

Q Who is eligible for a scholarship and who is the scholarship targeted at?

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 flyer.

To be eligible for a scholarship you must:

- Live in NSW
- Be an Australian citizen, or have permanent residency (consideration will be given to applications from asylum seekers)
- Successfully fulfill English language proficiency requirements as required by TAFE NSW (RTO 90003). TAFE NSW will be conducting English level testing to assess the eligibility of participants in the course
- Have sufficient oral language proficiency in the interpreting language as determined by Multicultural NSW assessors
- Have computer skills to participate in the online learning format.

Q What is the scholarship selection process?

The competitive selection process will take approximately six weeks and consists of three parts:

1. An online application, due no later than 11:59pm on Monday 11 July 2022. This will include questions about your employment history and your motivation for wanting to do the scholarship program.
2. If you meet the eligibility requirements, you will proceed to a video-recorded interview, which will ask you about your interpreting and translating experience, Australian residency and commitment to the scholarship program and a career in interpreting.
3. Then, you will be asked to demonstrate sufficient oral language proficiency in the interpreting language as determined by Multicultural NSW assessors and asked to fulfill English language proficiency requirements by TAFE NSW. Successful candidates will be notified and receive details on how to enroll in the course.

Q How many scholarships are available?

The NSW Government is offering 100 scholarships for new interpreters in new and emerging and established languages per year. Multicultural NSW will support a number of programs per year. Currently we are seeking expressions of interest for two of the programs delivered by TAFE NSW online programs for Sydney Metro and Albury and Armidale residents*.

Q What will be covered in the course?

The TAFE NSW course will include the delivery of four accredited units:

- PSPTIS001 – Apply codes and standards to Ethical practice
- PSPTIS002 – Build glossaries for interpreting and translating assignments
- PSPTIS003 – Prepare to Translate and interpret
- PSPTIS042 – Manage discourses in general settings.

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

Students who successfully complete the course will be eligible for a Recognised Practicing Interpreter credential through the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI). At a Recognised Practicing interpreter level, Multicultural NSW will provide further mentoring and training so candidates will move onto more complex cases during their employment.

Q What does the scholarship cover?

The NSW Government will fund the TAFE NSW course, NAATI certification to become a Recognised Practicing Interpreter and Multicultural NSW will provide mentoring to graduates at the completion of the course.

Graduates of the TAFE NSW course will gain casual employment on the Multicultural NSW interpreter panel.

What if my language is not on the list?

At this stage, scholarships are only available for the languages listed but we encourage you to still express an interest via email at scholarships@multicultural.nsw.gov.au.

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

Consideration will be given to applications from asylum seekers.

What are the dates and locations of the course?

The first course will start in July 2022 and the second course will start in October 2022 (depending on class sizes).

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

Each course will run for (11 weeks).
Classes will run online 2 nights per week (Monday and Tuesdays, 5:30pm-8:30pm).
As well as the in-class component online, you will need to complete approximately 10 hours of self-study per week..

Am I eligible if I don't live in NSW?

No. The Interpreter Scholarship Program will only be offered to applicants who reside in NSW.

SYDNEY METRO

Applications will be accepted from Sydney Metro residents who speak a key language/s listed above and who fulfill the eligibility requirements.

REGIONAL

Applications will be accepted from Albury and Armidale residents who speak a key language/s listed above and who fulfill the eligibility requirements.

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

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

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

Do I need to do the English Proficiency test?

Every applicant will have to fulfill the English language proficiency requirements as required by TAFE NSW.

What is involved in the English language proficiency test?

TAFE NSW will conduct English language testing to assess the eligibility of participants in the course. Reading and writing skills will be assessed and there will be an interview to assess oracy skills. Applicants will be assessed online at a time negotiated that suits both the applicant and TAFE NSW assessor. Every applicant will have to successfully fulfill English language proficiency requirements as required by TAFE NSW. TAFE NSW will communicate with applicants as to when this will occur.

What is involved in the oral language proficiency test?

Multicultural NSW senior interpreters will assess the oral language proficiency in the interpreting language of successful applicants via telephone. Multicultural NSW will communicate with applicants as to when this will occur.

Can I apply for a scholarship if I work full-time?

The course is being offered as a part-time course and classes will be held in the evenings twice a week (Mondays and Tuesdays, 5:30pm-8:30pm).

However, scholarships will be given to those who have a genuine commitment and intention to work in and service the industry.

What are the class sizes?

There is a minimum of 12 students and maximum of 15 students required for the course to proceed.

CONTACT US

To register your interest for the NSW Interpreter Scholarship Program, apply [HERE](#) by 11:59pm on Monday 11 July 2022.

For more information, please email scholarships@multicultural.nsw.gov.au.
