

INTERPRETERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

INTRODUCTION

FTS interpreters are expected to abide by the Code of Conduct to which they are signatories. The standards in the Code set a framework for interpreting in the public services, upheld if necessary by professional and impartial disciplinary procedures. The objective of the Code of Conduct is to make sure that communication across language and culture is carried out consistently, competently and impartially, and that all those involved in the process are clear about what may be expected from it.

COMPETENCE

Interpreters admitted to the register are expected to:

- (a) have a written and spoken command of both languages, including any specialist terminology, current idioms and dialects;
- (b) possess the ability to interpret and translate accurately, fluently and appropriately between both languages using the correct techniques;
- (c) to be impartial at all times ensuring that communication across language and culture is carried out consistently and competently
- (d) not discriminate against parties, either directly or indirectly, on the grounds of race, colour, ethnic origin, age, nationality, religion, gender, sexuality or disability;
- (e) disclose any information, including any criminal record, which may make them unsuitable in any particular case;
- (f) disclose immediately if the interviewee or immediate family is known or related to them;
- (g) disclose any business, financial, family or other interest which they might have in the matter being handled;
- (h) not accept any form of reward, whether in cash or otherwise, for interpreting work other than payment by the employer;
- (i) not engage in any behaviour likely to discredit the NRPSI (including impairment through drugs or alcohol, sexual misconduct, violence, intimidation or abusive behaviour);
- (j) safeguard professional standards and offer assistance to other interpreters and translators whenever reasonable, practical and appropriate;
- (k) to dress appropriately in a professional manner for any assignment.

I have read and understood the Code of Conduct for Interpreters and hereby undertake to comply with its provisions.

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Signature

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