

## GUIDE FOR PROVISIONAL COURT REPORTERS

<b>PROVISIONAL COURT REPORTER</b>
<b>Application Process:</b>
Must pass Part B (Written knowledge portion)
Must pass criminal history
Must be previously certified as a shorthand reporter in Texas and, within the 3-year period immediately preceding the application for provisional certification, retired or otherwise ceased certification while certified in good standing; or
licensed or certified in good standing in another jurisdiction and actively engaged in the practice of shorthand reporting in that jurisdiction for 3 years out of the 5-year period immediately preceding the application for provisional certification; or
was actively engaged in the practice of shorthand reporting in the federal courts for 3 years of the 5-year period immediately preceding the application for provisional certification; or
after testing, holds certification in good standing as an RPR issued by the National Court Reporters Association or another comparable or more stringent certification issued by that Association or another comparable organization and has been actively engaged in the practice of shorthand reporting for 3 years of the 5-year period immediately preceding the application for provisional certification
\$200.00 application fee
<b>Requirements:</b>
May engage in the practice of shorthand reporting only by use of a method for which he or she was provisionally certified
A person who takes a record while provisionally certified may produce a transcript of the record after expiration of the provisional certification
A provisional certification expires upon the holder's certification as a shorthand reporter or the third anniversary of the date of issuance, whichever occurs earlier
A provisional certification may be extended until the person who holds it receives the results of Part A of the examination if the examination results are outstanding at the end of the 3-year provisional certification period
A period of disciplinary suspension does not prolong the 3-year period of provisional certification
A provisional shorthand reporter is subject, as applicable, to the laws, rules, Code of Ethics, Uniform Format Manual, orders, and other requirements of the Commission and is subject to discipline by the Commission

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