



CERTIFICATION SYSTEM INFORMATION SESSION

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Case for change to system was clear

- Accreditation system is 40 years old in 2017
 - No review of the basis of the accreditation system in that time
- Feedback from stakeholders that the accreditation system:
 - Did not meet the needs of the Australian community
 - Had quality/consistency issues between accredited practitioners
 - Had significant flaws in the validity of the testing
 - Posed issues to educational institutions and T & I educators in the delivery of their programs
 - Was not designed with continuous improvement in mind
- NAATI Board commissioned an external report and the INT Report was delivered in November 2012

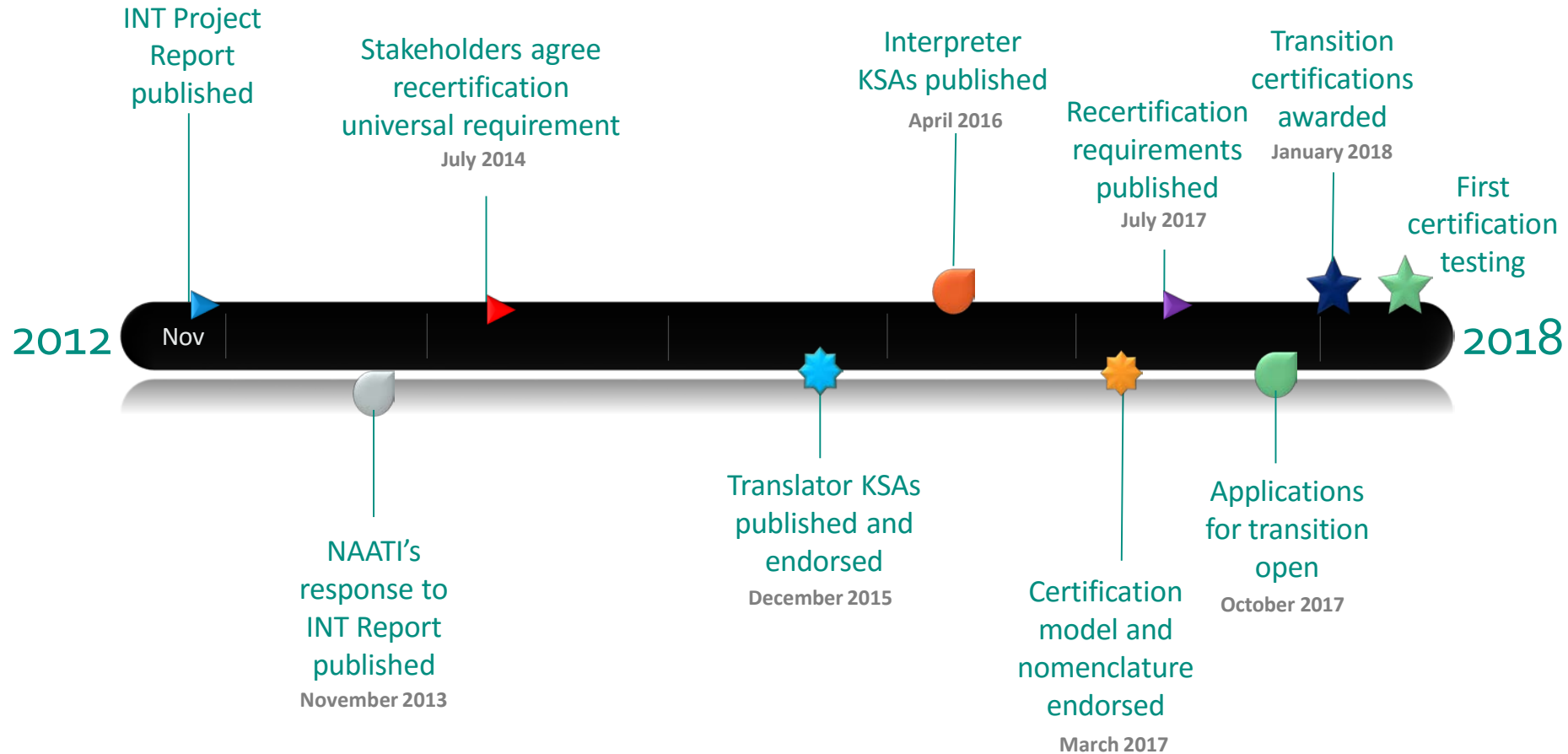
The Improvements to NAATI Testing Project

The core objective is to improve the integrity and efficiency of the credentials awarded by:

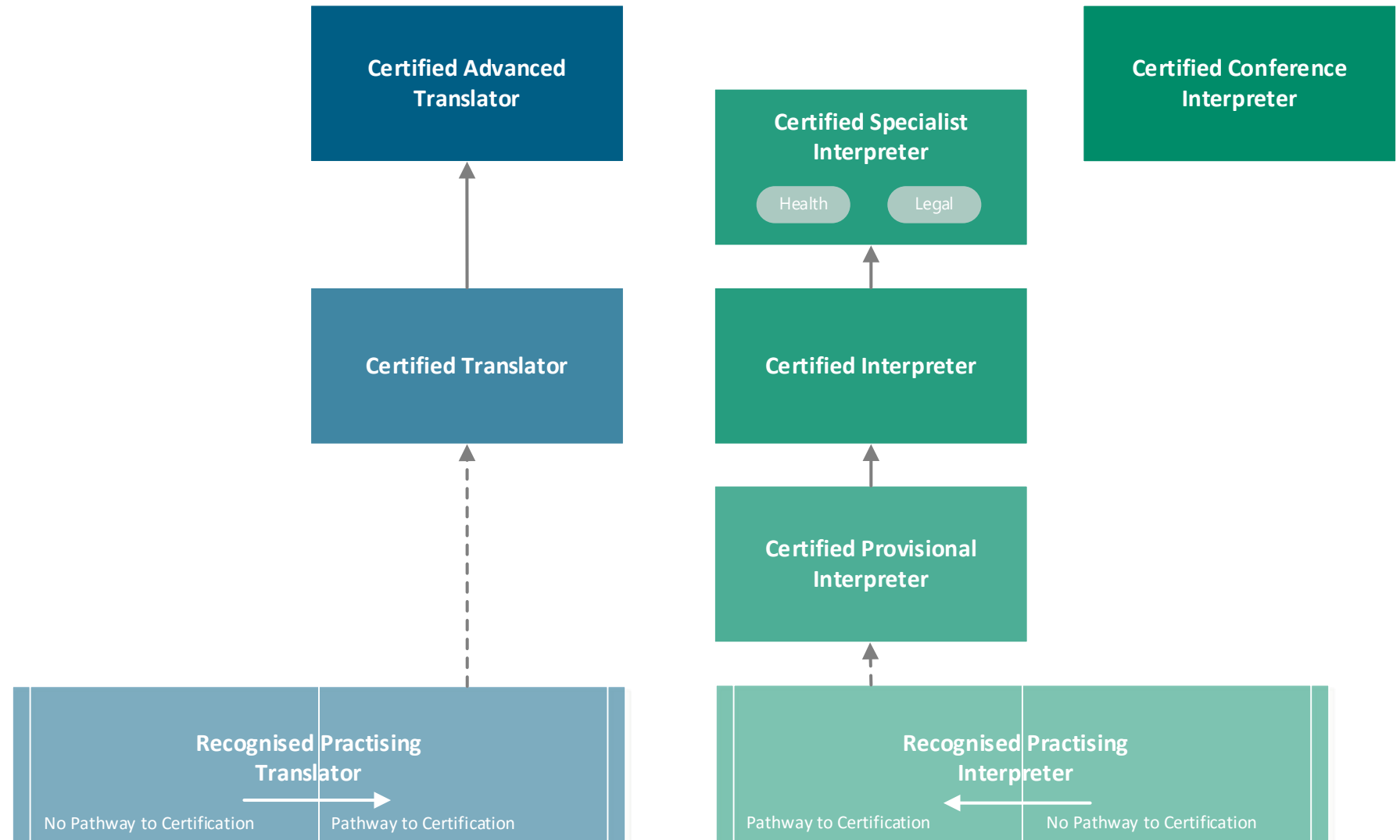
- establishing transparent and reliable criteria for awarding certifications
- applying rigorous and consistent processes
- making better use of technology
- improving the validity, reliability and practicality of assessments

The INT project involves balancing the ideal or aspirational with the practical

Timeline



NAATI Certification system



LOTE Proficiency Testing (in work environment)

What is changing

- We are introducing minimum training requirements before being eligible for certification
- Significantly strengthening the role formal translating or interpreting qualifications play in our system (particularly at the higher levels)
- NAATI Endorsed Qualifications will play an important role in relation to pre-requisite requirements but institutions will not test their own students
- We are introducing health and legal interpreting certifications
- All candidates have to sit and pass a NAATI certification test
- Certification tests consider a much broader range of knowledge and skills

Transition Arrangements

- Optional for all current practitioners with accreditation
- Only current (unexpired) credentials can be transitioned
- Applications to transition will open 1 October 2017
- NAATI is waiving transition fees until 30 June 2018
- Certifications are awarded from 1 January 2018
- No certifications will expire in 2018
- Transition requirements differ depending on:
 - The type of accreditation held; and
 - Information already held by NAATI



our credentialling system:



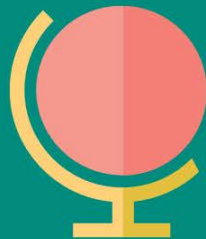
over 50 000 accreditations



and 2500 recognitions



across 42 000 people



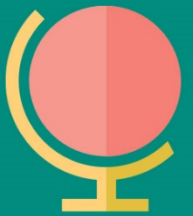
across 210 languages

(inc. 40 indigenous languages)

our testing system:



over 26 000 accreditations



across 98 languages

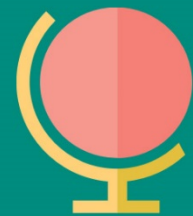


32/98 languages are indigenous

our approved course system:



over 21 000 accreditations



across 77 languages



25/77 languages are indigenous

Transition process

Credential held	Less than 3 years	Part of Revalidation	Not part of revalidation
Paraprofessional Interpreter	Application only	Application and evidence of work practice (Already held by NAATI)	Application and evidence of work practice
Professional Translator	Application only	Application and evidence of work practice (Already held by NAATI)	Application and evidence of work practice
Conference Interpreter	Application only	Application and evidence of work practice (Already held by NAATI)	Application and evidence of work practice
Advanced Translator	Application only	Application and evidence of work practice (Already held by NAATI)	Application and evidence of work practice
Recognised Translator / Interpreter	Application only	Application and evidence of work practice (Already held by NAATI)	Application and evidence of work practice

Transition process

Credential held	Less than 3 years	Part of Revalidation	Not part of revalidation
Paraprofessional Translator	No comparable certification. Depending on the language originally awarded, applicants may be offered Recognised Practising Translator or a certification test at no charge.		
Professional Interpreter	Application + evidence of work practice, PD or training in chuchotage.	Application + evidence of work practice (already held by NAATI) + evidence of work practice, PD or training in chuchotage.	Application + evidence of work practice + evidence of work practice, PD or training in chuchotage.

If I transition, what will I receive?

- A new NAATI Practitioner number
- Access to an e-logbook to record work practice and professional development activities
- Automatic listing on the online directory including limited details of accreditation history
- New certification products
 - ID card, Stamp and/or Certificate

Recertification and transition arrangements

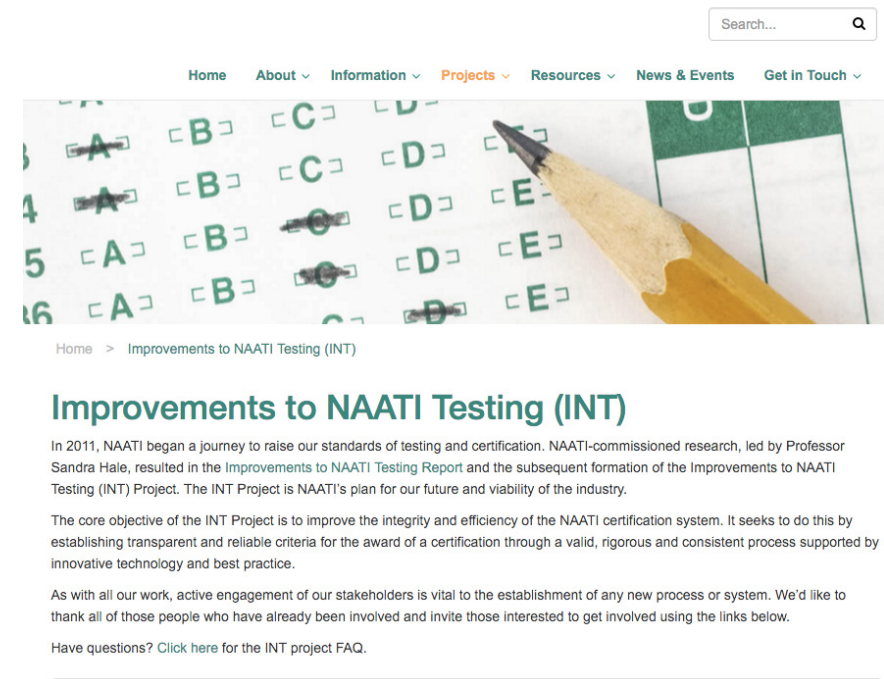
- Recertification universal requirement including for all those who transition
- NAATI needs to stage recertification dates
- Recertification will depend on transition circumstances
- No recertification will be required in 2018
- Requirements will be similar to revalidation
 - work practice and Professional Development
 - Every three years
- Proposed recertification requirements will be published in June

What happens if I don't transition?

- NAATI will not alter the current conditions of accreditation
 - Some accreditations will simply expire while others will not
 - Revalidation not accessible after 2017
- From January 2018:
 - NAATI will not support the accreditation system
 - The Online Directory will only display certified practitioners
 - No new ID cards, stamps or certificates will be issued to accredited practitioners
 - NAATI will not provide an online verification system for accreditations

Where do I find information?

- All materials from today can be found online on our INT project page at naati.com.au
- A new Certification webpage will in available soon
- Or you can:
 - Email questions to intproject@naati.com.au
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Improvements to NAATI Testing (INT)

In 2011, NAATI began a journey to raise our standards of testing and certification. NAATI-commissioned research, led by Professor Sandra Hale, resulted in the Improvements to NAATI Testing Report and the subsequent formation of the Improvements to NAATI Testing (INT) Project. The INT Project is NAATI's plan for our future and viability of the industry.

The core objective of the INT Project is to improve the integrity and efficiency of the NAATI certification system. It seeks to do this by establishing transparent and reliable criteria for the award of a certification through a valid, rigorous and consistent process supported by innovative technology and best practice.

As with all our work, active engagement of our stakeholders is vital to the establishment of any new process or system. We'd like to thank all of those people who have already been involved and invite those interested to get involved using the links below.

Have questions? [Click here for the INT project FAQ.](#)



Thank you

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