

Effective October 1, 2015, Rule 2.565(d) of the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration requires that **certified** court interpreters be utilized when an interpreter is needed. The Court provides certified interpreters for criminal, juvenile, and DV cases. Parties who need an Interpreter for other proceedings (e.g., civil, family) must provide their own. Private interpreters must fit into one of the following four categories:

Certified--preferred type of interpreter

Provisionally Approved--have met a lower threshold

Language Skilled--certification is currently not available in the language (such as Farsi) or

Registered--have complied with certain State Court requirements

If the Interpreter to be utilized DOES NOT fit into one of the four categories, then the attorney or pro se litigant who wishes to use the interpreter must fill out and file a Verified Written Declaration Under Rule 2.565(d) of the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration. [Click here for a copy of the Verified Written Declaration.](#)

For additional information, please see <http://flcourts.org/resources-and-services/court-services/court-interpreting/>. Under the Court Interpreter section, attorneys and pro se litigants will find a registry of Interpreters who are available for hire.