

Job of the Week – Interpreter



Job description:

To change spoken words from one language into another, either face-to-face or remotely.

Pathway routes into the industry

You can get into this job through:

- a university course
- volunteering
- applying directly
- specialist courses run by a professional body

Alternative routes:

- Certificate in Bilingual Skills
- Diploma in Public Service Interpreting

Entry requirements

You will usually need:

- 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree
- a degree in a relevant subject for postgraduate study

Note: You may be able to get into this job if you have a non-language degree if you're fluent in English and a second language.

Subjects:

You will usually need: Languages

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Skills

You will need:

- foreign language skills
- knowledge of English language
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- customer service skills
- patience and to remain calm in stressful situations
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- the ability to work on your own
- to be flexible and open to change
- to be able to use a computer and other software packages

Types of interpretation roles

There are 3 different types of interpreting:

- conference interpreting
- consecutive interpreting
- public service interpreting

You will be required to listen and interpret sentences or passages this can be face to face or virtually, one on one or in larger meeting settings. You can work in education, legal, health and local government services and more.

Salary: Variable