

Foreign Language Interpreter

Due to a need by various counties for people who could speak and translate languages other than Spanish, the Spanish Interpreter classification will be removed. Instead, a T-Grade Foreign Language Interpreter has been established at a salary grade of 60T.

Positions placed in the class will be responsible for interpreting/translating foreign languages for clients and staff for the purpose of explaining programs, determining needs and types of services, explaining and gathering information necessary for record purposes, translating educational materials, interpreting test results, and scheduling appointments.

When recruiting for this “new” class, use the following minimum training and experience requirements:

Graduation from high school or GED and one year of experience preferably in a health care or human services setting, demonstrating a fluency in English and the foreign language(s) necessary to successfully perform assigned job duties.

Agencies may begin using this new class immediately if they desire. It will require a revision in your local pay plan and the submission of a PD-118 to change the name of the class. When next year’s local pay plans are sent out, the Foreign Language Interpreter will appear in lieu of the Spanish Interpreter, so all agencies will need to convert their classification titles by July 1, 2001.