



## TRANSITIONING TO CERTIFICATION: WHY DO IT?

Since its introduction in early 2018, NAATI certification has become the industry standard for working in the translating and interpreting profession. NAATI considers this an important step in the ongoing professionalisation of the sector in Australia and will lead to improved standards in the long term.

### BENEFITS

Whilst the certification system primarily exists for consumers of translating and interpreting services, NAATI considers the benefits of the new system apply right across the industry. Specifically:

<b>CONSUMERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equitable access to legal, medical, government and other services.</li> <li>• Greater confidence in quality, credibility and currency of a practitioner.</li> <li>• Better systems for NAATI to manage poor or unprofessional practice.</li> </ul>
<b>INDUSTRY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater recognition as a profession.</li> <li>• Improved international recognition of Australian (NAATI) credentials.</li> <li>• Better data and reporting capability on workforce profile.</li> <li>• Better opportunities to leverage industrial (remuneration) campaigns.</li> <li>• Ongoing improvement through formal training and professional development.</li> <li>• Improved quality and integrity of translating and interpreting education.</li> <li>• Only current practitioners are recorded in the system.</li> </ul>
<b>INDIVIDUAL PRACTITIONERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased work opportunities.</li> <li>• Potential for higher remuneration linked to certification.</li> <li>• Greater recognition as a specialised professional in a multi-disciplinary team.</li> <li>• Better access to quality professional development opportunities.</li> <li>• Stronger protection of private information.</li> <li>• Ability to customise information displayed on the online directory.</li> </ul>

### COSTS

- There is no cost to transition existing valid credentials (until 30 June 2018).
- On transition, multiple credentials will be aligned to a common expiry date for administrative convenience.
- The administrative fee for recertification is \$198 (incl GST) for a minimum three year period.
- Upon certification and every recertification, practitioners will:
  - be listed on the online directory (at no extra cost);
  - receive new products (at no extra cost); and
  - receive access to an online practitioner portal, including an e-logbook to record work and PD events.

**For example**, if you were an accredited Professional Translator and Interpreter:

What you pay now		What you would pay after transitioning	
Revalidation Fee <i>(every 3 years, where applicable)</i>	\$242.00	Recertification Fee <i>(every 3 years)</i>	\$198.00
Directory Listing <i>(over 3 years)</i>	\$180.00	Directory Listing <i>(over 3 years)</i>	\$0
Translator Stamp	\$117.00	New Translator Stamp	\$0
ID Card	\$67.00	New ID Card	\$0

NAATI believes that practitioners will either be in the same position or better off after transitioning to the certification system.