



Department of Local Government,
Sport and Cultural Industries
Office of Multicultural Interests

Scholarship Program

for applicants of the

PSP50916 Diploma in Interpreting (LOTE-English)

Semester 1 2018



About the scholarship

The *Western Australian Language Services Policy 2014* requires State Government agencies to plan for, fund and deliver language services to Western Australians who do not speak or communicate effectively in spoken or written English. Where interpreters are employed, it requires them to have a credential issued by the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI), or a qualification from a tertiary institute (preferably both).

In order to provide a linguistically diverse community with quality language services, it is important that the interpreters who provide the services have the opportunity to continuously improve their professional skills. This includes prospects to pursue relevant courses at tertiary institutes to increase skills in preparing and managing interpreting assignments, and applying relevant standards to ethical practice.

North Metropolitan TAFE (NMTAFE) has advertised the three core units of the PSP50916 Diploma in Interpreting (LOTE-English) program to begin in February 2018. The Office of Multicultural Interests (OMI) is offering scholarships of \$500 to contribute to the course costs for three core units:

- PSPTIS001 Apply codes and standards to ethical practice
- PSPTIS003 Prepare to translate and interpret
- PSPTIS042 Manage discourses in general settings.

OMI will provide the scholarship funds direct to NMTAFE.

What will I achieve?

A student who successfully completes the three core units will have completed three out of the 12 units required to achieve the full diploma qualification and will receive a formal Statement of Attainment.

Who can apply for a scholarship?

To apply for a scholarship you must:

- be a practising interpreter
- have applied for the NMTAFE PSP50916 Diploma in Interpreting (LOTE-English) program
- have been accepted as a student.

Eligibility

To be eligible for a scholarship you must:

- be an Australian citizen or have permanent residency
- provide evidence that you are currently a practising interpreter (this evidence is to include a letter of reference from an employer)
- provide evidence of your commitment to professional development and training (a letter of reference, for example, from an employer/non-government organisation).

What will the course require?

The PSP50916 Diploma in Interpreting (LOTE-English) program is a part-time course. The three core units will be taught over a period of 20 teaching weeks. You will need to attend an evening class once a week from 5.30 to 8.30pm at the NMTAFE campus at 25 Aberdeen Street, Perth. The course will start in the week beginning 6 February 2018.



How to apply?

STEP 1:

You have completed the application process with NMTAFE, attended an interview, and have a letter of acceptance offering you a place in the course.



STEP 2: Apply to the Office of Multicultural Interests (OMI)

Complete the scholarship form and send it to OMI at the address below, together with the acceptance letter from NMTAFE offering you a place on the course, and other documents requested in the application form.

By post:

Interpreter Scholarship Program
Office of Multicultural Interests
GPO Box R1250
PERTH WA 6844

By email: harmony@omi.wa.gov.au

All applications will be acknowledged by email/post within 10 business days of receipt.

Reporting

The scholarship recipient is required to send OMI a brief outline of their overall experience within 21 days of course completion. OMI will provide a form for this feedback.

Should you receive a scholarship but not complete the three units, NMTAFE will advise OMI. This could result in your being ineligible for future enrolment and support.

Further information

For matters related to OMI scholarships, please email harmony@omi.wa.gov.au (subject line: OMI scholarship). Please also send your telephone number.

OMI acknowledges the advice and support of North Metropolitan TAFE, the Western Australian Institute of Translators and Interpreters (WAITI) and the National Accreditation Authority of Translators and Interpreters (NAATI) in this project.

Scholarship closing date

Scholarship applications must be submitted by **4.00pm, 15 December 2017**.

Official notification of success in obtaining a scholarship will be provided to applicants by 25 January 2018.

Contact information

For more information please contact:

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