

## Video 2: The Court Interpreter Written Exam – What to Expect on Test Day

In Video Number 1, you learned about Oral Proficiency Exams required for both certified and registered court interpreters. Now, I'm going to tell you about the written exam. Every candidate who wants to become a registered or a certified interpreter must take and pass an English-only written exam.

The written exam consists of 135 multiple choice questions divided into 10 sections. The exam will measure your knowledge of three central areas: English Language, Court-Related Terms and Usage, and Ethics and Professional Conduct.

For additional information, visit the California Court Interpreters Program website or Prometric's website.

Written exams are administered in Prometric testing centers.

Before taking the exam, you'll need to schedule and pay for it either online at [prometric dot com](http://prometric.com) backslash California, or by phone, mail, or fax.

On the day of your exam, plan to arrive at the testing center at least 30 minutes prior to the test.

Also, make sure you have a valid ID with you and be prepared to go through a security checkpoint.

Remember, there are a number of items that cannot be brought into the testing center with you. You can see a full list of these items at the website shown here.

[www.courts.ca.gov/document/cainfo-written.pdf](http://www.courts.ca.gov/document/cainfo-written.pdf)

On the day of the test, here's what to expect:

You'll take the written exam on the computer. Before you start, you'll take a 15 minute tutorial, which will give you basic instructions on how to take the test.

Once the test begins, you'll have 2 hours and 15 minutes to complete it.

A proctor will monitor the testing room throughout the test, and you won't be able to leave your seat during the test unless you have permission from an official test center staff member.

After you complete your written exam, you'll receive a printed score report. In order to pass, you'll need a score of 80 percent or higher.

If you don't pass, you can take the exam again in 90 days. But you can only take the exam twice within 365 days from your initial test date.

Remember – if your foreign language requires a certification status, you'll need to pass the Oral Proficiency Exams in English and the foreign language, as well as take and pass the English-only written exam before moving on to the Bilingual Oral Interpreting Exam.

For registered status, you'll need to pass the Oral Proficiency Exams in English and the foreign language, as well as take and pass the English-only written exam.

Thank you for watching. We wish you success on your exam!