

ACCI FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS

- Platform to offer work directly as freelancers
- Trade union membership option
- Professional indemnity insurance offer
- Decision making portal
- Forum for members
- CPD workshops
- Transparent contract rates with low fees
- ACCI / FCCI designatory letters after your name
- Fair disciplinary procedures
- The ACCI Rulebook as a hallmark of highest standards in the profession
- Becoming independent from agencies
- Networking, branch events and meetings

ACCI

ACCI is a non-for-profit body for interpreters and their clients. Established in 2013 as the Association of Qualified Translators and Interpreters it became the ACCI in November 2016 to focus entirely on a profession of a language interpreter.

Read more about the ACCI's objectives here: <http://acciglobal.org/objectives/>

ACCI is a strong, technology savvy organisation with an online forum and a decision-making platform for members and which promotes members to get more direct jobs. It will also compete for contracts to benefit our members and we propose to use a transparent pricing model.

Q: Is the ACCI another agency?

A: No. Just the opposite. It will promote its members so they can get direct bookings. At the same time it will suggest alternative solution to the government organisations with all the benefits of current outsourcing and providing interpreters with sustainable rates. For example, when we have a contract for £105 for half day interpreting, you will get £85-£95 and £10-£20 will cover our expenses.

Q: Do we need another association?

A: Yes. Before setting up the ACCI we looked at what there is on the market. And there wasn't a single organisation focusing solely on a profession of a language interpreter and which would be willing to compete for contracts and at the same time provide regulation and tools to enable interpreters to run successful businesses. The ACCI would like to see the profession of a language interpreter chartered, regulated and with a protection of title. You will also have an option to belong to trade unions and to have indemnity insurance designed for our members. ACCI is not only for public service interpreters, it represents all language interpreters as a single profession.

"United we stand, divided we fall."

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

You are a certified member and you can use designatory letters ACCI or FCCI after your name. And you have access to your online page where you can be booked directly and from where you can provide video interpreting service. You can manage your business, raise invoices and accept payments. And with any contract the ACCI wins and in which you would like to work for, you will see transparency. You will have more money working with the ACCI. We want to achieve £95 half day rate for interpreters in public sector.



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HOW MUCH WOULD I HAVE TO PAY? EVEN MORE FEES?

When you are accepted as a member or fellow member you will have to pay membership fees to benefit from our solution. You will also have to commit to CPD requirement and the ACCI Rulebook. Our fees are £2.50 per week, reduced to £1.50 per week for all new members at the moment. This rate will be guaranteed for 5 years. We have an option of 6 and 12 month FREE membership. Apply here: <https://goo.gl/l592bY>

BACKGROUND

Before 2012 Public Service Interpreters were paid £85 for half day. At the moment there is a single outsourcer in Public Sector Interpreting without a competitor within Ministry of Justice language interpreting. Often interpreters can get £18 a day with no guarantees. There aren't rigorous enough quality checks in place and it's possible that an interpreter without correct qualifications is sent to work in Courts, Police Stations and within the NHS. Public safety is at risk.

We are a robust alternative to expensive commercial outsourcers and we are a non profit organisation for the public benefit and of our members.

Why should interpreters get a minimum half day fee in Public Service Interpreting? The moment you leave home for any assignment you should know that by the time you get back you will have earned a decent days wage. You are a professional committed to the highest standards and when you work for public sector you deserve the same benefits like any other

person working in the public sector. You should be motivated to do your job well, to be proud of your profession and to be able to provide for your family. You should also be able to retire with dignity knowing that you have served your profession well.

To succeed we need your help and we need you on board. We can only do it when we all unite. If you support our ethos and if you uphold the British values and principles we would like you to join the ACCI for free. We need volunteers and donations to help us deliver the right solution for public service interpreting and to become the largest body for professional interpreters working in any sector. The ACCI is here to benefit the economy, private and public sectors by providing certified language interpreters who are an important profession for community cohesion, public safety and for businesses. And the profession of language interpreters needs exceptional members to better integrate immigrants. When you become the ACCI or FCCI you join a group of qualified language interpreters who are up to the job.

Best regards

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About Pawel: Wealth of experience in translation and interpreting industry coupled with extensive knowledge of UK Taxation and Accounting. Pawel owns Omnipol Accounting Ltd, accounts practice in Southampton. Pawel is used to working to company targets, always finding the best way to achieve the highest profitability for the clients. Able to understand and anticipate clients' needs combined with professional knowledge of accounts preparation, Pawel provides great service at excellent value. Outside of working in Tax, Pawel is involved in Say OK Academy delivering language tuition through online courses, specialist courses for employers and classroom learning. As a Chair of the ACCI with a Diploma in Public Service Interpreting and Metropolitan Police Test Pawel has proven record of accomplishment in running a translation and interpreting business, teaching English as a foreign language and delivering training for interpreters. Well educated, Pawel always endeavours to keep up to date with current affairs and possesses excellent in-depth, industry knowledge. Actively involved in voluntary work with EU Welcome and other community projects and organisations.