

COURT REPORTER

SUBJECT OF EXAMINATION

The examination for Court Reporter will be given online. For more information on how to take the Court Reporter Test online, click here: [Testing Instructions and Technical Requirements](#). The examination will consist of two components: a written multiple-choice test and a dictated performance test presented in a video-recorded format.

Written Component

The written test will consist of multiple-choice questions which are designed to assess applicants in the following areas:

1. **Knowledge of English Grammar and Usage, Punctuation, and Sentence Structure**
These questions assess applicants' ability to apply the rules of English grammar and usage, punctuation, and sentence structure. Applicants are presented with a series of sentences and must select the sentence that best conforms to standard English grammar and usage, punctuation, and sentence structure.
2. **Spelling and General Vocabulary**
These questions assess applicants' knowledge of the spelling and meaning of words and phrases that Court Reporters may encounter in their daily work.
3. **Knowledge of Medical, Legal, and Technical Terminology**
These questions assess applicants' knowledge of the medical, legal, and technical terminology that Court Reporters may encounter in their daily work. These questions include, but may not be limited to, terms from fields such as law, forensic science, anatomy, physiology and medicine.

Performance Component

The performance component of the Court Reporter exam will also be conducted online. It will consist of verbatim transcription of three sections:

1. **Opening of Counsel** - given at a rate averaging 175 words per minute for three minutes.
2. **Direct Testimony** - involves four voices, including the examination of a witness, objections by opposing counsel, and rulings by the Court. It is given at a rate averaging 190 words per minute for five minutes.
3. **Judge's Charge** – given at a rate averaging 185 words per minute for three minutes.

NOTE	Prior to the beginning of the actual dictated portion of the test, applicants will be provided with a practice dictation involving four voices for 2 minutes at a rate averaging 190 words per minute. This section should not be transcribed and will not be rated.
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