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Interpreter Candidate *“I heard that there were some changes to the court interpreter exams, and I want to get some more information. What’s new about the written exam?”*

Ayanna Cage, AOC *“The current written exam for both certified and registered candidates is an English-only test of 135 multiple-choice questions. The Candidate Information Bulletin for the written exam has all the details about the test.”*

“The exam assesses knowledge of general English grammar, court-related terminology, and ethics and professional conduct.”

Interpreter Candidate *“I passed the California court interpreter written exam a few years ago? Do I have to take the new written exam being offered now?”*

Ayanna Cage, AOC *“That depends. If you passed a California court interpreter written exam after January 1, 2005, you don’t have to take the new one being offered. However, if you passed the written exam before 2005, you will need to take the new English-only written exam. I should also note that you do have to take both the written and oral exam in California. You cannot take one exam here and another in a different state.”*

Interpreter Candidate *“I passed the California court interpreter written exam in 2007 or 2008, so I should be okay.”*

Ayanna Cage, AOC *“That’s correct. You are eligible to take the oral exam when you are ready. In the meantime, make sure to study and practice!”*