

ADMISSION CRITERIA

ATIO certifies translators, interpreters and terminologists. Please consult the admission criteria of your professional category below to see if you are eligible to join the Association.



- **Translators**

To apply in translation, you must either:

Hold a Canadian BA, MA or PhD in translation (in which case you are exempt from writing the Entrance Exam) or a foreign BA, MA or PhD in translation evaluated by World Education Services (WES) or the International Credential Assessment Service of Canada (ICAS);

OR

Hold a Canadian or WES-evaluated (or ICAS-evaluated) BA, MA or PhD in any domain, plus the equivalent of two years (i.e. approximately 100,000 words per year or at least 30 hours per week) of translation experience in each language combination for which you are applying;

OR

Have the equivalent of four years (i.e. approximately 100,000 words per year or at least 30 hours per week) of translation experience in each language combination for which you are applying;

OR

Be a candidate for certification in translation in good standing of a member association of CTTIC (in which case you must provide an official letter attesting that you are indeed a member in good standing with your association).

Your translation experience must be from within the last five years and must be attested to by at least one reference letter from an employer or client.

If your application is accepted, you will be invited to write the Translation Entrance Exam. You must pass this Entrance Exam to join the Association.

- **Conference Interpreters**

To apply in conference interpreting, you must either:

Hold a Canadian BA, MA or PhD in conference interpreting or a foreign BA, MA or PhD in conference interpreting evaluated by World Education Services (WES) or the International Credential Assessment Service of Canada (ICAS), or have successfully completed a Canadian or WES-evaluated (or ICAS-evaluated) postgraduate program in conference interpreting;

OR

Substantiate 100 days of experience as a conference interpreter, at least 50 days in each active language [A, B] for which you are applying and at least 30 days from each passive language [C] for which you are applying;

OR

Be a candidate for certification in conference interpreting in good standing of a member association of the CTTIC (in which case you must provide an official letter attesting that you are indeed a member in good standing with your association).

Your conference interpreting experience must be from within the last five years and must be attested to by at least one reference letter from an employer or client.

- **Court Interpreters**

To apply in court interpreting, you must either:

Hold a Canadian BA, MA or PhD in court interpreting or a foreign BA, MA or PhD in court interpreting evaluated by World Education Services (WES) or the International Credential Assessment Service of Canada (ICAS), or have successfully completed a Canadian or WES-Evaluated (or ICAS-evaluated) post-secondary course in court interpreting;

OR

Be accredited as a court interpreter by the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General and submit proof of 300 hours of experience as a court interpreter;

OR

Substantiate 600 hours of experience as a court interpreter in Canada;

OR

Be a candidate for certification in court interpreting in good standing of a member association of the CTTIC (in which case you must provide an official letter attesting that you are indeed a member in good standing with your association).

Your court interpreting experience must be from within the last five years and must be attested to by at least one reference letter from an employer or client.

- **Community Interpreters**

To apply in community interpreting, you must:

Demonstrate the achievement on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) of a level of fluency of at least 7 or the equivalent, or level C1 on the Test de connaissance du français (TCF) or the equivalent;

AND EITHER

Hold a Canadian BA, MA or PhD in community interpreting or a foreign BA, MA or PhD in community interpreting evaluated by World Education Services (WES) or the International Credential Assessment Service of Canada (ICAS), or have successfully completed a post-secondary Canadian or WES-evaluated (or ICAS-evaluated) program in community interpreting;

OR

Be accredited as a community interpreter by a Canadian certifying body for community interpreters and submit proof of 300 hours of experience as a community interpreter;

OR

Substantiate 600 hours of experience as a community interpreter in Canada;

OR

Be a candidate for certification in community interpreting in good standing of a member association of the CTTIC (in which case you must provide an official letter attesting that you are indeed a member in good standing with your association).

Your community interpreting experience must be from within the last five years and must be attested to by at least one reference letter from an employer or client.

- **Medical Interpreters**

To apply in medical interpreting, you must:

Demonstrate the achievement on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) of a level of fluency of at least 7 or the equivalent, or level C1 on the Test de connaissance du français (TCF) or the equivalent;

AND EITHER

Hold a Canadian BA, MA or PhD in medical interpreting or a foreign BA, MA or PhD in community interpreting evaluated by World Education Services (WES) or the International Credential Assessment Service of Canada (ICAS), or have successfully completed a post-secondary Canadian or WES-evaluated (or ICAS-evaluated) program in community interpreting;

OR

Be accredited as a medical interpreter by a Canadian certifying body for community interpreters and submit proof of 300 hours of experience as a community interpreter;

OR

Substantiate 600 hours of experience as a medical interpreter in Canada;

OR

Be a candidate for certification in medical interpreting in good standing of a member association of the CTTIC (in which case you must provide an official letter attesting that you are indeed a member in good standing with your association).

Your medical interpreting experience must be from within the last five years and must be attested to by at least one reference letter from an employer or client.

- **Terminologists**

To apply in terminology, you must either:

Hold a Canadian BA, MA or PhD in terminology or in translation with a specialization in terminology, or a foreign BA, MA or PhD in terminology or in translation with a specialization in terminology evaluated by World Education Services or the International Credential Assessment Service of Canada;

OR

Submit proof of two years of experience as a terminologist;

OR

Be a candidate for certification in terminology in good standing of a member association of CTTIC (in which case you must provide an official letter attesting that you are indeed a member in good standing with your association).

Your experience in terminology must be from within the last five years and must be attested to by at least one reference letter from an employer or client.

- **Students**

To apply as a student, you must:

Submit an official letter of enrollment from a Canadian post-secondary institution stating that you are registered in a degree program in translation, terminology, conference interpreting, court interpreting, or community interpreting. This letter should include verification of full-time or part-time status, year level, and the name and length of your program.