



Interpreter Directory

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About ASLIA

Incorporated in 1978, ASLIA (formerly known as ACRID) is a registered, non-profit society whose members are professional sign language interpreters who provide quality interpreting services to hearing, hard of hearing, and Deaf individuals. Nationally, ASLIA is affiliated with the Canadian Association of Sign Language Interpreters, CASLI, which promotes networking among existing interpreter organizations and nurtures the development of the vibrant interpreting profession. The encouragement, support, and active collaboration that we receive from Deaf and Hard of Hearing organizations and individuals contributes immeasurably to every phase of ASLIA's work.

ASLIA Mission Statement

The Association of Sign Language Interpreters of Alberta is a provincial association which represents its membership and advances the sign language interpreting profession by promoting the provision of high quality service through the endorsement of ethical practices, standards, and the continuing development of interpreting skills, underlying knowledge, and professional growth.

Active Membership

Individuals who have graduated from an interpreter education program, or meet defined criteria, and are currently involved in the provision of sign language interpreting are eligible for active membership in ASLIA. Active members are also affiliated with the national organization, CASLI, and have passed the Written Test of Knowledge (WTK) or are working towards doing so.

Disclaimer

The Association of Sign Language Interpreters of Alberta has agreed to provide this list of members who have varying experiences in providing interpreting services for hearing and d/Deaf consumers.

The association is not in a position to guarantee the qualifications of any ASLIA member, nor is it responsible for any errors or difficulties that may arise within the interpreting process.

Interpreters

An interpreter may be requested when two or more people, or groups, do not share a common language in order to communicate with each other. Qualified interpreters possess formal training, sophisticated language fluency, and are familiar with communication norms across a broad range of settings.

At times, the services of a Deaf interpreter may be required in order to meet the communication needs of the parties involved in a particular setting. A Deaf interpreter is a native signer; has undergone formal training, and is a recognized member of the Deaf community. A Deaf interpreter may be used in various settings and is an integral part of the interpreting team.

Hiring a member of ASLIA ensures that the interpreter you hire has graduated from an Interpreter Education Program or has satisfactorily met this standard through other experiences, as deemed by CASLI and the Affiliate Chapters. As a condition of membership, ASLIA members have agreed to abide by, and are accountable to, the Code of Ethics and Guidelines for Professional Conduct. Ultimately, through membership, the interpreter demonstrates a commitment to the profession and strives to uphold a high standard of service.

In addition to asking for an interpreter who is a member of ASLIA, the following considerations may assist you in finding the appropriate interpreter for your situation:

- Do they have certification with CASLI (Certificate of Interpretation, COI)?
- Do they have any other accreditation (provincial and/or employer screenings)?
- How many years of experience do they have?
- What are their areas of experience/expertise?
- Are they familiar with the nature and format of the appointment?

When contacting interpreters, it is important to provide the date, time, duration, location, and nature of the appointment. Information provided remains confidential regardless of whether the interpreter accepts the assignment. Once the interpreter establishes that they are available and appropriate for the setting, particulars can be discussed before confirming services. At times, a team of interpreters (2 or more interpreters working cooperatively) may be required due to the length of the assignment, the number of consumers, or the complexity of the task. It is important to consult with the interpreter/s when determining the need for more than one interpreter.

Interpreter Code of Ethics and Guidelines for Professional Conduct

For the complete version of the Code of Ethics and Guidelines for Professional Conduct document, please visit www.avlic.ca. The following guidelines represent the main tenants only.

1.0 PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY:

Interpreters accept responsibility for all professional decisions made and actions taken.

- 1.1. Confidentiality
- 1.2. Professional Conduct
- 1.3. Scope of Practice
- 1.4. Integrity of Service
- 1.5 Support for Professional Associations

2.0 PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE:

Interpreters provide the highest possible quality service through all aspects of their professional practice.

- 2.1. Qualifications to Practice
- 2.2 Faithfulness of Interpretation
- 2.3. Accountability for Professional Competence
- 2.4. Ongoing Professional Development

3.0 NON-DISCRIMINATION:

Interpreters approach professional services with respect and cultural sensitivity towards all participants.

- 3.1. Non-discrimination
- 3.2. Communication Preferences
- 3.3 Deaf Interpreters

4.0 INTEGRITY IN PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIPS:

Interpreters deal honestly and fairly with consumers and colleagues while establishing and maintaining professional boundaries.

- 4.1. Professional Relationships
- 4.2. Impartiality
- 4.3. Respect for Colleagues

5.0 INTEGRITY IN BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS: Interpreters establish and maintain professional boundaries with consumers and colleagues in a manner that is honest and fair.

- 5.1. Business Practices
- 5.2. Accurate Representation of Credentials
- 5.3. Reimbursement for Services

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Definitions of Certification

Canadian Certification — conferred by the Canadian Association of Sign Language Interpreters (CASLI)

Certificate of Interpretation (COI):

Holders of this national certification have successfully completed the Canadian Evaluation System (CES) which is comprised of the following:

Written Test of Knowledge (WTK):

A 73 question, multiple choice test that ensures appropriate theoretical knowledge in the field of American Sign Language and English interpretation. Candidates are successful with a final grade of 65% or greater.

Test of Interpretation (TOI):

This test is a practical application on the ability to provide message-equivalent interpretation between American Sign Language and English. The TOI focuses on 7 interpretation samples including an ASL to English monologue, an English to ASL monologue, and two interactive scenarios.

Under the guidance of a facilitator, candidate testing materials are rated by a team of three Deaf raters followed by a team of three certified interpreters. Certificate of Interpretation (COI) is granted upon successful completion of the CES process. For further information on the CASLI COI, please visit: www.avlic.ca

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