

The Oral Proficiency Interview or OPI for ENGLISH

As an educator with international credentials, you may need to take an OPI in order to gain your Utah license. Essentially, if your native language was not English, you will need to complete the OPI. Completing a degree from an institution of higher education in the United States may waive this requirement.

Here is the process

1. Register for the OPI at this site: http://www.languagetesting.com/acad_general1.cfm
2. Click to apply online.
3. Complete the information for yourself. This will be a new test, and it will be for initial teacher certification or licensure.
4. When you are asked to put in the proctor information, you will need to have a professional educator who is willing to proctor your examination. All this means is they are willing and able to have you come to their school or office. They will provide a phone and a private office for you. They will make the call at the pre-arranged time, confirm your identity to the test administrator, and then hand you the phone. A proctor can be a school administrator or their assistant, a dean or professor at a university or their administrative assistant, or a human resources professional at a school or university.
5. You will need to confirm two ten-day windows of time with your proctor when they will be available for the testing. This enables LTI to find a time that will work for their test administrator. They will email a confirmation date and time to you and to your proctor.
6. Your proctor will need to sign and send the confirmation of the appointment back to LTI.
7. Arrive at the appointed date and time and complete the oral interview on the phone.
8. You will receive your OPI results via email within a few weeks.
9. You will need to print out the test results and include the score sheet in your application. A minimum rating of Advanced Low is required for licensure.