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ATIO Offers Free Membership for Community Interpreters and Medical Interpreters

OTTAWA, July 16, 2015 - The Association of Translators and Interpreters of Ontario (ATIO) is pleased to announce that effective immediately, membership fees for applicants in the categories of Community Interpreter and Medical Interpreter will be waived until the 2017 membership year. Moreover, applicants applying for membership as a Community Interpreter and a Medical Interpreter at the same time will only be charged a single application fee of \$75.00, although they will be required to submit two applications.

“ATIO is committed to supporting Community and Medical Interpreters,” says Lisa Carter, President of the Association of Translators and Interpreters of Ontario. “We recognize that Community and Medical Interpreters face significant income disparity compared to other ATIO designations, and so with this gesture look forward to welcoming professionals in these two new categories into our fold.”

Recently, ATIO also announced that it will now welcome LITP graduates who have successfully passed the CILISAT or ILSAT test when applying to become Candidates as a Community Interpreter or Medical Interpreter with ATIO. Applicants whose first language is not English must achieve a level of 7 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), or the equivalent.

LITP graduates are encouraged to apply to ATIO for the status of Candidate for Certification. The applications can be found on the Association’s website:

- <http://atio.on.ca/membership/applications/comapp.php> (community)
- <http://atio.on.ca/membership/applications/medapp.php> (medical)

Interpreters trained at community-based organizations are encouraged to contact one of the Ontario colleges that offer the LITP for prior learning assessment and recognition (PLAR) before applying to become a Candidate for Certification with ATIO.

ATIO membership provides access to the certification exam, which when passed will grant the reserved title of Certified Community Interpreter or Medical Interpreter, and that will increasingly be recognized as the gold standard in the industry. New applicants will join the nearly 1,400 existing ATIO members, providing significant networking opportunities. Members also have access to regular training courses, as well as the award-winning *InformATIO* newsletter to stay abreast of changing trends in the industry.



Other benefits include discount rates on professional liability and general insurance, publication subscriptions and other group purchases. Members are listed in the public ATIO directory, which provides work opportunities, and they also receive job postings on a regular basis.

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ABOUT ATIO

ATIO is the first translators' association in the world whose certified members are deemed professionals by law. In February 1989, the Province of Ontario granted a reserved title for certified members of ATIO through the *Association of Translators and Interpreters Act, 1989*. In Ontario, ATIO is the exclusive certifying body for translators, terminologists, conference interpreters, court interpreters, community interpreters and medical interpreters.