

Recognized Certifications of a Certified Real-Time Captioner

1. Registered Diplomate Reporter (RDR). This certification is awarded to an individual who has held Registered Merit Reporter (RMR) certificate for a minimum of five years, or has both RMR and a bachelor's degree, or has passed the RMR test in addition to any two other NCRA tests.
2. Registered Merit Reporter (RMR). This certification is awarded to an individual who has been tested as having the ability to stroke at speeds of 260 words per minute, with a ninety-five per cent accuracy rate after transcription.
3. Certified Realtime Reporter (CRR). This certification is awarded to an individual who has been tested as having the ability to stroke at speeds up to 180 words per minute.
4. Registered Professional Reporter (RPR). This certification is awarded to an individual who has been tested as having the ability to stroke at speeds of 225 words per minute, with a ninety-five per cent accuracy rate after transcription.
5. A Certified Shorthand Reporter (CSR) is awarded by a state board of certified shorthand reporters. This certification is awarded to an individual who has been tested as having the ability to stroke at speeds of 225 words per minute, with a ninety-five per cent accuracy rate after transcription.
6. Certified Broadcast Captioner (CBC). This certification is awarded to an individual who has been tested as having the ability to stroke at speed of 180 words per minute with seventy per cent accuracy rate.
7. Certified CART Provider (CCP). This certificate is awarded to an individual who has been tested as having the ability to stroke at speed of 180 words per minute with seventy per cent accuracy rate.

Note: The "stroke" action involves depressing multiple keys at a time on the stenographic machine, whereas the "type" action involves hitting one key at a time.

Reference: National Court Reporters Association website
<http://www.ncraonline.org/>
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