

Interpreter (I)

The terms “translator” and “interpreter” refer to persons undertaking written or oral language translation. WorldSkills International has adopted the term Interpreter to cover both interpreting and translating.

WorldSkills International fully recognizes the value and importance of Interpreters because they allow Experts to work together without communication difficulties and to ensure that all Competitors get the same information, enabling them to compete on an equal footing.

Entitlement

Every Member is entitled to bring, at their own expense, Interpreters to translate and communicate about Test Projects and assist in communication during the skill competition.

Qualification

Ideally, Interpreters should have knowledge of the technical terms appropriate to the skill competition(s) for which they are working.

Interpreters must have successfully completed the Competition Rules quiz.

Appointment

Members may not use former Experts or Competitors as Interpreters in the skill competition in which they were formerly an Expert or Competitor.

Former Interpreters who become Experts cannot have an Interpreter for their native language to English.

Assignment

Interpreters are registered to a pool by the Member. **At C-4 months**, these Interpreters are randomly assigned to the Member’s skill competitions, irrespective of industry sector. The outcome of the automated random assignment process is available in the Registration System.

Contact with Competitors

Interpreters must not have direct contact with compatriot Competitors in the workshop except when permitted by the Chief Expert or Deputy Chief Expert.

Conduct in the workshop

- The compatriot Expert must introduce the Interpreter at the first Expert meeting
- After the official commencement of the Competition, Interpreters are to remain in the central workshop area – or elsewhere as specified by the Chief Expert – and be readily available, as required
- From C1 to C4, the Interpreter must inform the Chief Expert or Deputy Chief Expert when entering or leaving the workshop area during competition time
- The Interpreter must ensure that a digital file, photocopy, or the original of any translated documentation is given to the Chief Expert for archiving
- The Chief Expert submits these translations to the Secretariat at the end of the Competition

Confidentiality of information

Competitors must not receive additional information as a result of the Interpreter’s work.

This definition is part of the [WorldSkills International Competition Rules Section 6.13](#)