

National Court Reporters Association

# Certifications

take you to the next level

RPR

RMR

RDR

CRR

CRC

CLVS

Increase your earning potential • Gain national recognition



## NCRA certifications

### What are NCRA certifications?

- NCRA offers a variety of certifications that help members do everything from attaining state licensure to earning a higher income.
- As a national certifying body, NCRA certifications are the most widely accepted reporting, captioning, and legal video certifications in the country.
- Independently validated, certifications are designed to help members showcase their skills to the world and be more competitive in their field.

### Which certification is right for me?

Different certifications are available depending upon your level of career experience or your area of focus.

### NCRA certifications are recognized in the marketplace.

NCRA educates the marketplace on the value and meaning of your certification via legal trade shows and public relations efforts. Attorneys, paralegals, and all users of court reporting services are more aware than ever of a certified reporter's value.

### Certification is more than just letters after your name.



#### Earning potential

NCRA certifications give you a clear edge in the marketplace. On average, the annual income for reporters who hold their RPR is more than 20 percent greater than uncertified reporters.



#### Take it to the next level

For those who already have the RPR, the CRR can help you demonstrate realtime skills to potential clients. On average, CRRs earn approximately 17 percent more than RPRs annually.



#### Networking connections

NCRA members' credentials are updated in both the print and online *NCRA Sourcebook* of court reporting and captioning services.









### Make a plan!

1. Set a goal date based on when you would like to complete all of your testing. Visit [NCRA.org/testing](https://www.ncra.org/testing) to build your certification goal date.
2. Look at the completion requirements for your desired certification, and plan to register for each requirement based on the registration (goal) date.

For additional information or to register, go to [NCRA.org/testing](https://www.ncra.org/testing).



Certification	Description	Eligibility requirements	Completion requirements	Who should test
 <b>REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL REPORTER</b>	NCRA's foundational certification for all reporters	Must be a current or aspiring stenographic reporter	A three-leg Skills Test: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Literary (180 wpm)</li> <li>• Jury Charge (200 wpm)</li> <li>• Testimony (225 wpm)</li> </ul> One Written Knowledge Test	Entry-level freelance and official reporters, students, those looking for a salary increase, those requiring a license
 <b>REGISTERED MERIT REPORTER</b>	NCRA's next-level skills certification designed for mid-career reporters	Must hold the RPR and be a current NCRA member	A three-leg Skills Test: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Literary (200 wpm)</li> <li>• Jury Charge (240 wpm)</li> <li>• Testimony (260 wpm)</li> </ul>	Mid-career court reporters, those looking for the next level of networking, those looking for an additional salary increase
 <b>REGISTERED DIPLOMATE REPORTER</b>	NCRA's highest degree of certification	Must hold the RMR and have five current and continuous years of Participating or Registered member status	One Written Knowledge Test	Elite reporters desiring to join an exclusive club of reporting excellence
 <b>CERTIFIED REALTIME REPORTER</b>	NCRA's realtime proficiency certification	Must hold the RPR and be a current NCRA member	One realtime Skills Test: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Testimony (200 wpm)</li> </ul>	Those who want to demonstrate realtime competency, those looking for an additional salary increase, those who wish to market themselves better as realtime reporters
 <b>CERTIFIED REALTIME CAPTIONER</b>	A special-training certification designed for those who caption	Must be a current or aspiring stenographic reporter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One CRC Workshop</li> <li>• One Written Knowledge Test</li> <li>• One realtime Skills Test: Literary (180 wpm)</li> </ul>	Those who either currently work or would like to begin working in the broadcast or CART captioning fields
 <b>CERTIFIED LEGAL VIDEO SPECIALIST</b>	Designed for legal videographers to showcase proficiency in video deposition practices	The CLVS Seminar must be completed prior to taking the exam. A general knowledge of legal video is also helpful.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One CLVS Seminar</li> <li>• One Production Exam</li> <li>• One Written Knowledge Test</li> </ul>	Legal videographers, those who wish to get into the CLVS section of the <i>NCRA Sourcebook</i> , videographers who wish to gain access to NCRA's court reporting network

### What is a written knowledge test?



Written knowledge tests (WKT) are multiple-choice tests on the subject matter related to that particular credential. Questions on the WKT are directly tied to the Job Analysis for each credential. These tests are held at in-person test centers during two-week windows throughout the year. Depending upon the certification, there are two to four opportunities to complete these tests.

For more information and testing dates, visit [NCRA.org/WKT](https://www.ncra.org/WKT).

### What is a skills test?



Skills tests (SKT) are designed to test for practical ability, and they are available online. This means that you do not need to visit a test site to participate; you may test at your own convenience in an environment that is comfortable for you and meets minimum testing requirements. New tests are released every quarter, which means you will have four separate opportunities to register each year. The only skills test that is not offered online is the CLVS Production Exam.

For more information about the online testing requirements, visit [NCRA.org/SKT](https://www.ncra.org/SKT).