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### **Ontario's MCIIT now officially requires immigration documents to be translated by ATIO certified translators**

**Ottawa, July 6, 2015** – After years of lobbying the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade (MCIIT), ATIO is pleased to announce that the latest application guides for the Opportunities Ontario: Provincial Nominee Program (OOPNP), effective June 3, 2015, now officially require that immigration documents be translated by ATIO Certified Translators.

These guides provide newcomers and Ontario employers with information needed to apply for the OOPNP, including nomination categories, criteria and documentation requirements such as MCIIT's translation policy.

According to the new guides, "if you are applying from within Ontario, the translations must be completed by a certified translator accredited by the Association of Translators and Interpreters of Ontario (ATIO)".

Furthermore, for applicants applying from outside the province, "OOPNP reserves the right to require you to submit translations completed by a certified translator accredited by ATIO".

The guides are available on MCIIT's website here:

[http://www.ontarioimmigration.ca/en/pnp/OI\\_PNPFORMS.html](http://www.ontarioimmigration.ca/en/pnp/OI_PNPFORMS.html) .

ATIO's President, Lisa Carter, C.Tran., says of the new requirement, "Ontario continues to be the number one destination for newcomers to Canada, and they often need a certified translation of various personal documents, references and qualifications. I commend MCIIT for taking this important step to protect newcomers. It affirms that only a certified translation, the highest standard for our profession, is acceptable when serving immigrants to Ontario."

This is also a victory for Certified Translators, particularly those working in foreign languages. The public can rest assured of the quality of ATIO members' work through its rigorous certification and regulatory processes.

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