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Language profiles in demand with the EU interpreting services

Guidance for those wishing to take an accreditation test

The following table indicates the minimum language profiles that a candidate must have to be admitted to the accreditation procedure. It is intended as a guide to students and to universities, and is valid for two consecutive test years (2022-2023 and 2023-2024). The institutions reserve, however, the right to revise the language profiles in between the two test years, and to select candidates with a different profile if so justified by the needs of the services.

You may apply with a wider language combination than the minimum profile, however, please bear in mind that the languages to be tested will be selected based on the needs of the services. Different profiles are due to different operational needs in each individual booth.

Notes on the abbreviations used:
BG = Bulgarian, CS = Czech, DA = Danish, DE = German, EL = Greek, EN = English, GA= Irish, ES = Spanish, ET = Estonian, FI = Finnish, FR = French, HR = Croatian, HU = Hungarian, IT = Italian, LT = Lithuanian, LV = Latvian, MT = Maltese, NL = Dutch, PL = Polish, PT = Portuguese, RO = Romanian, SK = Slovak, SL = Slovene, SV = Swedish, AR = Arabic, RU = Russian.

The A language is one (native tongue or equivalent) which the interpreter masters perfectly and into which he/she is capable of interpreting consecutively and simultaneously from all his/her B and C languages.

The B language is one which the interpreter masters at a very high level close to mother-tongue and into which he/she can provide fluent and accurate interpretation in consecutive and simultaneous from the A language. This is also called a *retour* language.

The C language is one which is fully understood and from which the interpreter works into his/her A language.

In the table below, you will find the accreditation profiles for the different EU languages. By way of explanation, ACC means that on top of your A language you need two C languages which are sometimes specified in the column "Language Specifications", ABC means that you need a B language (a retour) and an additional C language, ABCC means that you need a B language (retour) and two additional C languages, and so on.

2022-2023 and 2023-2024 Accreditation Profiles

	Admission	Language specifications	Other priority languages and comments
BG	A + B	B = EN/FR/DE	
	A + CC	C1 = EN/FR/DE C2 = EN/FR/DE/IT/ES	
CS	A + BC	B = FR/DE/ES/IT C = EN	
	A + B	B = EN	
	A + CC	C1 = EN C2 = any other official EU language except for SK	
DA	A + B	B = EN/FR/DE	
	A + CC	C1 = EN/FR/DE	
DE	A + CCC	C1 = EN	
	A + CC	C1 = EN C2 = FR	
	A + BC	B = EN	
EL	A + CC	C1 = EN, C2 = FR/DE/ES/IT	
	A + BC	B = EN/FR/DE, EN is obligatory	
	A + CCC	C1 = EN, C2 and C3 = FR/DE/ES/IT	
EN	A + CC	C1 = FR/DE	
ES	A + CCC	C1 = EN	
		C2 = FR or DE	
		C3 = any official EU language	

	A + BCC	B = EN	
ET	A + B	B = EN/FR/DE	
	A + CC	C1 = EN/FR/DE C2 = EN/FR/DE/IT/ES	
FI	A + B A + CC	B= EN/FR/DE/IT/ES	
FR	A + BC	B = EN C= EU language	
	A + CC	C1 = EN C2 = DE/PL/SV/NL/EL/FI/CS/ET/ HU/LT/LV/MT/SK/SL/BG/DA/RO/HR	
	A + CCC	C1 = EN C2/C3 = two EU languages or one EU language + RU/AR	
GA	A + B A + B A + C	A = GA B = EN A = EN B = GA A = EN C = GA	
HU	A + BC A + B	B = EN/DE/FR/ES B= EN	
	A + CC	C1 = EN	
HR	A + B	B = EN/FR/DE/IT/ES	
	A + CC	C1 = EN/FR/DE C2 = EN/FR/DE/IT/ES/NL/PT	
IT	A + BC	B = EN C = FR/DE	For operational reasons the language profile EN/FR/ES is not eligible in this accreditation test cycle.
	A + CCC	C1 = EN/FR/DE	
LT	A + B	B = EN/FR/DE	
	A+CC	C1 = EN C2 = FR/DE/IT/ES	
LV	A + B	B = EN/FR/DE	

MT	A + B	B= EN/FR/DE/IT/ES	
	A + CC	C1 = EN/FR/DE	
NL	A + CCC	EN obligatory as B or C in all profiles	
	A + CC		
	A + BC		
PL	A + BC	B = EN + C = FR/DE/IT/ES or B = FR/DE + C = EN	
	A + CCC	C1 = EN C2 = FR/DE/IT/ES	
PT	A + CC	EN obligatory in all profiles.	
	A + BC	EN + ES excluded.	
RO	A + BC	B = FR/DE/ES/IT C = EN	
	A + B	B = EN	
	A + CC	C1 = EN	
SK	A + BC	B = EN C = FR/DE/IT/ES/PT/NL/PL or B = FR/DE C = EN/IT/ES/PT/NL/PL	
	A + B	B = EN/FR/DE	
	A + CC	C1 = EN C2 = DE/FR/ES/IT/PT/NL/PL	
SL	A + BC	B = FR/DE/IT C = EN	
	A + B	B = EN	
	A + CC	C1 = EN C2 = FR/DE/IT/ES/NL	
SV	A + CC	C1 = EN/FR/DE	DA will not be considered for admission to the test.
	A + BC	B = EN	

/ stands for "or"

*EUR13 = BG/CS/ET/LT/LV/HU/MT/PL/RO/SK/SL/H