



independent translation & interpreting service - scotland

Who are the Independent Practitioners [IPs]? This is another term used instead of the more well known term of *freelance* or *freelancers*. Using the term IP does not alter the work, the profession or professionalism of BSL / ENG Interpreters.

All Independent Practitioners are registered with different recognised interpreting bodies and abide by the Code of Professional Ethics and conduct required by their respective professional registration bodies.

All IP's are also required to hold a current Enhanced Disclosure Scotland. [CRB check in England /Wales /N.Ireland].

The following is a guide to the membership categories of the different recognised registration and professional bodies for BSL / ENG Interpreters. Following this guide will assist with the recommended fees and status involved.

The table below details categories of full registered members of BSL / ENG Interpreters with the various bodies involved.

MCIL	Member of the Chartered Institute of Linguistics	UK wide
MITI	Member of the Institute of Translators and Interpreters	UK & Europe wide
MASLI	Member of Association of Sign Language Interpreters	Professional Body for England / Wales / N. Ireland. – There is a network for Scottish based Interpreters, see SASLI.
MRSLI	Member of the Register of Sign Language Interpreters	Register of Interpreters in England / Wales / N. Ireland – (there is a small group of these interpreters working in Scotland)
MSASLI	Member of Scottish Association of Sign Language Interpreters	Scotland only – SASLI is the Professional Body for Scotland only, and also holds the Register of Interpreters.

Having direct contact with IPs allows the User - [*a term used to describe an individual, private agency, public service providers, Government bodies*] the option, opportunity and flexibility in making their own booking of a BSL / ENG Interpreter direct without a third party involvement.

See b.

a USER ----- BOOKING AGENCY ----- BSL / ENG INTERPRETER

b USER ----- BSL / ENG INTERPRETER

The User will be able to locate his / her preferred choice of Interpreter directly from the list of BSL / ENG Interpreters

This choice might be because of gender, experience, locality, or personal preference based on previous interpreting experiences.