

Multicultural NSW Language Services



A: The HSC High Achievers in Language Scholarship program is by invitation only. Multicultural NSW will only be accepting applications from students who achieved a Band 6 (E4) in the targeted extension language courses listed above. Students who are interested in applying for a scholarship with Multicultural NSW but do not meet eligibility requirements may like to consider [‘The NSW Interpreter & Translator Scholarship Program’](#)

Q: Am I eligible if I don’t live in NSW?

A: No. The HSC High Achievers in Language Scholarship program will only be offered to applicants who live in NSW.

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

A: Consideration will be given to applications from refugees and asylum seekers and those applying for permanent residency. You must include current visa status information in your application. Please contact scholarships@multicultural.nsw.gov.au for any enquiries.

Q: Can I apply for a scholarship if I study full time?

A: Yes. The HSC High Achievers in Language Scholarship program is a tailored program, with professional learning activities available both face-to-face or online, making it possible to balance the program with work and study commitments. The work experience component of the program can be completed in your semester break or during a time that fits in with your schedule.

Q: What if I would like to take a gap year or leave of absence from my studies?

A: Participants can commence the HSC High Achievers in Language Scholarship program in 2023 or 2024, allowing for students who are taking a gap year before starting their tertiary studies to still participate in the program. Generally, the scholarship cannot be deferred after the commencement date. However, leave requests of up to 12 months will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Please contact scholarships@multicultural.nsw.gov.au for any enquiries.

Scholarship requirements

Q: What does the scholarship cover? Will I have to pay for anything?

A: There are two programs available to access the HSC High Achievers in Language scholarship. Both scholarships include high-quality professional development and mentoring opportunities with Multicultural NSW over a two-year period. In addition, Multicultural NSW will fund participants who successfully complete the program to sit the NAATI certification test. For those participants accessing the scholarship through Program One, up to 50 hours of paid work experience is included in the program. However, the program does not cover their tertiary study costs.

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Please refer to the [HSC High Achievers in Language Scholarship program information package](#) for more information about what's included in the scholarship.

Q: Am I required to become certified in both interpreting and translation?

A: No. Participants can decide if they would like to gain a NAATI certification as an interpreter or translator, or both.

Q: What is the 'Translation Fundamentals Skills for NAATI Certification' course?

A: The 'Translation Fundamental Skills Course for NAATI Certification' is an online short course that has been developed to help you prepare for the NAATI certification. You will be required to complete four subjects which will cover:

- ethics in translating
- translation theories
- building glossaries
- translation technologies

Q: What is the 'Interpreting Skills for NAATI Certification' course?

A: The 'Interpreting & Translation Skill Set Course for NAATI Certification' is an online short course that has been developed to help you prepare for the NAATI Certified Provisional Interpreter test. You will be required to complete four subjects which will cover:

- ethics in interpreting and translating
- preparation for an interpreting or translating assignment
- communication and discourse management techniques
- building glossaries

Q: Why are Program Two participants required to complete the 'Interpreting Skills for NAATI Certification' skill set course?

A: As Program Two participants will undertake tertiary study in other fields, the 'Interpreting and Translation Skill Set Course for NAATI Certification' will develop their understanding of the ethical implications and the practical skills required for interpreting or language-related roles within a workplace or community.

Q: What does the HSC High Achievers Professional Development program with Multicultural NSW involve?

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A: The HSC High Achievers Professional Development program will involve online or face-to-face participation in a series of courses designed to support you to build your skills and assist you on your professional pathway as an interpreter and/or translator. In addition, you will have access to a mentor who will provide coaching and support during the program.

Completion of program and opportunities

Q: How long do I have to complete the HSC High Achievers Scholarship program?

A: The HSC High Achievers in Language Scholarship program is a two-year program.

Q: Will I be a qualified interpreter and/or translator when I complete the scholarship program?

A: Yes. On successful completion of formal training in translation or interpreting with a tertiary education provider or through the Interpreting or Translation Skill Set course with Multicultural NSW, participants are eligible to apply for certification with the National Accreditation Authority (NAATI). Once they have demonstrated the appropriate skills needed to practice as an interpreter or translator through the NAATI certification system they will gain a credential as an interpreter or translator.

Q: Do I have an ongoing commitment to Multicultural NSW at the end of the scholarship program?

A: Yes. On successful completion of the HSC High Achievers in Language Scholarship program you will gain casual employment on the Multicultural NSW Interpreter and Translator Panel.

Definitions

Q: What is the definition of tertiary study?

A: The term 'tertiary study' refers to any level of education pursued beyond high school. In Australia, the tertiary education sector includes vocational education and training (VET) delivered at TAFE and vocational colleges, and higher education delivered at universities.