

Questions and Concerns from February 1st NMRID Town Hall Meeting:

- **Concern:** Less opportunity to take the exam reiterated: Interpreters have taken the NAD-RID NIC test but because of the back log of tests needing review there is concern that if an interpreter is running close to their five-year licensure window they will not get their results in time to know if they should retake the test once the moratorium is lifted

NMRID Response: All individual situations that could be time sensitive should be brought to RLD immediately.

- **Concern:** Current licensure law states that an interpreter must hold the NAD-RID NIC certification in order to be licensed in the state of New Mexico.

NMRID Response: The licensure law states that an interpreter must have a “Nationally recognized” certification, not NAD-RID NIC. A change to the name of the certification will not affect the law as long as it is a nationally recognized certification.

- **Question:** Will test changes impact licensure rules in New Mexico?

NMRID Response: It should not since the wording in the licensure law is intentionally broad.

- **Concern:** Will NAD opting out of RID’s LLC eventually mean less collaboration between the two organizations?

NMRID Response: We will continue to collaborate on a local and regional level. RID is looking for other partners for the LLC partnership, NAD opting out does not mean that it will not proceed.

- **Concern:** Will the moratorium mean that interpreters are not allowed to take the written again?

NMRID Response: There is nothing that should stop interpreters from taking the written test more than once. If there is a time concern, specific cases should be taken to RLD immediately.

- **Community Suggestion:** Individuals should write letters to RLD about their individual situations as well as show up to the RLD meetings.

- **Question:** Will there be flexibility regarding passing scores for the EIPA being accepted for licensure?

Response from Community: There has been no decision from the Attorney General yet.