

Interpreter Compensation Fee Schedule

Effective May 1, 2010

Pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S.A. §4411(d) and §4431(d), the Court Administrator establishes the following schedule of reasonable fees for services rendered by certified interpreters and otherwise qualified interpreters used in judicial proceedings.

INTERPRETER CLASSIFICATION	FOREIGN LANGUAGE			SIGN LANGUAGE		
	Hourly	Half day	Full day	Hourly	Half day	Full day
Master	\$75-65	\$235-200	\$400-350	\$75-65	\$235-200	\$400-350
Certified	\$60-45	\$180-150	\$330-300	\$60-45	\$180-150	\$330-300
Qualified	\$40-35	\$125-100	\$225-200	\$40-35	\$125-100	\$225-200
Conditional	\$30-25	\$95-80	\$170-160	n/a	n/a	n/a
Registered	\$55-40	\$175-135	\$325-265	\$30-25	\$95-80	\$170-160
Rare or uncommon languages	Depends on qualifications, experience, type of case and language but within guidelines					

Miscellaneous Provisions

1. When interpreters are hired at an hourly rate, no more than a two-hour minimum should be required.
2. Interpreters who receive at least forty-eight hour advance notice of a cancellation would not be entitled to a cancellation fee. If cancellation occurs with less than forty-eight hours notice, the cancellation fee should be equivalent to one hour compensation. If cancellation occurs after the interpreter appears for an assignment, the cancellation fee should be the equivalent of two hours pay. Interpreters hired at the half or full day rates will be entitled to cancellation fees based on the hourly rate and reimbursement of any incurred expenses.
3. Interpreters should also be entitled to reimbursement of mileage, parking, tolls, and travel time.
 - a. Mileage would be paid at the prevailing rate in the county or court whenever the interpreter has to travel more the fifty miles round trip to an assignment.
 - b. Parking allowances would be paid when no free parking exists within a five block radius of the assignment location
 - c. When travel to an assignment is more than two hours one way from the interpreter's normal business address or location, the interpreter can request compensation for travel time at half the minimum hourly compensation rate for his/her classification.
 - d. If travel by train or plane is required, the interpreter should be entitled to full reimbursement of travel costs and a per diem.
 - e. If overnight accommodations are required for the completion of an assignment, these expenses would also be reimbursable to the interpreter.
 - f. All requests for reimbursement must be accompanied by proper receipts.