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Accredited Qualifications for Language Professionals



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*The International School of Linguists (ISL) is an Accredited Centre that has a proven track record in providing nationally recognised qualifications for linguists and developing interpreting standards throughout the UK and overseas.'*



Health



Ministry of Justice



Education



Law



Business and Finance



Immigration



Housing and Welfare

# INTRODUCTION TO ISL

Linguists working as Interpreters or Translators have to adapt to a multitude of scenarios and disciplines to provide their services. The International School of Linguists (ISL) was founded to raise the standards of Linguists through training and testing.

Our qualifications and training programmes have been expertly created to help linguists get the very best out of their careers and increase the work opportunities available to them.

ISL work with a network of skilled and experienced assessors and tutors to provide specialist training and testing to help Linguists achieve continuous professional development.

The Linguist community is a global network, so ISL runs most of its courses in an online environment. This provides Linguists with access to learning 24 hours a day, with the ability to take courses or tests at times that suit them. Offline courses and testing are provided by ISL and hosted at our training headquarters in Leeds (UK).

## Meet the Team

Our team comprises of a number of vital people to support you on your learning journey.

### Learner Support Specialist

Your Learner Support Specialist guides you and offers additional support about arranging exams, tutor meetings and role plays.

### Accreditation Manager

Our Accreditation Manager quality assures your learning portfolio, provides your results, and issues your certificate.

### Language Specialists

Our Language Specialists are native speakers of your test language. They have exceptional translation and interpreting experience to assess your exam or role play.

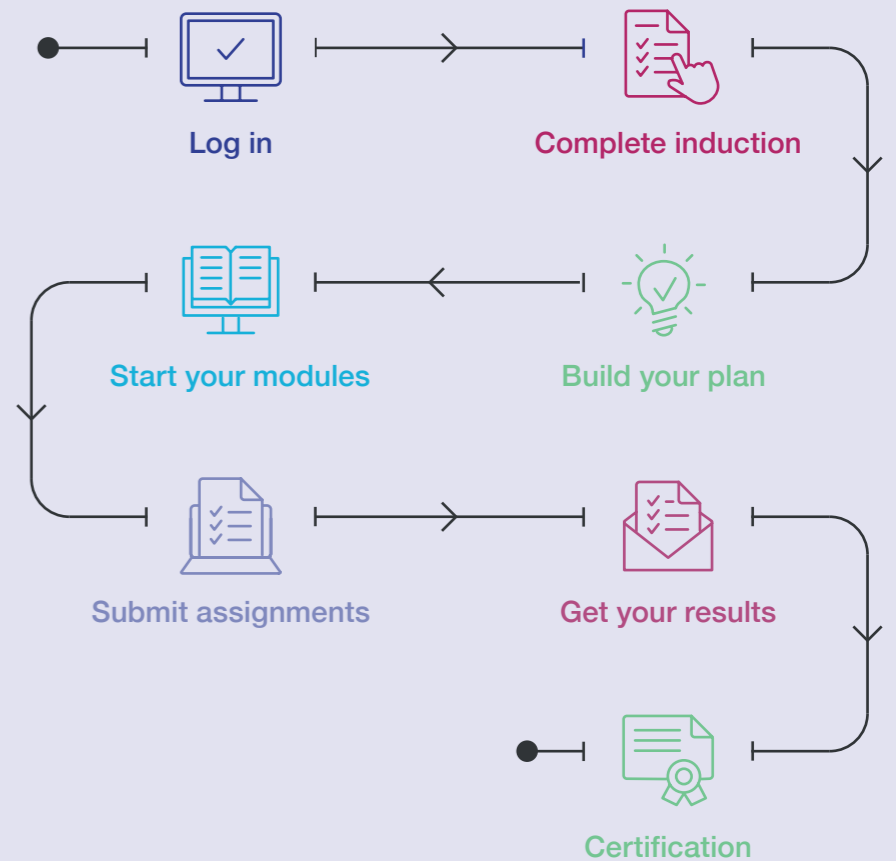
### Personal Tutor

Your Personal Tutor will create your learner journey, regularly mark your assignments, provide feedback and support you in understanding your assignment assessment criteria.

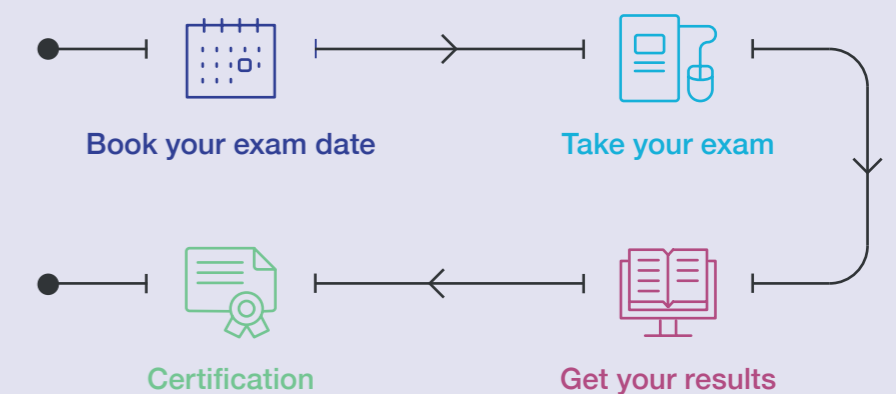


## Your Learning Journey

### Qualifications



### Examinations



# LEVEL 1 AWARD IN UNDERSTANDING COMMUNITY INTERPRETING

## Key details:

- Online learning course that can be accessed from your own home
- 24-hour access to our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)
- You can complete the course within 2-4 weeks
- Assignments will be submitted to your tutor for assessment at the end of the course
- You will receive timely and thorough feedback on the written assignments
- On successful completion of the course, you will receive your nationally recognised qualification

## Duration of the qualification:

- Learners will usually complete this course in 2-4 weeks

## Method of assessment

Assessment activities and written assignments will need to be completed to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the course content. Learners will be expected to undertake general reading and research. After the completion of written assignments, learners will email their work to the International School of Linguists. Assignments will then be sent to a tutor for marking.

Upon successful completion learners will be provided with a Level 1 Award in Understanding Community Interpreting certificate.

### Units

English Language Awareness

Community and Organisations

Role of the Community Interpreter

## Who is this course for?

The Level 1 Award provides a clear illustration of the basic skills and knowledge that is required to become an interpreter. In addition, some basic information about specialist areas that Level 1 qualified linguists can work within. It is suitable for learners with the following profile:

- People who want to start a career in interpreting
- Linguists who want to acquire essential interpreting skills and knowledge required to work as a professional community interpreter

## Work opportunities

The Level 1 will enable you to access limited interpreting work as a professional interpreter in community settings such as the following:

- Solicitors firms
- Ministry of Justice (standard assignments)

\*Please note that some Language Service Providers accept the Level 3 Certificate in Community Interpreting as a minimum qualification.

## Progression

Upon successful completion you can progress to other qualifications such as:

- Level 3 Certificate in Community Interpreting

## Additional information

### Cost

£300 (including VAT registration and certification)

### Further Information

You can find more information regarding level 1 award on this link:

**Level 1 Award - Understanding Community Interpreting**

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## Mini overview



### Recommended for:

Anyone wanting to become an interpreter



### Completion time:

Max 3 months



### Course type:

Virtual online learning environment (VLE)



### Assessment type:

Written assignments



### Work opportunities:

Solicitors firms  
Ministry of Justice

# LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE IN COMMUNITY INTERPRETING

## Key details:

- Online learning course that can be accessed from your own home
- 24-hour access to our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)
- You can complete the course within 3-6 months
- Work assessed and feedback provided by an assigned Qualified Language Assessor
- You will receive timely and thorough feedback to improve your work should you need to
- On successful completion of the course, you will receive your nationally recognised qualification

## Duration of the qualification:

- Learners will usually complete this course in 3-6 months

## Method of assessment

Assessment activities and written assignments will need to be completed to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the course content. Learners will also be expected to undertake general reading and research during this course.

Learners will submit completed written assignments to their appointed tutor for marking. A unique aspect of this qualification is the requirement to undertake two role plays in a simulated environment. The role play will appraise consecutive interpreting skills and sight translation skills (from English). Learners will need to have access to a computer/laptop, web cam and the internet.

### Units

Preparing to work as a community Interpreter

Working as a Community Interpreter

Planning to work as a community interpreter in specialist environments

Interpreting two way

Supporting interpreting through sight translation

Continuous professional development (CPD)

## Who is this course for?

The Level 3 Certificate in Community Interpreting is suitable for learners with the following profile:

- Interpreters already working in a community interpreter role
- Experienced interpreters who now require a formal qualification to work on public sector assignments

## Work opportunities

The Level 3 qualification will enable you to work as a professional interpreter in community settings such as the following:

- Health
- Mental Health
- Social Services
- Education
- Welfare & Benefits
- Housing
- Solicitors
- Ministry of Justice (standard assignments)

## Progression

Upon successful completion you can progress to other qualifications such as:

- Level 6 Diploma in Community Interpreting
- Level 6 Diploma in Public Service Interpreting

## Additional information

### Cost

£774 (including VAT registration and certification)

### Further Information

You can find more information regarding level 3 on this link:

**Level 3 - Community Interpreting Certificate**

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## Mini overview



### Recommended for:

Individuals working in a community interpreter role



### Completion time:

Max 6 months



### Course type:

Virtual online learning environment (VLE)



### Assessment type:

Written assignments and role play assessment



### Work opportunities:

Health  
Social Services  
Education  
Welfare & Benefits  
Housing  
Solicitors

# LEVEL 4 CERTIFICATE IN COMMUNITY INTERPRETING

## Key details:

- Online learning course that can be accessed from your own home
- 24-hour access to our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)
- You can complete the course within 6-9 months
- Work assessed and feedback provided by an assigned, qualified Assessor
- You will receive timely and thorough feedback to improve your work should you need to.
- On successful completion of the course, you will receive your nationally recognised qualification.

## Duration of the qualification:

- Learners will usually complete this course in 6-9 months

## Method of assessment

Assessment activities and written assignments will need to be completed to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the course content. Learners will also be expected to undertake general reading and research during this course.

Learners will submit completed written assignments to their appointed tutor for marking. A unique aspect of this qualification is the requirement to undertake two role plays in a simulated environment. The role play will appraise consecutive interpreting skills and sight translation skills (to and from English). Learners will need to have access to a computer/laptop, web cam and the internet.

Units	
Working as a community interpreter	Mentoring
Working as a community interpreter in specialist environments	Telephone Interpreting
Sight translation to and from English	Research and report writing in community Interpreting
Continuous professional development	Essential Enterprise Know How

## Who is this course for?

The Level 4 Certificate in Community Interpreting is suitable for learners with the following profile:

- Interpreters already working in a community interpreter role
- Experienced interpreters who now require a formal qualification to work on public sector assignments
- Interpreters looking to advance their sight translations skills and widen their range of assignment opportunities

## Work opportunities

The Level 4 will enable you to work as a professional interpreter in community settings such as the following:

- Health
- Mental Health
- Social Services
- Education
- Welfare & Benefits
- Housing
- Solicitors
- Ministry of Justice (standard assignments)

## Progression

Upon successful completion you can progress to other qualifications such as:

- Level 6 Diploma in Community Interpreting
- Level 6 DPSI
- Partial DPSI

## Additional information

### Cost

£954 (including VAT registration and certification)

### Further Information

You can find more information regarding level 4 on this link:

**Level 4 - Community Interpreting Certificate**

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## Mini overview



### Recommended for:

Individuals working in a community interpreter role



### Completion time:

Max 9 months



### Course type:

Virtual online learning environment (VLE)



### Assessment type:

Written assignments and role play assessment



### Work opportunities:

Health  
Social Services  
Education  
Welfare & Benefits  
Housing  
Solicitors

# LEVEL 6 DIPLOMA IN COMMUNITY INTERPRETING

## Key details:

- 24-hour access to our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) for online learning, accessible from your own home
- You can complete the course within 6-12 months
- Work assessed and feedback provided by an assigned, qualified Assessor and native language specialist
- On successful completion of the course, you will receive your nationally recognised certificate
- L6 DCI qualification upon completion that enables registration with the National Register for Public Service Interpreters
- Nationally recognised qualification accepted by the Ministry of Justice
- Equivalent qualification to the DPSI

## Duration of the qualification:

- Learners will usually complete this course in 9-12 months

## Method of assessment

Assessment activities and written assignments will need to be completed to demonstrate your level of knowledge and understanding. You will also be expected to undertake general reading and research for your work and cite references to obtain this qualification. Upon completion of your written assignments you will be required to email your work to your tutor for marking. You will also be required to undertake three to four role plays in a simulated environment, which will be conducted remotely. The role play will consist of consecutive and simultaneous interpreting, and sight translation and draft written translation. Therefore, you will need to have access to a computer/laptop, web cam and the internet.

### Units

Consecutive Interpreting	Interpreting Technology
Simultaneous Interpreting	Interpreting for the Police
Sight Translation	Interpreting for the court
Ethics for Interpreters	Interpreting for the prison/probation service
CPD for Interpreters	Supporting interpreting through draft written translation

## Who is this course for?

Experienced Interpreters requiring a qualification to work in complex settings. It is suitable for learners with the following profile:

- Level 3 qualified interpreters wanting to gain knowledge of interpreting and legal settings
- Interpreters who have completed a Level 4 Certificate in Community Interpreting qualification

## Work opportunities

The Level 6 will enable you to work as a professional interpreter in community settings such as the following:

- Police
- Courts
- Prison and Probation
- Immigration
- Ministry of Justice (Complex)
- Health
- Mental Health
- Social Services
- Education
- Welfare & Benefits
- Housing Solicitors

## Progression

Upon successful completion you can progress to other qualifications such as:

- Level 7 Diploma in Translation

## Additional information

### Cost

£1434 (including VAT registration and certification)

### Further Information

You can find more information regarding level 6 on this link:

**Level 6 Diploma in Community Interpreting**

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## Mini overview



### Recommended for:

Interpreters wanting complex assignment



### Completion time:

Max 12 months



### Course type:

Virtual online learning environment (VLE)



### Assessment type:

Written assignments and role play assessment



### Work opportunities:

Police  
Immigration  
Courts  
Prison

# LEVEL 6 DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC SERVICE INTERPRETING (DPSI)

## Key details:

- This DPSI examination process is conducted remotely via Skype
- Exams slots available every month
- Register with NRPSI
- Undertake partial DPSI units
- Recognised and accepted by the Ministry of Justice
- Equivalent to the Level 6 DCI qualification

## Duration of the qualification:

- 3 hour exam process

## Method of assessment

The Diploma in Public Service Interpreting is exam based. The total exam consists of five units. On the first day the learner will undertake a one hour exam for the oral assessments which will cover simultaneous, consecutive and sight translation to and from English. The following day the you will undertake a two hour written exam which will cover written translation to and from English.

You will be tested on a variety of topics in legal, police and immigration contexts. You will need to have access to a computer/laptop, web cam and the internet.

## Who is this exam for?

The Level 6 Diploma in Public Service Interpreting demonstrates your level of competence of working as an interpreter in complex settings. It is suitable for learners with the following profile:

- Professional Interpreters requiring an accredited interpreting qualification to demonstrate their level of expertise
- Interpreters who are required by the Ministry of Justice to have a full DPSI or partial units

## Work opportunities

The Level 6 will enable you to work as a professional interpreter in public service settings such as the following:

- Police
- Courts
- Prison
- Probation
- Immigration

## Progression

Upon successfully passing the DPSI exam you can progress to other qualifications such as:

- Level 7 Diploma in Translation

## Additional information

### Cost

£699 (including VAT registration and certification)

### Further Information

You can find more information regarding level 6 on this link:

[Level 6 DPSI](#)

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## Mini overview



### Recommended for:

Interpreters working in complex settings



### Completion time:

3 hour exam



### Course type:

Online examination



### Assessment type:

Role play, sight translation and written translation



### Work opportunities:

Police  
Courts  
Prison  
Probation  
Immigration



# LEVEL 7 DIPLOMA IN TRANSLATION

## Key details:

- This Level 7 Diploma in Translation exam can be conducted remotely from anywhere in the world.
- Exams are conducted on a monthly basis
- Nationally recognised qualification
- Partial Units available

## Duration of the qualification:

- 7 hours

## Method of assessment

The Diploma in Translation is exam based only. The total exam consists of three units. All the units are conducted on separate days. The content of the exam will depend on the specialisms that you have chosen when you sign up for the exam. To take the exam you will need access to a computer/laptop, web cam and the internet.

## Who is this exam for?

The Level 7 Diploma in Translation demonstrates your level of competence of working as a translator in complex settings. It is suitable for learners with the following profile:

- If you have professional translation experience but do not have an accredited translation qualification to demonstrate your level of competence

## Work opportunities

The Level 7 Diploma in Translation will enable you to work as a professional translator in a variety of settings (depending on the specialism that you have chosen) such as the following:

- Law
- Ministry of Justice (Complex)
- Health
- Mental Health
- Social Services
- Education
- Welfare & Benefits
- Housing
- Solicitors
- Business
- Financial

## Progression

- Machine Translation Post Editing CPD

## Additional information

### Cost

£781 (including VAT registration and certification)

### Further Information

You can find more information on this link:

**Level 7 Diploma in Translation**

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## Mini overview



### Recommended for:

Individuals working in complex translator roles



### Completion time:

7 hours



### Course type:

Online examination



### Assessment type:

Exam



### Work opportunities:

Law  
Health  
Mental Health  
Social Services  
Education  
Welfare & Benefits  
Housing  
Business  
Financial

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We'd love to hear from you. If you have any questions, be sure to let us know.



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