



REGISTRATION AND QUALIFICATIONS NEWSLETTER

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This newsletter is distributed to:

- Registered BSL/English Interpreters, Deafblind Interpreters (Manual), Lipspeakers and Speech to Text Reporters;
- Approved NVQ Assessment Centres;
- The Independent Registration Panel;
- The ACE/Deafblind Registration Panel;
- The Consortium of Interpreter Training and Assessment Providers.

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1. General Information

The final registration figures for the previous three years are given below showing a steady increase in all categories. The numbers achieved in 2006-07 are the highest ever. A warm welcome to all new LSPs and welcome back to those of you who have registered in the past but have had a gap in your registration for whatever reason. This is good news for deaf and deafblind service users as it shows a commitment by the field to adhere to professional standards and codes of ethics.

Category	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Member of the Register of BSL/English Interpreters	201	270	316
Trainee Interpreter (BSL/English)	46	44	61
Junior Trainee Interpreter (BSL/English)	87	84	102
Member of the Register of Deafblind Interpreters (Manual)	31	31	37
Member of the Register of Speech to Text Reporters	11	16	21
Member of the Register of Level 3 Lipspeakers	27	33	38
Registered Level 2 Lipspeaker	20	24	19

2. Report from April 2007 Registration

The expected numbers of Language Service Professionals (LSPs) registered from April 2007 are as follows:

Category	April 2007
Member of the Register of BSL/English Interpreters	320
Trainee Interpreter (BSL/English)	58
Junior Trainee Interpreter (BSL/English)	91
Member of the Register of Deafblind Interpreters (Manual)	26
Member of the Register of Speech to Text Reporters	21
Member of the Register of Level 3 Lipspeakers	39
Registered Level 2 Lipspeaker	12

There are two more registration dates during 2007-08, 1 September 2007 (closing date 31 July 2007) and 1 January 2008 (closing date 31 October 2007). Please inform any colleagues who have not yet registered of these dates.

The CACDP database will soon be updated with details of all new LSPs and those who have renewed their registration from 1 April 2007.

Once again, we would like to thank everyone who met the deadline for registration and supplied all of the necessary supporting information by the closing date.

The following examples may answer some of the queries which were raised during the registration process:

Application fees

Examples	Action	Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MRSLI renewing as MRSLI. • Level 3 Lipspeaker renewing as Level 3 Lipspeaker. 	Renewal in same category.	No application fee required.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving from Junior Trainee Interpreter to Trainee Interpreter. • Moving from Level 2 Lipspeaker to Level 3. 	Upgrading to another category.	An application fee of £30 is required.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Junior Trainee Interpreter. • New Speech to Text Reporter. 	Applying to register for the first time.	An application fee of £30 is required.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently registered as an MRSLI and also now registering as a DBI(M). 	Adding another skills category.	An application fee of £30 is required for DBI(M) registration.

Advertising in the Online Directory is now FREE

Examples	Action
I advertised in the last registration year and do not wish to make any changes.	<p>If you advertised in the last registration year, a printout of your entry in the Online Directory will be enclosed with your registration application pack.</p> <p>If you don't wish to make any changes, you still need to add a note to this form saying 'no changes' as CACDP require confirmation of your wishes.</p>
I previously advertised in the last registration year and wish to make changes.	<p>If you advertised in the last registration year, a printout of your entry in the Online Directory will be enclosed with your registration application pack.</p> <p>Complete the Online Directory Entry form detailing clearly any changes you would like to be made.</p>
I have never advertised and want to do so now.	The blank Online Directory Entry form needs to be completed fully . If you have not completed an Online Directory Entry form but now wish to advertise, please contact Angela Nunn (angelan@cacdp.org.uk) who will send you the form to allow you to do this.
I used to advertise, but stopped. I now want to advertise again.	Please follow the same steps as for 'I have never advertised and want to do so now'.

Others

Examples	Action
Professional Indemnity Insurance (PII).	<p>Individual LSPs should make sure their PII covers them adequately for any assignment they undertake.</p> <p>Individual LSPs are also responsible for ensuring their PII is up to date, valid for the full registration period and renewed promptly.</p> <p>Any delay in providing evidence of PII where it is compulsory will result in a delay in registration.</p>
Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) Enhanced Disclosure certificates.	<p>CRB certificates must be less than three years old at the registration date.</p> <p>LSPs are responsible for providing CRB certificates.</p> <p>For LSP categories where CRB is not yet compulsory, the CRB disclosure will only be highlighted on their entry if they have provided a valid certificate, i.e. one that is less than three years old at the registration date.</p> <p>For LSP categories where CRB evidence is compulsory, failure to provide a valid certificate will result in a delay in registration.</p>
The Declaration section.	<p>This section of the application form is still not always completed fully. Registration cannot be completed until this is done.</p>

Changes to Contact Details

Please remember to send any updates on changes to registration or advertising details as soon as they occur. These should be sent to Angela Nunn (angelan@cacdp.org.uk) who, wherever possible, will update the Online Directory the following day.

3. Update from the ACE/Deafblind Registration Panel

The ACE/Deafblind Registration Panel met in February 2007 to ratify applications for April 2007 registration and to discuss various matters including the following:

- For registration purposes, CRB Enhanced Disclosure must be less than three years old at the registration date. It is recommended but not compulsory for ACE/Deafblind LSPs. However, if it is to be recorded then it needs to be less than three years old.
- How the recently accredited Level 3 LSP qualifications will fit in with the requirements of the register. As the final LSP unit had not been accredited at the time of the meeting, decisions on this will need to be made at the next meeting in August.

- A report had been drafted about the possibility of having a register for Notetakers. This was met favourably and further work is now being carried out to finalise the report to be submitted to CACDP for consideration.
- The first ACE campaign is now complete and the report was published in November 2006 with 25 recommendations. The Panel are considering what, if anything, they can contribute to the achievement of the recommendations.

*Ross Trotter, Chair
ACE/Deafblind Registration Panel*

4. New Professional Association for Notetakers

The Association of Notetaking Professionals (ANP) was established following discussions, which identified the need for a professional body for Notetakers nationwide. On Saturday 11 November 2006, the first AGM was held at the Hilton Metropole London; the event was well attended and successful in launching the ANP.

The immediate objective of the new committee is to create a website where qualified Electronic and Manual Notetakers will have the opportunity to register and advertise their services on an online directory. It is hoped that this will encourage trainees to become qualified and advocate best practice, thus enhancing our reputation.

The Association aims to forge links with service users, employers and external organisations, advancing the status of the profession, the standard and skills required and the right to this resource, in academic, business and community settings. Workshops, support and promotional activities will take place throughout the year, with the intention of increasing membership figures and also endorsing the title of 'Notetaker'.

If you wish to become a member of the ANP, or you would like further information, please contact Julie Forward, Chair at Julie_Forward@hotmail.com or contact the ANP at anp06@yahoo.co.uk.

5. Revised National Agreement for Interpreters in the Criminal Justice System

The National Agreement on arrangements for the use of interpreters, translators and Language Service Professionals (LSPs) in investigations and proceedings within the Criminal Justice System has now been revised. The revised Agreement is available on the Home Office website at <http://police.homeoffice.gov.uk/news-and-publications/publication/operational-policing/national-agreement-interpret.pdf>.

This is good news for all concerned. The Agreement states that, for communicating with D/deaf people, the standard requirement is that every LSP working in courts and police stations should be registered as full members with CACDP. A determined effort should be made to obtain a registered LSP. However, where an LSP from the CACDP Registers is not available, or cannot be found to meet a fixed deadline, and delay or rescheduling is not possible, Annex C of the Agreement suggests contacting one of the following who may be able to help:

- Agency Steering Group.
- Association of Sign Language Interpreters (Licensed Members only).
- Association of Lipspeakers (Level 3 only).
- Association of Verbatim Speech to Text Reporters.

6. News Hot off the Press!

We are pleased to announce that the following three LSP qualifications have now been accredited:

LLS3 – CACDP Level 3 Certificate for Language Service Professionals Working with Deaf and Deafblind People (Lipspeaking)

The QCA accreditation number is 500/1687/8.

Unit details:

D/500/4303	L304 – Accessible English for Deaf and Deafblind People.
K/500/4305	P301 – Professional Issues in Facilitating Communication with Deaf and Deafblind People.
M/500/4306	T301 – Lipspeaking Skills and Strategies.
F/500/6674	P302 – Professional Practice for Language Service Professionals.

LNT3 – CACDP Level 3 Certificate for Language Service Professionals Working with Deaf and Deafblind People (Notetaking)

The QCA accreditation number is 500/1687/8.

Unit details:

D/500/4303	L304 – Accessible English for Deaf and Deafblind People.
K/500/4305	P301 – Professional Issues in Facilitating Communication with Deaf and Deafblind People.
T/500/4307	T302 – Notetaking Skills and Strategies for Working with Deaf People.
F/500/6674	P302 – Professional Practice for Language Service Professionals.

LDB3 – CACDP Level 3 Certificate for Language Service Professionals Working with Deaf and Deafblind People (Deafblind Manual)

The QCA accreditation number is 500/1687/8.

Unit details:

D/500/4303	L304 – Accessible English for Deaf and Deafblind People.
K/500/4305	P301 – Professional Issues in Facilitating Communication with Deaf and Deafblind People.
D/500/5788	T304 – Working Between Spoken and Written English and the Deafblind Manual Alphabet.
F/500/6674	P302 – Professional Practice for Language Service Professionals.

These three qualifications share the same core qualification title and the same three core units. The 'T' unit in either Lipspeaking, Notetaking or Deafblind Manual is an option or 'pathway' unit leading to the full qualification title, shown by adding the brackets. The Verbatim Reporting pathway unit is in preparation at the moment. When this unit is accredited there will be a total of four pathways in this qualification for Lipspeakers, Notetakers, Deafblind Manual users, and Speech to Text Reporters. Other pathway units may be added later.

Please pass this good news on to any colleagues who may be interested in undertaking the above qualifications. Full details are available in the New Qualifications & Unit Structure booklet which can be downloaded from the CACDP website: www.cacdp.org.uk/Qualifications/CACDPQualifications/Qualifications&UnitStructureBooklet2007, Version 7.

7. It's 'Farewell' from Miranda

"As I prepare to leave CACDP, I would like to thank the ACE/Deafblind Registration Panel for 'hitting the ground running' in order to administer the registers of Lipspeakers, Deafblind Interpreters (Manual) and Speech to Text Reporters. Unlike the IRP, the panel did not have an interim year to get itself established! I'm sure the work of the panel will develop as the new Level 3 LSP qualifications are accredited and recognised. I know there may be teething problems in moving from one set of eligible qualifications to another – again the IRP knows all about this! However, I'm sure that with the panel's guidance there will be few casualties! I hope there is a positive response to proposals to establish a register of Notetakers.

"I have been very pleased to see the panel established in my final year with CACDP. It is good to see groups of stakeholder representatives administering all the CACDP registers, bringing a range of perspectives on the important matter of the regulation of LSPs. I do hope that the numbers registering continues to increase and that there is recognition by government for this important work in ensuring the quality of those who provide access for deaf people. The ACE report should provide an opportunity for achieving this recognition and financial support for all the organisations which contribute to the system of LSP training, assessment, and registration. Other opportunities are presented by the recently revised National Agreement on the arrangements for the use of LSPs in the criminal justice system which is due to be issued in the New Year. This needs to be supported by the development of specialised training for qualified LSPs in order for them to work in the legal domain. I would hope that this training would be accessible to all LSPs.

"When I look back on my 7 years at CACDP, LSP registration has been an element of my work at all times. In fact, when I joined CACDP I think I did little else! In recent years, I have been able to count on colleagues at CACDP to ensure that the system runs smoothly. As I prepare to leave CACDP, Angela's desk is piled high with envelopes ready for posting in the New Year for April 07 registrations. I recall in 2000 still typing the forms on Christmas Eve! Registration is certainly in good hands.

"I have always been committed to CACDP's role as a registration body within our mission of promoting communication between deaf and hearing people. It is a vital service which we have made available in order for deaf and hearing people to have access to communication and services through the provision of high quality professionals. Whatever happens in the future, I hope that registration is recognised for what it is there for and not as a voluntary system which stakeholders can opt out of or ignore.

"I hope 2007-8 is a successful registration year and that by the end of 2007 the system will be available online through CACDP's new ICT system. Thank you all for your support during my time at CACDP and I hope you will continue to do so when Jim Edwards takes over."

*Mrs Miranda Pickersgill
December 2006*

8. And it's "Hello" from Jim

"I am delighted to be joining CACDP. Its strong and dedicated team has, over more than 25 years, made a significant contribution to improving access for deaf people across the UK. It's an exciting time in the field of learning and qualifications. CACDP is well positioned to exert great influence with the governments and assemblies across the UK and to work with all our customers to meet their needs with our services and activities.

"The importance of the registration of LSPs will be key for CACDP as it commences a review of its strategy for the next three years. I look forward to working closely with the two registration panels to strengthen the contribution that they bring to the quality of services in this field."

*Jim Edwards
Chief Executive
March 2007*

And finally... remember this is your newsletter. If you have any specific information which you feel would be useful to LSPs, or you would like to see an article on a particular subject, let Angela know (angelan@cacdp.org.uk) and it may be included in the next edition!

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