

Proposal: NRPSI and licensing to commercial intermediaries

Cease licensing non-public service intermediaries as direct subscribers to the register. For non-public service intermediaries, replace subscription to the register with a system whereby registered interpreters can view calls for expressions of interest from intermediaries placed on a secure area on the NRPSI website and respond if they so wish.. It is envisaged that the new system would operate as follows:

a) commercial intermediaries seeking NRPSI registered interpreters will advertise on the 'Interpreters Room' section of the NRPSI website, inviting expressions of interest directly from registrants; this will give intermediaries a chance to state the terms offered and other data to help a registered professional decide on their response.

b) interpreters wishing to obtain work through commercial intermediaries can view their advertisements on the secure area of the NRPSI website and, if they wish to respond, contact them direct. This access will be exclusive to NRPSI registrants.

c) NRPSI will undertake to e-mail all registrants with notifications of new advertisements by intermediaries as and when posted;

d) in addition to the existing database, an on-line open access version of the register will be posted on the NRPSI website, listing names of registrants, registration numbers and registered languages only. This will enable NRPSI users to confirm the status of any person they wish to employ.

It is envisaged that the proposed system will allow the NRPSI to concentrate on its core business of maintaining and updating a central list of qualified public service interpreters. Issues external to the NRPSI regarding terms & conditions, and interaction with commercial clients and free lance interpreters can thus be dealt with exclusively between the parties involved.

The proposal would not affect public service bodies, which will continue to have access to the register through subscription as before.

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