

# 2019 NSW INTERPRETER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

## FAQs

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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### **Q** What is the selection criteria and who is the scholarship targeted at?

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The NSW Interpreter Scholarship Program is targeted at applicants who wish to make a career out of interpreting and speak one of the languages listed in the scholarship program.

Applications will be prioritised and assessed on the following:

- have a **genuine commitment** and intention to work in and service the industry
- level of proficiency in English
- communication skills and
- are available at the times of the course.

Applicants must be a permanent resident or Australian citizen.

**Please note:** registering your expression of interest does not guarantee you will receive a scholarship.

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### **Q** What will be covered in the course?

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TAFE NSW will deliver the following key modules:

- codes and standards to Ethical Practice
- build glossaries for interpreting and translating assignments
- prepare to translate and interpret
- manage discourse in general settings.

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### **Q** Will I be a qualified interpreter after completing the scholarship?

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Students who complete the course will be eligible for a Recognised Practising Interpreter credential through the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI). This only applies to languages that are currently not tested by NAATI.

For languages that are currently tested by NAATI, students will need to successfully complete the relevant NAATI test (which is included in the scholarship program) to receive a Certified Provisional Interpreter credential.

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### **Q** Can I apply for the scholarship if I work full-time?

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The course is being offered as a part-time course and likely to be held in the evening or weekend.

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### **Q** How long is the course and how will it be delivered?

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TAFE NSW will deliver the 40-hour course in the Sydney metropolitan region across a 10-week term, 2 nights a week.

The mode of delivery will be a combination of face-to-face and online learning.

The regional course will be delivered 5 hours per week for 8 weeks over weekends.

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### **Q** What are the locations of the course?

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The NSW Interpreter Scholarship Program will be delivered at one metropolitan and one regional site.

Location details are yet to be announced, however the regional location will be based on applicant demand and language priority.

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### **Q** What are the course dates?

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The first metropolitan course is expected to start in March/April 2019. Other course dates are to be advised.

Commencement date of the regional course is yet to be determined.

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### **Q** Am I eligible if I don't live in NSW?

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The NSW Interpreter Scholarship Program will only be offered to applicants who reside in NSW.

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## **Q** If I am already working as an interpreter or translator, can I still apply?

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You are not eligible if you are currently a NAATI Certified or Recognised Interpreter.

If you are currently working as a **translator only** and would like to train as an interpreter, you are eligible to apply.

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## **Q** What is involved in the English language proficiency test?

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TAFE NSW will be testing your English proficiency using an online English test such as Versant or equivalent tests. Every applicant will have to do this test.

Multicultural NSW will communicate with applicants as to when this will occur.

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## **Q** Do I still need to do the English Proficiency test if I have completed the International English Language Testing System (IELTS)?

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Every applicant will have to undertake the English proficiency test as part of the selection process.

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## **Q** Do I have to be a native speaker of the language that I'm applying for scholarship for?

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You do not have to be a native speaker of the language however, there will be an assessment of your proficiency in the language to determine suitability.

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## **Q** What does the scholarship cover?

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The scholarship covers TAFE NSW fees, the NAATI test and mentoring by Multicultural NSW.

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## **Q** When will I hear back from my scholarship application?

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Eligible applicants will be offered scholarships by early March 2019. Applicants will be contacted via email.

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## **Q** What if my language is not on the list?

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At this stage, it is only available for the listed languages but we encourage you to still express an interest via email at [scholarships@multicultural.nsw.gov.au](mailto:scholarships@multicultural.nsw.gov.au).

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## **Q** Can I apply if I am in the process of applying for my permanent residency?

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Applicants must be permanent residents or Australian Citizens at the time of application and be residing in NSW.

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## **Q** What is the class size?

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There is a minimum of 15 students and maximum of 20 students required for the course to proceed.

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## **Q** What are the next steps?

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Multicultural NSW will review all expressions of interest received and will shortlist applicants. If your application progresses through to the next stage, you will be contacted and provided with further information.

All applicants will be notified of the outcome of the application in March 2019 via email.

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## **CONTACT US**

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To register your interest for the NSW Interpreter Scholarship Program, visit the Multicultural NSW website at [multicultural.nsw.gov.au](http://multicultural.nsw.gov.au).

All expressions of interest can be submitted via an online expression of interest form.

For more information please contact us at [scholarships@multicultural.nsw.gov.au](mailto:scholarships@multicultural.nsw.gov.au).