

Victorian Government – Minimum Rates for Interpreters

The 1 July 2018 is the start date from which minimum remuneration rates and a regional service charge will be applied for contractor and casually employed interpreters who provide services to the Victorian Government.

Minimum Remuneration Rates

1. Base Sessional Rates

NAATI Certified Interpreter (Level 3) is the minimum credential recommended for Victorian Government work. The full schedule of new rates by each NAATI certification level is:

NAATI Credential Level	New Base Rates \$
<i>90 min onsite interpreting</i>	
Certified Interpreter (Level 3) – or higher	87.12
Certified Provisional Interpreter (Level 2)	74.15
Recognised Practicing Interpreter (Level 1)	67.41
<i>15 min telephone interpreting</i>	
Certified Interpreter (Level 3) – or higher	17.42
Certified Provisional Interpreter (Level 2)	14.83
Recognised Practicing Interpreter (Level 1)	13.48
<i>60 min video interpreting</i>	
Certified Interpreter (Level 3) – or higher	65.34
Certified Provisional Interpreter (Level 2)	55.61
Recognised Practicing Interpreter (Level 1)	50.55
<i>Half-day onsite interpreting</i>	
Certified Interpreter (Level 3) – or higher	186.69
Certified Provisional Interpreter (Level 2)	158.89
Recognised Practicing Interpreter (Level 1)	144.44
<i>Full-day onsite interpreting</i>	
Certified Interpreter (Level 3) – or higher	326.71
Certified Provisional Interpreter (Level 2)	278.05
Recognised Practicing Interpreter (Level 1)	252.77

The new minimum rates only apply to interpreters who have transitioned to the new NAATI certification system.

Interpreters who have not transitioned will remain on their current rates and conditions to ensure that no interpreter is disadvantaged with respect to their existing conditions.

2. Regional Service Charge (RSC)

The RSC is an entirely new payment to interpreters aimed at compensating interpreters for onsite service provision in regional/rural locations. It will be paid to interpreters in addition to existing kilometre-based travel allowances.

The RSC compensates interpreters for lost opportunities in taking on regional work by providing a loading on their base remuneration rate as per the following schedule:

NAATI Level	Base Rates \$	Regional Service Charge \$	Total Payment
<i>100-199 km return trip for 90 minute service – total maximum time of 4 hrs – 50% loading on base rate</i>			
Certified Interpreter (Level 3) – or higher	87.12	43.56	130.68
Certified Provisional Interpreter (Level 2)	74.15	37.08	111.23
Recognised Practicing Interpreter (Level 1)	67.41	33.71	101.12
<i>> 200 km return trip for 90 minute service – total maximum time of 8 hrs – 200% loading on base rate</i>			
Certified Interpreter (Level 3) – or higher	87.12	174.24	261.36
Certified Provisional Interpreter (Level 2)	74.15	148.30	222.45
Recognised Practicing Interpreter (Level 1)	67.41	134.82	202.23

The Regional Service Charge will be higher than the above rates when:

- total service time is longer than 4 hours for return travel between 100-199 kms
- total service time is longer than 8 hours for return travel over 200 kms

Travel distance, for the purpose of applying the Regional Service Charge, is calculated from the Melbourne GPO.