

## Outlines of NAATI Credentials

**Conference Interpreter (Senior) (formerly known as Level 5):** This is the highest level of NAATI interpreting accreditation. It reflects a level of excellence in conference interpreting, recognised through demonstrated extensive experience and international leadership. It encompasses and builds on the competencies of Conference Interpreter accreditation.

**Advanced Translator (Senior) (formerly known as Level 5):** This is the highest level of NAATI translating accreditation. It reflects a level of excellence in specialised translating, recognised through demonstrated extensive experience and international leadership. It encompasses and builds on the competencies of Advanced Translator accreditation.

**Conference Interpreter (formerly known as Level 4):** This represents the level of competence required to handle complex, technical and sophisticated interpreting, in both consecutive and simultaneous modes, in line with recognised international practice. Conference Interpreters operate in diverse situations, including at conferences, high-level negotiations, and court proceedings and may choose to specialise in a particular area(s).

**Advanced Translator (formerly known as Level 4):** This represents the level of competence required to handle complex, technical and sophisticated translations in line with recognised international practice. Advanced Translators operate in diverse situations, and may choose to specialise in a particular area(s), including translating technical manuals, research papers, providing translations for conferences, high-level negotiations and court proceedings.

**Professional Interpreter (formerly known as Level 3):** This represents the minimum level of competence for professional interpreting and is the minimum level recommended by NAATI for work in most settings, including banking, law, health, and social and community services. Professional Interpreters are capable of interpreting across a wide range of semi-specialised situations and are capable of using the consecutive mode to interpret speeches or presentations.

**Professional Translator (formerly known as Level 3):** This represents the minimum level of competence for professional translating and is the minimum level recommended by NAATI for work in settings including banking, law, health, and social and community services. Translators at this level work across a wide range of subjects involving documents with specialised content.

**Paraprofessional Interpreter (formerly known as Level 2):** This represents a level of competence in interpreting for the purpose of general conversations. Paraprofessional Interpreters generally undertake the interpretation of non-specialist dialogues. Practitioners at this level are encouraged to obtain Professional-Level accreditation.

**Paraprofessional Translator (formerly known as Level 2):** This represents a level of competence enabling the production of a translation of non-specialised information (for example a birth certificate). Practitioners at this level are encouraged to obtain Professional-Level accreditation.

**Interpreter Recognition:** This credential is an acknowledgement that at the time of the award the applicant has had recent and regular work experience as an interpreter, but no level of proficiency is specified. In order to be granted NAATI Recognition, the applicant must provide proof of English proficiency and complete an introductory NAATI workshop or related activity. There is no NAATI testing of a Recognition applicant. Recognised interpreters are encouraged to obtain accreditation as it becomes available.

**Translator Recognition:** This credential is an acknowledgement that at the time of the award the applicant has had recent and regular work experience as a translator, but no level of proficiency is specified. In order to be granted NAATI Recognition, the applicant must provide proof of English proficiency and complete an introductory NAATI workshop or related activity. There is no NAATI testing of a Recognition applicant. Recognised translators are encouraged to obtain accreditation as it becomes available.

**Language Aide:** This credential is awarded based on success in a NAATI test. The test assesses the candidate's bilingual skills in a 'customer service' scenario. This is not a credential in interpreting or translating and should not be construed as such.