licensure; and
- Standards of practice

##### **What is the legal authority for the agency to promulgate this rule?**

*This rule implements the following statute passed by the Idaho Legislature:*

Professions, Vocations, and Businesses -

- [54-3101 through 54-3118, Idaho Code](#) – Certified Shorthand Reporters Act

##### **Who do I contact for more information on this rule?**

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**24.29.01 – RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE IDAHO CERTIFIED  
SHORTHAND REPORTERS BOARD**

**000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.**

These rules are adopted under the authority of Section 54-3107, Idaho Code.

(7-1-21)T

**001. SCOPE.**

These rules govern the practice of shorthand reporting in Idaho.

(7-1-21)T

**002. -- 124. (RESERVED)**

**125. FEES.**

All fees are non-refundable.

FEE TYPE	AMOUNT (Not to Exceed)
Application	\$50
Examination	\$50
Renewal	\$75
Examination preparation materials	\$20

(7-1-21)T

**126. -- 200. (RESERVED)**

**201. WRITTEN STATEMENT OF SUITABILITY FOR LICENSURE OR PERMIT.**

An applicant or licensee who has a conviction, finding of guilt, withheld judgment, or suspended sentence for any crime other than a minor traffic offense must submit with their application a written statement and any supplemental information establishing their current suitability for licensure.

(7-1-21)T

**01. Consideration of Factors and Evidence.** The Board shall consider the following factors or evidence:

(7-1-21)T

**a.** The severity or nature of the crime;

(7-1-21)T

**b.** The period of time that has passed since the crime under review;

(7-1-21)T

**c.** The number or pattern of crimes;

(7-1-21)T

**d.** The circumstances surrounding the crime that would help determine the risk of repetition;

(7-1-21)T

**e.** The relationship of the crime or discipline to the practice of shorthand reporting;

(7-1-21)T

**f.** The applicant's activities since the crime under review, such as employment, education, participation in treatment, payment of restitution, or any other factors which may be evidence of current rehabilitation; and

(7-1-21)T

**g.** Any other information regarding rehabilitation or mitigating circumstances.

(7-1-21)T

**02. Interview.** The Board may, at its discretion, grant an interview of the applicant.

(7-1-21)T

**03. Applicant Bears the Burden.** The applicant shall bear the burden of establishing his current suitability for licensure.

(7-1-21)T

**202. -- 299. (RESERVED)**

**300. EXAMINATIONS.**

**01. Examination Process.**

(7-1-21)T

- a.** Late applicants shall not be admitted to the examination room. (7-1-21)T
- b.** Picture identification shall be shown by all applicants before taking an examination. (7-1-21)T
- c.** Examinees are forbidden to receive any unauthorized assistance during the examination. Communication between examinees or possession of unauthorized material or devices during the examination is strictly prohibited. (7-1-21)T
- d.** Only scheduled examinees, Board members, and authorized personnel shall be admitted to the examination room. (7-1-21)T
- 02. Scope of Examination.** (7-1-21)T
- a.** The complete examining procedure for certification as a certified shorthand reporter consists of two (2) sections. The first section is the written examination covering subjects as are ordinarily given in a school of court reporting and which are common to all fields of practice. The second section is the skills portion which shall consist of the following segments and speeds. (7-1-21)T
- i.** Question and Answer -- Five (5) minutes at two hundred twenty-five (225) words per minute. (7-1-21)T
- ii.** Jury Charge -- Five (5) minutes at two hundred (200) words per minute. (7-1-21)T
- iii.** Literary -- Five (5) minutes at one hundred eighty (180) words per minute. (7-1-21)T
- iv.** Density of Exam -- The syllabic content of the dictated exam shall be one point four (1.4). (7-1-21)T
- b.** The examination is the same for all applicants. (7-1-21)T
- c.** The examining committee, which shall consist of three Board members, shall inform applicants of the approximate time allowed for typing the skills portion of the examination. (7-1-21)T
- d.** The written examination and the three (3) skills segments can be passed individually for the Idaho examination. (7-1-21)T
- 03. Grading.** (7-1-21)T
- a.** Each applicant must attain a grade of seventy-five percent (75%) or above to pass the written examination and ninety-five percent (95%) or above in each segment to pass the skills portion. (7-1-21)T
- b.** Every applicant receiving a grade of less than seventy-five percent (75%) in the written examination shall be deemed to have failed such examination and shall have the application denied without prejudice. (7-1-21)T
- c.** Every applicant receiving a grade of less than ninety-five percent (95%) in each of the skills segments of the examination shall be deemed to have failed such examination and shall have the application denied without prejudice. (7-1-21)T
- d.** An applicant failing either the written section, or the skills portion, and having filed a new application for examination, shall be required to take and pass within a two-year period only the section for which a failing grade was received. (7-1-21)T
- 04. Inspection of Examination.** (7-1-21)T
- a.** An applicant who fails to obtain a passing grade in the skills portion may inspect his/her

examination papers at such times and locations as may be designated by the Board. Inspection of such examination papers shall be permitted within a thirty (30) day period after receipt of notice by the applicant of his/her failure to pass the examination. (7-1-21)T

**b.** At the time of inspection no one other than the examinee or his/her attorney and a representative of the Board shall have access to such examination papers. (7-1-21)T

**05. Inspection Review.** (7-1-21)T

**a.** Within thirty (30) days after the date notice of the results of the examination has been mailed to him/her, an applicant who was unsuccessful in the examination may petition the Board for a review of his/her examination papers. (7-1-21)T

**b.** The petition for review shall be made in writing stating the reason for such review and citing the item or items against which the request is directed. (7-1-21)T

**c.** The Board shall, upon receiving such petition for review, conduct a hearing at the next scheduled Board meeting. (7-1-21)T

**06. Retention of Examinations.** The Board shall retain for at least six (6) months, all examination papers and notes submitted by applicants. (7-1-21)T

**301. -- 399. (RESERVED)**

**400. TEMPORARY PERMIT.**

**01. Eligibility.** (7-1-21)T

**a.** Any one (1) or more of the following shall be considered as minimum evidence that the applicant is qualified to hold a temporary permit: (7-1-21)T

**i.** Hold a Certificate of Merit Reporter (RMR) issued by the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA); (7-1-21)T

**ii.** Hold a Certificate of Registered Professional Reporter (RPR) issued by the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA); (7-1-21)T

**iii.** Hold a Certified Shorthand Reporter certificate, or its equivalent, in good standing from another state; (7-1-21)T

**iv.** Hold a diploma or certificate of completion of all requirements to graduate from a National Court Reporter Association (NCRA) approved school; (7-1-21)T

**v.** Has otherwise demonstrated his/her proficiency by a certificate from an agency from another state. (7-1-21)T

**b.** The applicant must have a high school diploma or equivalent. (7-1-21)T

**02. Permit.** All temporary permits shall be issued for a period of one (1) year and may be renewable for a single additional year if, before the permit expires, the permit holder: (7-1-21)T

**a.** Submits a written renewal request to the Board; (7-1-21)T

**b.** Establishes that they have passed at least one (1) skills segment of the Idaho Certified Shorthand Reporter Examination, the Registered Professional Reporter Examination (RPR), or the Registered Merit Reporter Examination (RMR); and (7-1-21)T

c. Pays the required fees as set forth in this Chapter.

(7-1-21)T

**401. -- 499. (RESERVED)**

**500. DISCIPLINARY PENALTY.**

Costs and fees. The Board may order anyone licensed under Title 54, Chapter 31, Idaho Code, who is found by the Board to be in violation of the provisions of Title 54, Chapter 31, Idaho Code, to pay the costs and fees incurred by the Board in the investigation or prosecution of the licensee.

(7-1-21)T

**501. -- 999. (RESERVED)**

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