

**PRESS RELEASE**

Launching of

**IMIA Interpreter Training Directory**

(Effective Date is 11/01/2018)

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After months of diligent work on the part of the IMIA's staff and Education Committee, we are excited to announce the launching of the new Interpreter Training Directory. This database comes as a response to requests from both interpreters and interpreter training organizations about the IMIA posting interpreter training programs again at the IMIA training directory. While it is in the mission of the IMIA to promote the industry and avail training resources everywhere for all, we acknowledge that our old training directory had some obsolete postings and few unwarranted claims made by some organizations regarding the validity and standing of their interpreter training programs in the field.

With that in mind, the IMIA Education Committee considered all factors and consulted with the IMIA Board of Directors, and we are pleased to announce the new criteria below for listing interpreter training programs in the **"IMIA Interpreter Training Directory."**

We are also pleased to announce that the \$200 fee for inclusion in this directory will be waived during the first two months after the registry is launched. During this period, any approved programs will be included in the registry for two years at no cost. The waived fee period will be in effect until December 31, 2018.

Interpreter training programs' trainers/instructors who wish to list their interpreter training programs in the **"IMIA Interpreter Training Directory"** must provide the following:

- 1) Complete registration form for the training program by creating an account here:  
<http://imiaweb.org/education/trainingnotices.asp>
- 2) Proof of the program trainer/instructor national certification: NBCMI, CCHI, RID or ATA. (This requirement can be waived with a proven minimum of 1-year training/instructing record.)
- 3) Proof of the program trainer/instructor education: A minimum of 2-year college degree from the USA or any foreign country accredited education institution.
- 4) Current resume including present and past training/instructing experiences.

To apply for CEUs, please go here: <http://www.imiaweb.org/education/trainingnotices.asp>. After you click on the red button, you will be redirected to the CEU Application Portal and asked to create a free account. This is a one-time step and will take only few minutes. Once on your account dashboard you will be able to submit your applications for CEUs and/or training courses and pay on-line. You will also be able to keep track on the status of your applications and renewal dates.

The IMIA will approve interpreter training programs based on merits and credentials submitted in accordance with all criteria listed above. Having an interpreter training program listed in the **"IMIA Interpreter Training Directory"** adds national exposure and endorsement, and we take this responsibility seriously by vetting all submitted credentials.

The application fee (waived during the first two months) is \$200, and once approved, an interpreter training program will be listed in the **"IMIA Interpreter Training Directory"** for a 2-year period.

Please feel free to contact us at [info@imiaweb.org](mailto:info@imiaweb.org) or [outreach@imiaweb.org](mailto:outreach@imiaweb.org)

Thank you  
**IMIA Education Committee**