



Ethical Competency and Intercultural Competency (ECIC) test

Information sheet

INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES

Demonstrating Ethical Competency and Intercultural Competency are some of the prerequisites for NAATI certifications. You must pass these two tests before you can sit a certification test.

EC and IC training	
EC and IC training overview	All candidates must complete EC and IC training before sitting the EC or IC tests online. This training is available through NAATI or an endorsed training provider. EC and IC training and testing are not language specific, but it can be more interesting for participants to learn in a language pair. Contact NAATI to find out about the next available EC or IC training course.
Duration	The training usually consists of 10 hours of training for EC, and 10 hours for IC. This can be delivered flexibly online or face to face.

EC test	
Test format	The Ethical Competency test consists of short answer questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three knowledge questions in Section A, and • three scenario questions (out of a choice of five) in Section B. All questions are in English and must be answered in English. The test is conducted as a spoken test after reading and preparation time.
Section A: Knowledge Questions	Each knowledge question relates to a single principle from either the <i>AUSIT Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct (2012)</i> . You are expected to explain the principle and provide an example of the principle from interpreting practice.
Section B: Scenario Questions	Each scenario will depict an ethical issue relating to an interpreting situation. The question following the scenario will ask you to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify and explain the main ethical principle according to the <i>AUSIT Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct (2012)</i>, and • formulate a response to the situation.

IC test	
Test format	The Intercultural Competency test consists of short answer questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three knowledge questions, (out of a choice of four) in Section A, and • three scenario questions (out of a choice of five) in Section B. All questions are in English and must be answered in English. The test is conducted as a spoken test after reading and preparation time.
Section A: Knowledge Questions	Each knowledge question will include a statement relating to either Australian society or the Language society. Question topics will include social institutions, cultural beliefs and practices relating to Australian society and the Language society, or cultural and sociolinguistic features in an interpreting situation. You are expected to explain the cultural issue that is present.

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Section B: Scenario Questions	Each scenario will describe an interpreting situation that could result in communication breakdown, confusion or misunderstanding between the parties because of an intercultural issue caused by cultural or linguistic differences. The question following the scenario will ask you to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify the intercultural issue, and • demonstrate the implications of the intercultural issue for interpreters.
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On Test Day

Test logistics	Tests are delivered online with a NAATI Test Supervisor. EC and IC tests are run separately, normally on different days. Candidates should test the online video call (normally via Microsoft Teams) and check the video and microphone are working well. Also ensure you are set up in a quiet and confidential space where you won't be disturbed for the duration of the test (normally 1 hour). NAATI will email the test shortly before you are due to sit it. You need access to a printer if you would like a hard copy.
Reading time	Once you are online with the Test Supervisor, the Test Supervisor will give you the test. Candidates have 30 minutes of reading time to read through the test and make notes. Candidates cannot use the internet or ask anyone for help with the answers during this time.
Answering questions	Once reading time is finished, the test supervisor will start the recording and read the questions to the candidate. Candidates explain their answers verbally in English but may use Language words to explain something better. Candidates can ask to repeat the question and have a couple of minutes thinking time before answering each question. Candidates must answer all parts of the chosen questions to be able to pass the test. There is no time limit.
Test Recording	Your test will be video and/or audio recorded for assessment by NAATI examiners.
Professional Conduct	Please be on time for your test. If you are late, NAATI cannot guarantee you will be able to sit the test. You are expected to be courteous and respectful towards NAATI staff. If you are rude or abusive towards NAATI staff, you may not be allowed to sit your test.
Confidentiality	All test materials are the property of NAATI. You are not permitted to make or take away copies, paper or electronic, of any test material, or reproduce the test or communicate the test content to a third party.

Assessment

Assessment	At least 2 NAATI examiners will assess performance in the test, using an assessment rubric with 4 bands (Band 1 representing the highest level of performance and Band 4 the lowest). Candidates must pass both sections to pass a test. Detailed information about the assessment rubrics and criteria is available on the NAATI website .
Results	NAATI will email you (or your sponsor organization) your results within 4 weeks of testing.
Supplementary Testing	If you fail the EC or IC test and would like to sit a supplementary test, please contact NAATI after receiving your results.

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