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Announcement of Important Changes

WASLI and WFD reviewed the IS accreditation during Dec 2019 and recommended the following changes:

What's different?

- **Pre-Candidate Stage** – candidates working towards full accreditation can have their portfolio reviewed and if successful, be granted Pre-Candidate for Accreditation status.
 - Pre-accredited interpreters should have an IS interpreter mentor
 - Document least 10 days of IS interpreting work within more experienced teams to support their development in IS interpreting.
 - Inform is.accred.wasli@gmail.com by 15 December of each year of the name of the mentor(s) and steps completed towards the development of their practice
- Allow for test to include **Spoken Spanish to International Sign and/or International Sign to Spanish**. (Note: This responds to the frequent requests for Spanish as one of the UN official languages. Should demand increase for other UN languages, those will be considered.)

Choices for accreditation:

- International Sign to spoken English
- International Sign to spoken Spanish
- **Both** IS to ENG and ENG to IS

- English to International Sign
- Spanish to International Sign
- **Both** IS to SP and SP to IS

What's the same?

- Applicants can apply to be accredited in both spoken English and International Sign
- Applicants must still produce the documents required for the application process. See <https://wasli.org/is-interpreter> for further information

Required Documents:

Applications will be required to submit a portfolio of evidence that includes:

1. Application form
2. Curriculum Vitae.
3. Copies of certificates of general educational qualifications (school certificates, college or university diplomas or degrees).
4. Copies of national interpreter qualifications (training, accreditation or recognition)
5. Training: document the trainings you have attended and copies of certificate of attendance at IS interpreter training events. If you have not attended any training, submit a 200- word justification of why no training has been completed. (English or Spanish and in International Sign).
6. Two (2) x letters of recommendation from deaf consumers who have experience working with your IS interpreting.
7. Two (2) x letters of recommendation from IS interpreters who have previously worked for WASLI or the WFD events.
8. One (1) letter of recommendation from national deaf or interpreting agents (i.e. associations, representative bodies, private companies).
9. Logbook of contracted IS interpreting bookings. 150 days for hearing practitioners and 75 days for deaf practitioners** (where a day is 3 or more hours of continuous interpreting).

Application Deadline: Oct 10, 2021