

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE ADMINISTRATION

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POLICY DIRECTIVE #10-12-OPE

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SERVICING INDIVIDUALS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH-SPEAKING ABILITY (LESA)

Date:	Subtopic(s):
February 16, 2010	Providing Interpreter Services
AUDIENCE	This policy directive contains instructions for staff at all Job Centers, Non Cash Assistance Food Stamp (NCA FS) Centers, and ancillary sites. These instructions are informational for all other staff.
REVISIONS TO THE PRIOR DIRECTIVE	This policy directive has been revised to:
	 provide instructions for utilizing the newly developed Office of Refugee and Immigrant Affairs (ORIA) Language Access Information Card (Attachment B);
	 provide a list of guidelines for working with interpreters titled "Helpful Tips For Working With An Interpreter" (Attachment C); inform staff that Workers are no longer required to notify a LESA liaison prior to accessing the telephone interpretation service; inform staff that ORIA will only authorize on-site interpreters for in-Center visits if the Center can present a compelling reason for not utilizing the telephone interpretation contract; and inform staff that a new Tracking Language Indicators screen has been integrated into the Paperless Office System (POS).
POLICY	Applicants/participants with limited or no English-speaking ability must be provided with communication assistance in their native language.

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS PROCEDURE? Call 718-557-1313 then press 3 at the prompt followed by 1 or send an e-mail to *FIA Call Center Fax or fax to:* (917) 639-0298

Distribution: X

BACKGROUND

The Family Independence Administration's (FIA) applicant/participant population includes individuals who speak various languages. Some of these persons have Limited English-Speaking Ability (LESA) and are unable to communicate in English.

Providing Equal Access to the LESA population

To ensure that the LESA population has equal access to FIA benefits and services, FIA has:

The Refugee and Immigrant Job Center annex (Center #49) has been closed. See CD #09-01.

- analyzed caseloads and assigned LESA cases to multilingual Workers;
- established a Refugee and Immigrant Job Center (Center #47), staffed with multilingual Workers;
- translated selected forms into the six languages required under Local Law 73 (Korean, Chinese, Arabic, Haitian-Creole, Spanish, and Russian) and posted them on the FIAweb; and
- assigned a LESA liaison and a back-up liaison at each FIA Job Center and NCA FS Center. These liaisons are supervisors or higher-level staff trained to handle language assistance needs.

Professional interpretation service vendors

In an effort to effectively service LESA applicants/participants, ORIA has contracted with two professional interpretation vendors. One is used to provide telephone interpretation services and the other to perform on-site interpretation services for homebound persons, whenever necessary. Professional interpretation vendors are utilized in all Job Centers, NCA FS Centers, and ancillary sites.

Definitions

Definitions of common terms used in this directive are found in **Attachment A**.

Distribution of Local Law Forms

LLFs must be distributed to LESA applicants/participants upon request. These forms are available in multiple languages on the FIAWeb.

CA and NCA FS Application/Recertification Kits Local Law Forms (LLF) are available on HRA's Intranet and must be distributed to all LESA applicants/participants upon request.

Many application/recertification kit forms are available in the local law languages listed above. A supply of application/recertification kit forms in foreign languages should be retained on-site and replenished as needed. (See Cash Assistance Application Kit Forms M-90c, Cash Assistance Recertification Kit Forms M-90d, and NCA FS Application/Recertification Kit Forms M-90e).

Language Access Material

New

See CD #09-29 for further information on the Language Access Information Card.

Language Card

See PB #08-28-OPE. ORIA has recently developed a multi-color, double-sided Language Access Information Card titled, "IF A CLIENT NEEDS SERVICES FROM HRA, LANGUAGE SHOULD NOT BE A PROBLEM" (Attachment B). The Language Access Information Card provides questions and answers on servicing LESA applicants/participants. It also provides instructions on how to contact Language Line which provides telephone interpretation services. The Language Access Information Card should be clearly posted at the workstations of all client-contact staff so that it can be easily accessed.

ORIA also distributes the Language Card (**W-194**), which is used to help ascertain an applicant's/participant's spoken language. The language card is a four-panel document with enhanced color and graphic features. Form **W-194** should also be clearly posted at the workstations of all client-contact staff so that it can be easily accessed.

REQUIRED ACTION

In-person LESA applicants/participants

Foreign language versions of application/recertification kit forms are available on the FIAWeb.

When a LESA applicant/participant enters a Job or NCA FS Center in person, the Worker must:

- identify the applicant's/participant's preferred language by having him/her point to it on Form W-194; and
- if the individual is applying/recertifying for assistance, give the him/her an application/recertification kit in his/her preferred language (if available).

Note: The Center Director/Manager must ensure that copies of Form **W-194** are always available in the reception area. Designated staff may contact ORIA at (212) 331-4550 to order additional copies of Form **W-194** as needed. Center Directors/Managers are also reminded to ensure that the Interpretation Services Notice for the Application/Recertification Kits (insert) (<u>W-515W</u>) is included in all application and recertification kits.

For all forms requested in a language other than English, the Worker should note the following information in the case record:

- The date;
- The form number:
- The language(s) in which the form was requested by the applicant/participant; and

• The language(s) in which the form was distributed to the applicant/participant by the Worker.

<u>Providing Interpreter Assistance in Job Centers and NCA FS Centers</u>

- The election of the applicant/participant to use his/her own interpreter should be documented in the case record.
- Under no circumstance can someone be denied service due to his/her inability to communicate in English. An applicant must always be allowed to file an application. If a Worker observes or has reason to believe that an applicant/participant will have or is having difficulty comprehending English during the interview, the Worker must explain the availability of free interpreter services and offer these services to the applicant/participant. The Worker should document these events in the case record.
- A LESA individual is entitled to bring an interpreter who is at least 18 years of age (this can be a friend or family member). Staff must ensure that persons acting as interpreters for LESA individuals understand their obligation to maintain client confidentiality. If an applicant/participant brings a minor to interpret, the Worker must explain that although a minor may be present during the interview, the official interpretation must be conducted by an adult. If the applicant/participant wishes to return with his/her own adult interpreter, the Worker must reschedule the appointment and maintain the application filing date.

Note: LESA applicants/participants are **not required** to bring an interpreter and must **never** be asked to do so.

- If the applicant/participant indicates he/she will need an interpreter, the Center Director/Manager or Designee should, whenever possible, assign the applicant/participant a professional bilingual Worker who speaks the applicant's/participant's language. An applicant/participant should never be sought to act as an interpreter for another applicant/participant.
 - If a professional bilingual Worker who speaks the applicant's/participant's language is not available, the Worker must utilize the access code listed on his/her Language Access Information card to contact the telephone interpretation service.
 Workers are no longer required to notify a LESA liaison prior to utilizing the telephone interpretation service.

Locate a professional bilingual on-site Worker.

Never place an applicant/participant in the role of interpreter for another applicant/participant.

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LESA applicants/participants must always be serviced.

• If the access code is not listed on the Language Access Information card or if no card is available, the Worker must contact his/her Supervisor to obtain the appropriate access code. Center Directors/Managers may contact ORIA to request telephone interpreter service access codes for their supervisory staff.

Note: Applicants/participants who visit Job Centers and NCA FS Centers in-person must be provided with telephone interpretation services, whenever necessary, if they do not bring their own interpreter and a professional bilingual Worker is not available. Telephone interpreters may be contacted 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. ORIA will only authorize on-site interpreters for in-Center visits if the Center can present a compelling reason for not utilizing the telephone interpretation contract (length of interview is not considered acceptable).

Some reasons why an on-site interpreter may be needed include:

- the applicant/participant has physical or mental health issues that indicate, either before or during the telephone interview, that a telephone interview will not be effective; or
- the applicant/participant speaks a language that is not covered under Local Law 73 and needs assistance in the interpretation of forms.

Requests for on-site interpretation must be sent to ORIA via e-mail and can only be made by a LESA liaison at the Center.

Refer to **Attachment B** for instructions on contacting the telephone interpretation service.

New Refer to **Attachment C** for helpful tips for working with an interpreter.

Callers can be placed on hold or called back via the telephone interpreter service.

- The Worker must ensure that all documentation relevant to the case (e.g., Application, History Sheet, etc.) is available prior to the telephone interview. This preparation prevents unnecessary waiting time while on the telephone with an interpreter.
- Once a telephone interpreter is on the line, the interview is to be conducted. If additional appointments or actions are needed, the Worker and the interpreter must convey this information to the applicant/participant.
- The telephone interpreter service can also be accessed while a caller is on hold or has given the Worker a callback number.
 If an FIA staff member answers the telephone and the caller cannot speak English, he/she should politely ask the caller to hold and immediately contact the telephone interpretation service via conference call.

See PB #08-27-OPE

Center
Directors/Managers or
their Designees review
the liaison's logs monthly.

- At the conclusion of the interview, the Worker must complete the ORIA Telephone Interpreter Services Log (W-194A) and submit it to the LESA liaison at his/her Center.
- LESA liaisons and back-up liaisons must maintain a file of all original telephone and on-site interpretation logs. Copies of these logs must be forwarded to ORIA no later than the first week of the month following a service.
- The Center Director/Manager or Designee must ensure that logs are being utilized by staff to accurately track the usage of interpretation services. At the end of each month LESA liaisons are to e-mail the Regional Manager a comprehensive log of all telephone interpretation services used in the Center.

Note: Whenever an applicant/participant expresses a need for interpretation services, the Worker must document this request (including the date and time of request) in his/her case record.

<u>Providing On-site Interpretation Services to Homebound</u> <u>Persons</u>

On-site interpretation services are available to homebound LESA individuals, as needed. Workers are, however, encouraged to conduct interviews with homebound LESA individuals via telephone interpretation service whenever possible.

The telephone interpretation service can be accessed by dialing its toll-free number from any telephone. Prior to accessing telephone interpreter services, the Worker must obtain the appropriate access code from the Language Access Information Card or from his/her supervisor if the Language Access Information Card is not available. If an on-site interpreter is needed to conduct an interview the LESA liaison must contact the on-site vendor to schedule an interpreter for a home visit. LESA liaisons must contact ORIA to schedule an on-site interpreter if they have not been given prior approval to do so. On-site interpreters must be contacted at least two hours prior to the scheduled home visit. Cancellations must be made two hours prior to the scheduled time to avoid paying for an hour of service.

Note: Because on-site interpreters must be contacted in advance, Workers should, whenever possible, determine whether an on-site interpreter will be necessary prior to scheduling a home visit for a limited English-speaking individual.

After the interview has been conducted, the Worker must complete the On-Site Interpreter Services Log (W-194B) and submit it to the LESA liaison who scheduled the on-site appointment.

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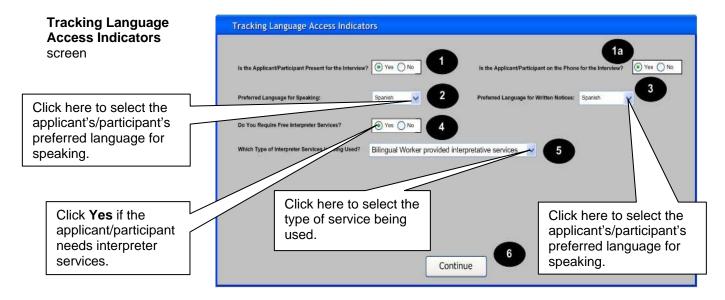
Tracking Language Access Indicators in POS

A new **Tracking Language Access Indicators** screen has recently been added to POS. This new screen allows POS to track the servicing of LESA applicants/participants. The **Tracking Language Access Indicators** screen will capture the following applicant/participant information:

- Type of interview (in-person or via telephone);
- Preferred language for speaking;
- Preferred language for receiving written notices;
- Interpreter services needed (yes or no); and
- Type of interpreter services being used.

Note: If the Worker answers **Yes** to the question "Do you require Free Interpreter Services?", a drop-down menu in the "Which Type of Interpreter Services is being Used?" section, will be enabled with the following options:

- Bilingual Worker provided interpretative services;
- HRA's On-Site Interpreter Contract was used;
- HRA's Telephone Interpreter Contract was used;
- Client brought his/her own interpreter; and
- Client refused interpretative services.



The Tracking Language Access Indicators screen will appear whenever a Worker conducts an initial application intake/interview. The screen will also appear if the applicant's/participant's preferred language for speaking (Lang SP) or for receiving written notices (Lang Read) is listed as a language other than English or if no preferred language is listed in POS and the Worker accesses one of the following activities:

- CA Application Intake;
- CA Application Interview;
- CA Change Case Data;
- CA Recertification Interview:
- Case Member Addition:
- Non-Food Emerg/Special Grant;
- Client Intake and D&C Referrals:
- FS Reception Intake;
- Document Intake;
- IN/EFS Issuance (CA/FS Case);
- HRA FS Outreach Intake;
- FS Application Interview;
- EFS Issuance (NCA FS);
- FS Change Case Data;
- FS Recert Interview; or
- Application Modification.

If both the **Lang Read** and **Lang SP** indicators are listed as English in POS, the **Tracking Language Access Indicators** screen will not appear.

Document each attempt to contact an interpreter in the case record.

The Worker must ensure that the language of the applicant/participant is documented in the case record and on Form **W-680FF** so that an interpreter can be scheduled for future appointments. Form **W-680FF** must be included in all Cash Assistance (CA) Application/Recertification kits and NCA FS Application/Recertification kits.

Form **W-680FF** allows applicants/participants to identify their preferred spoken language. It also allows applicants/participants to choose from one of the six New York City (NYC) local law languages to receive written correspondence.

At application and recertification, Workers must ensure that the language selected in the POS primary language fields corresponds with the applicant's/participant's preferred spoken language selected on Form **W-680FF**.

TAD Entries

For TAD entries, the Worker must ensure that the correct language indicator has been entered in Elements **255** (Lang SP) and **281**(Lang Read). Refer to pages 1.2-3 and 1.2-4 of the Worker's Guide to Codes Manual for the complete updated listing of language indicators (see attached).

Workers are reminded that the letters "O", "U", and "X" and the digit "O" are no longer being utilized as language indicators. The Worker's Guide to Codes has been updated to remove all references to those language indicators.

If the applicant's/participant's language does not appear in the Worker's Guide to Codes manual, the Associate Job Opportunity Specialist (AJOS) II Immigrant liaison, Limited English Speaking Ability (LESA) liaison, or the Center Director's/Manager's designee must contact ORIA for guidance.

Posters

See mandated signage lists (M-98c and M-98d).

Center Directors/Managers must be sure to display the "If You Need an Interpreter" (**PUB-4842**) and HRA "Infoline" (**W-184**) posters in all applicant/participant waiting areas.

PROGRAM IMPLICATIONS

Model Center Implications The instructions in this policy directive should be followed by staff in the Customer Service and Information Center (CSIC).

Paperless Office System (POS) Implications The Receptionist must ask the applicant which language he/she prefers to be interviewed in and record the preference in the "Do you need an interpreter?" field on the **Site Determination** screen.

The Worker must review the **Language Spoken** field (255) and the **Language Read** field (281) of the POS TAD to ensure the correct language has been entered. The Worker must follow all steps in the Required Action section of this procedure. Form **W-680FF** is automatically pre-filled in POS, but the Worker must be sure to capture the applicant's/participant's signature on the signature pad. Form **W-680FF** must be completed manually when POS is down and/or the signature pad is not functioning.

Medicaid Implications

There are no Medicaid implications.

FAIR HEARING IMPLICATIONS

Avoidance

Ensure that all case actions are processed in accordance with current procedures and that electronic case files are kept up to date. Remember that applicants/participants must receive either adequate or timely and adequate notification of all actions taken on their case.

Conferences in a Job Center

An applicant/participant can request and receive a conference with a Fair Hearing and Conference (FH&C) AJOS/Supervisor I at any time.

If a LESA applicant/participant comes to the Job Center requesting a conference, the Receptionist must alert the FH&C Unit that the individual is waiting to be seen.

Note: In Model Centers, the Receptionist at Main Reception will issue a FH&C ticket to the applicant/participant to route him/her to the FH&C Unit and does not need to verbally alert the Fair Hearing Unit.

The FH&C AJOS/Supervisor I will contact the Job Center's LESA liaison if an interpreter is needed and, with the assistance of an interpreter, conduct the conference with the individual.

The FH&C AJOS/Supervisor I will listen to and evaluate any material presented by the applicant/participant (with the assistance of an interpreter), review the case file and discuss the issue(s) with the JOS/Worker responsible for the case and/or the JOS/Worker's Supervisor.

The AJOS/Supervisor I will explain to the applicant/participant (with the assistance of an interpreter) the reason for the Agency's action(s).

If the applicant/participant has in fact presented good cause for the infraction or shown that the outstanding Notice of Intent needs to be withdrawn for other reasons, the FH&C AJOS/Supervisor I will Settle In Conference (SIC), enter detailed case notes in New York City Work Accountability and You (NYCWAY) and forward all verifying documentation submitted by the applicant/participant to the appropriate JOS/Worker for corrective action to be taken.

In addition, if the adverse case action still shows on the "Pending" (08) screen in WMS, the AJOS/Supervisor I must prepare and submit a Fair Hearing/Case Update Data Entry Form (LDSS-3722), if the case has been granted Aid To Continue (ATC), change the 02 to an 01 or prepare and submit a PA Recoupment Data Entry Form (LDSS-3573) in WMS to delete a recoupment. The AJOS/Supervisor I must complete a Conference report.

Should the applicant/participant elect to continue his/her appeal by requesting a Fair Hearing or proceeding to one already requested, the FH&C AJOS/Supervisor I is responsible for ensuring that further appeal by the applicant/participant through a Fair Hearing request is properly controlled and that appropriate follow-up is taken in all phases of the Fair Hearing process.

Conferences in an NCA FS Center

If an applicant/participant comes to the NCA FS Center and requests a conference, the Receptionist must alert the Center Manager or Designee that the applicant/participant is to be seen and inform the Center Manager or Designee if an interpreter is required.

Note: In Model Centers, the Receptionist at Main Reception will issue a Food Stamp (FS) Conf/Appt/Problem ticket and does not need to verbally alert the Center Manager or Designee. The NCA FS Receptionist will alert the Center Manager or Designee once the applicant/participant is called to the NCA FS Reception desk. If an interpreter is required, the Center Manager or Designee will follow the steps outlined on pages 4 and 5 for obtaining a language interpreter.

The Center Manager or Designee will listen to and evaluate the applicant's/participant's complaint with the assistance of an interpreter, if needed. The Center Manager or Designee will then make a decision. The Center Manager or Designee is responsible for ensuring that further appeal by the applicant/participant through a Fair Hearing request is properly controlled and that appropriate follow-up is taken in all phases of the Fair Hearing process.

If the applicant/participant calls the Worker directly, the Worker must follow the instructions on pages 4 and 5 regarding telephone communications with LESA applicants/participants.

The applicant/participant, with the aid of an interpreter, if necessary, must then call the NCA FS Center Manager or Designee.

Evidence Packets

All Evidence Packets must contain a detailed history, copies of relevant WMS screen printouts, other documentation relevant to the action taken (e.g., Conference Report, Telephone Interpreter Services Log, On-Site Interpreter Services Log) and copies of NYCWAY **Case Notes** screens.

RELATED ITEMS

PB #08-28-OPE PB #08-27-OPE CD #09-01 CD #09-29

REFERENCES

Executive Order 13166 (Federal Register, 8/16/2000, Volume 65,

Number 159)

Local Law No. 73

New York City Administrative Code § 8-1005

Temporary Assistance Source Book, Chapter 4 Section Q

Food Stamp Source Book, page 199

18 NYCRR 387.2(k) 18 NYCRR 601.5(a)

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ATTACHMENTS

 □ Please use Print on Demand to obtain copies of forms. Attachment A Definitions

Attachment B Language Access Information Card

Attachment C Helpful Tips for Working with an Interpreter PUB-4842 If You Need an Interpreter (Rev. 6/04)

W-184 Infoline (Rev. 7/08)

W-194 Language Card (Rev. 02/07)

W-194A Telephone Interpreter Services Log (Rev. 4/08)
W-194B On-Site Interpreter Services Log (Rev. 4/08)
W-680FF Language Questionnaire (Rev. 3/09/09)

W-680FF (S) Language Questionnaire (Rev. 3/09/09) (Spanish)

Pages 1.2-3 and 1.2-4 of the Worker's Guide to Codes manual

Attachment A

Definitions

Interpretation:

The word "interpretation" is commonly used within the Agency when referring to oral communication.

Translation:

The word "translation" is commonly used within the Agency when referring to written communication.

Office of Refugee and Immigrant Affairs (ORIA):

A Human Resources Administration (HRA) office that primarily functions to ensure equal access and services to individuals with limited English-speaking ability (LESA).

Language Card (W-194):

A multilingual card distributed by ORIA to all Job Center and NCA FS Center employees. It enables the applicant/participant to indicate his/her preferred language and need for interpreter assistance.

Infoline:

Infoline is a telephone service which provides general information on the various programs and services offered through HRA. Infoline has a language bank which provides interpreter services to LESA applicants/participants. Infoline staff speak French Creole, Spanish, Russian, Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese), Yoruba, Bengali, and Armenian. They also have access to a professional interpreter service providing numerous other languages, including Arabic and Korean

Telephone and On-site Interpreter Services:

ORIA has contracted two professional interpretation vendors. One is used to provide telephone interpretation services and the other to perform on-site interpretation services for homebound persons, whenever necessary. Professional interpretation vendors are utilized in all Job Centers, NCA FS Centers and ancillary sites. LESA liaisons are trained in the procedures to access these contracted services.

ATTACHMENT B

IF A CLIENT NEEDS SERVICES FROM HRA, LANGUAGE SHOULD NOT BE A PROBLEM

HRA provides FREE interpretation services to all Limited-English speakers

Can clients get help if they are not comfortable speaking or reading English?

☑ YES, always. Tell clients interpreters are available for over 180 languages. Use the Language Card (W-194) to find the client's language. Interpretation services are available through a bilingual worker or instant telephone interpreter. For field visits there are on-site interpreters.

Are documents available in other languages?

☑ YES, we have **translated** many forms into: Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Korean, Haitian-Creole and Arabic. For other languages, HRA can provide interpreters to help clients fill out forms.

Can clients bring their own interpreter, such as a friend or relative?

✓ YES, HOWEVER, ALWAYS OFFER the service of an HRA-provided interpreter to clients; minors should not interpret.

Who can clients call for more information about HRA?

☑ If their questions cannot be answered on-site, tell them to call HRA's multi-lingual Infoline: 1-877-472-8411 Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm (except holidays) or 311, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

WHEN YOU MEET LIMITED-ENGLISH SPEAKERS OR PERSONS WHO DO NOT SPEAK ENGLISH, HRA'S VALUES OF PROFESSIONALISM, ACCOUNTABILITY AND INTEGRITY MATTER: BE PROFESSIONAL, RESPECTFUL, AND COURTEOUS.

YOUR GREETING SETS THE TONE!

For more information, please contact the LESA Liaison at your site or the HRA Office of Refugee and Immigrant Affairs at 212-331-4550.



ATTACHMENT B HOW TO CONTACT LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES FOR TELEPHONE INTERPRETATION

- Ask your supervisor or LESA liaison for the telphone interpretation access code. To connect to the service, dial 1-866-874-3972
- 2. **Enter on your telephone keypad or tell the operator the 6-digit Client ID: 5 0 2 0 0 3.** This code tells Language Line Services that HRA is calling.
- 3. **Press 1 for Spanish. Press 2 for Vietnamese. Press 3 for all other languages.** Say the name of the language at the prompt.
- 4. Enter Access Code: ______. An interpreter will be connected to the call, usually within 20 seconds.
- 5. Tell the interpreter what the call is about and give any special instructions.
- 6. If you are using a speakerphone or a dual handset telephone, **add the Limited English Speaker to the conversation.** If you are using a single handset telephone without speakerphone, you must pass the handset back and forth with the Limited English Speaker.

If you are receiving a call from a Limited English Speaker, use "Conference" or "Hold" to place the Limited English Speaker on hold, then begin from (1) above. If you need assistance at any point while placing the call, press 0 (zero) or say the word "help" to transfer to an operator.



Helpful Tips for Working with an Interpreter

1. Brief the Interpreter-

- a. Identify the name of your program and unit.
- b. Provide specific instructions of what needs to be done or obtained.
- c. Inform the interpreter if you will need assistance placing a call to an applicant/participant. If you need assistance placing a call to an applicant/participant, you may ask for a dial-out. There is a limited amount of time allotted for placing a dial-out once the interpreter is on the phone. Therefore, it is important that you provide a brief introduction and specific instructions to the interpreter in a timely manner.

2. Speak Directly to the Applicant/Participant-

- a. Communicate directly with the applicant/participant as if the interpreter is not present.
- b. The interpreter will relay the information and then communicate the applicant's/participant's response directly back to you.

3. Speak Naturally, Not Loudly-

- a. Speak at a normal pace (not too fast or too slow).
- b. Speak in one or two sentences at a time. Try to avoid breaking up a thought. The interpreter is trying to understand the meaning of what you're saying, so express the entire thought at once if possible.
- c. Pause after expressing a thought to ensure that the interpreter has enough time to deliver your message.
- d. If something is unclear, or if the interpreter is given a long statement, he/she will ask you for a complete or partial repetition of what was said, or to clarify what the statement meant.

4. Ask if the Applicant/Participant Understands-

- a. Don't assume that a LESA applicant/participant understands you. In some cultures a person may say "yes" as you explain something, not meaning that they understand you but rather that they want you to keep talking because they are trying to follow the conversation.
- b. Keep in mind that a lack of English speaking ability does not indicate a lack of education.

5. Do Not Ask For the Interpreter's Opinion-

- a. The interpreter's job is to convey the meaning of the source language and under no circumstances may he/she allow personal opinion to color the interpretation.
- b. Do not hold the interpreter responsible for what the applicant/participant does or does not say.

6. Everything You Say Will Be Interpreted-

- a. Avoid private conversations. Whatever the interpreter hears will be interpreted.
- b. If you feel that the interpreter has not interpreted everything, ask him/her to do so.
- c. Avoid interrupting the interpreter while he/she is interpreting.

7. Avoid Jargon or Technical Terms-

- a. Don't use jargon, slang, idioms, acronyms, or technical medical terms.
- b. Clarify unique vocabulary and provide examples to explain a term as needed.

8. Length of Interpretation-

- a. When you are working with an interpreter, the conversation can often take twice as long as it would take in English only.
- b. Many concepts that you express will have no equivalent in other languages, therefore the interpreter may have to describe or paraphrase many of the terms that you use.
- c. Interpreters will often use more words to interpret what the original speaker says simply because of the grammar and syntax of the target language.

9. Reading Scripts-

a. People often speak faster when reading a script. When you are reading a script, prepared text or disclosure, slow down to give the interpreter a chance to keep up with you.

10. Culture-

- a. Professional interpreters are familiar with the culture and customs of the LESA applicant/participant. During the conversation, the interpreter may identify and clarify a cultural issue they may not think you are aware of.
- b. If the interpreter feels that a particular question is culturally inappropriate, he/she might ask you to rephrase the question to help you obtain the information in a more appropriate way.

11. Ending the Call-

- a. The interpreter will wait for you to initiate the ending of the call.
- b. When appropriate, the interpreter will offer further assistance and will be the last person to disconnect from the call.
- c. Remember to thank the interpreter for his/her efforts at the end of the session.

If you need an interpreter

We provide free interpreter services on request. Please go to the reception desk now and we will call someone to interpret for you.



Albanian Shqip	Nëse keni nevojë për përkthyes Ne sigurojmë shërbime përkthimi falas sipas kërkesës. Ju lutem shkoni tek banaku i regjistrimit dhe ne do të thërrasim dikë që të përkthejë për ju.
Arabic عربي	إذا كنتم بحاجة إلى مترجم فإننا نوفر لكم خدمة الترجمة حسب الطلب. الرجاء الذهاب إلى مكتب الإستقبال الآن وسنقوم بالاتصال بمترجم لخدمتكم.
Bengali বাংলা	যদি আপনার দোভাষীর প্রয়োজন হয় আমরা অনুরোধসাপেক্ষে বিনামূনো দোভাষী পরিষেবা দিয়ে থাকি। অনু <u>গ</u> হ করে এখন অভার্থনা ডেন্সে যান এবং আমরা আপনার হয়ে দোভাষীর কাজ করার জ্ঞ কারও সঙ্গে যোগাযোগ করব।
Bosnian Bosanski	Ako vam treba prevodioc Mi omogučujemo besplatne prevodilačke usluge prema vašoj želji. Molimo uputite se do recepcije, a mi ćemo pozvati službenu osobu da prevodi za vas.
Chinese 中文	如您提出要求,我們可爲您提供免费翻譯服務。請去前臺接待處,我們會打電話爲您尋找翻譯人員。如您提出要求,我们可为您提供免费翻译服务。请去前台接待处,我们会打电话为您寻找翻译人员。
Farsi فارسی	اگر شما در نیاز مترجم هستید ما خدمات مجانی مترجم بر درخواست فراهم می کنیم. لطفاً اکنون به میز پذیرائی بروید و ما برائ شما مترجم را احضار خواهیم کرد.
French Français	Si vous avez besoin d'un interprète Nous fournissons des services d'interprète sur demande. Veuillez aller au bureau de réception, et nous vous appèlerons un interprète.
Haitian Creole Kreyòl	Si w bezwen yon entèprèt Nou bay sèvis entèprèt gratis si w mande. Tanpri ale nan biwo resepsyon an kounye an epi nou pral rele yon entèprèt pou ou.
Hindi हिन्दी	यदि आपको दुमाषिये (इन्टरप्रेटर) की जरूरत है हम अनुरोध पर निःशुक् क दुभाषि ये की सेवा उपलब्ध कराते हैं। कृपया अब आप स्वागत डेस्क पर जाइये और हम आपमी समझाने के लिए किसी दुभाषिये को कॉल करेंगे।
Italian Italiano	Se ha bisogno di un interprete Offriamo servizi gratuiti di interpretariato dietro richiesta. Prego si rivolga alla reception desk e attenda mentre Le chiamo un interprete.
Korean 한국어	통역사가 필요하시면···저희는 요청 시 통역사 서비스를 무료로 제공해 드리고 있습니다. 지금 접수처로 가시면 귀하를 위해 통역해드릴 사람을 불러드리겠습니다.
Polish Polski	Jeśli Pan/Pani potrzebuje tłumacza Zapewniamy bezpłatnego tłumacza na żądanie. Prosimy zgłosić się do recepcji i zawołamy tłumacza.
Russian Русский	Если вам нужен переводчик, то в случае необходимости мы предоставим вам бесплатные переводческие услуги. Подойдите, пожалуйста, к секретарю, и вам предоставят переводчика.
Spanish Español	Si necesita un intérprete, proporcionamos servicio de interpretación gratis. Para solicitarlo, diríjase a la recepción; llamaremos al intérprete.
Tagalog Tagalog	Kung kailan mo ng tagasalin Nagbibigay kami ng libreng serbisyo ng tagasalin kung kailangan man. Pumunta ka sa reception desk at tatawag kami ng taong magsasalin para sa iyo.
Ukrainian Український	Якщо Вам потрібний перекладач Ми надаємо безкоштовні послуги перекладачів за проханням. Будь ласка, зверніться до секретаря приймальної і ми покличемо перекладача для Вас.
Urdu اردو	اگر آپ کو ترجمان (انٹرپریٹر) کی ضرورت ہےدرخواست کرنے پر ہم مفت میں ترجمان کی خدمت فراہم کرتے ہیں. برائے مہربانی اب آپ استقبالیہ ڈیسک پر جائیں اور ہم آپ کو سمجھا نے کے لیے کسی ترجمان کو کال کریں گے.
Vietnamese Tiếng Việt	Nếu cần một thông dịch viên Chúng tôi cung cấp dịch vụ thông dịch miễn phí khi quý vị yêu cầu. Xin đến quầy tiếp tân ngay và chúng tôi sẽ gọi một thông dịch viên cho quý vị.
Yiddish אידיש	אויב איר דארפט א דאלמעטשער מיר שטעלן צו אומזיסטע דאלמעטשער סערוויסעס אויפ'ן פארלאנג. ביטע גייט יעצט צום אויפנאם טישל און מיר וועלן רופן עמיצן צו דאלמעטשן פאר אייך.
Deaf / Hearing	If you need an interpreter We provide free sign language interpreter services on request. Please go to the reception desk now and we will call someone to

Impaired

interpret for you.

















Infoline 1-877-472-8411

If you need assistance with any of HRA's other programs, call Infoline, toll-free, at 1-877-472-8411.

If you would like information on other city agencies, call 311.

الأخرى، فHRA إن كنت بحاجة إلى مساعدة في أيّ من برامج 1-877-472 المصل بخط الاستعلامات لعلى رقم الهاتف المجاني إتصل بالرقم 1 31 إن كنت تود الاستعلام عن وكالات المدينة الأخرى.

如果您需要任何HRA其他計劃方面的協助,請致電免費的資訊專線 (Infoline),電話號碼是:1-877-472-8411。

如果您需要關於市政府其他機構的資訊,請致電311。

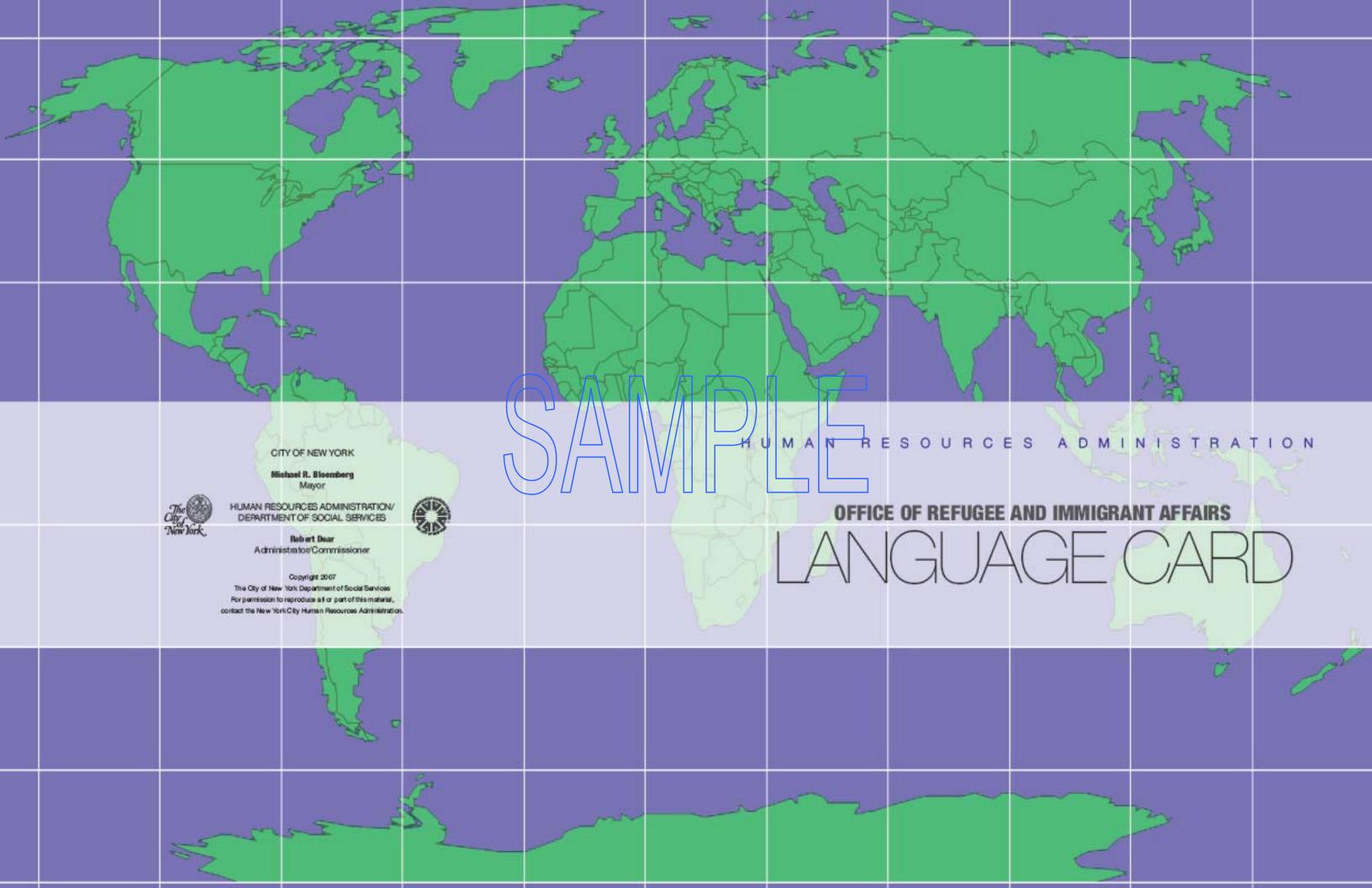
Si w bezwen èd ak nenpòt nan lòt pwogram HRA yo, rele Infoline, nan nimewo telefòn gratis la ki se 1-877-472-8411. Si w vle enfòmasyon sou lòt ajans minisipal, rele 311.

HRA의 다른 프로그램에 안내가 필요하면, 수신자 부담 번호가 1-877-472-8411인 Infoline으로 전화하십시오. 다른 시 기관의 정보에 대해 알고 싶으면 311로 전화하십시오.

Если Вам нужна помощь в связи с любой из программ HRA, звоните в справочную Infoline по бесплатному телефону 1-877-472-8411. Если Вам нужна информация о прочих городских ведомствах, звоните по телефону 311.

Si necesita ayuda con alguno de los otros programas de la HRA, llame a Infoline gratis al 1-877-472-8411. Si desea recibir información sobre otras agencias de la ciudad, llame al 311.





IF YOU DO NOT KNOW THE LANGUAGE OF THE PERSON WHO WANTS YOUR HELP, USE THIS CARD. THE PERSON CAN POINT TO THE LANGUAGE NEEDED AND YOU CAN ARRANGE FOR AN INTERPRETER.

English	"Do you speak"	"Please be seated. I will call an interpreter for you."	Hindi	क्या आप हिन्दी बोलते हैं?	कृपया बैठ जाइए। मैं आपके लिए दुभाषिये की व्यवस्था करूंगा / करूंगी।
Albanian	Flisni shqip?	Uluni ju lutem. Po shkoj të thërras një përkthyes për ju.	Italian	Parla italiano?	Prego, si accomodi e attenda mentre Le chiamo un interprete.
Arabic	هل تتكلم اللغة العربية؟	تفضل بالجلوس. سأتصل بمترجم لك.	Khmer	តើអ្នកនិយាយភាសាឡែរឬទេ?	ស្វមអញ្ជើញអង្គុយ ។ ខ្ញុំនឹងទូរស័ព្ទហៅអ្នកបក់ប្រែ ដើម្បីបក់ប្រែឡអ្នក ។
Bengali	আপনি কি বাংলায় কথা বলেন?	অনুগ্রহ করে বসুন। আমি আপনার জন্য একজন দোভাষী ভাকবো।	Korean	한국어를 사용하십니까?	앉으십시오. 통역사를 불러드리겠습니다.
Bosnian	Govorite li bosanski?	Molimo, sjednite Posla?u prevodioca za Vas	Polish	C zy P an/Pani mówi Po polsku?	Proszę siadać, podczas gdy wołam tłumacza.
Cantonese	您講廣東話嗎?	請坐。讓我為您叫一位翻譯員。	Russian	Вы говорите по-русски?	Присядьте, пожалуйста. Я сейчас позову переводчика, который вам поможет.
Mandarin	您講國語嗎?	請坐。讓我為您叫一位翻譯員。	Spanish	¿Habla español?	Tome asiento, por favor. Llamaré a un intérprete para que lo ayude.
Creole	Èske ou pale Kreyòl?	Tanpri chita. Mwen pral rele yon moun pou tradwi pou ou.	Ukrainian	Чи Ви розмовляєте українською мовою?	Будь ласка, посидьте, поки я викликаю перекладача для Вас.
French	Parlez-vous français?	Veuillez vous asseoir. Je vais vous appeler un interprète.	Urdu	کیا آپ اردو بولتے میں؟	کے لیے کسی ترجمان کو بلانا موں/بلاتی موں . مہریانی کرکے بیٹھ جائیے . میں آپ
Greek	Μιλάτε Ελληνικά	Παρακαλώ καθίστε. Θα καλέσω ένα διερμηνέα για σας .	Vietnamese	Anh/chị nói tiếng Việt phải không?	Xin mời ngồi chờ. Tôi sẽ gọi người thông dịch cho anh/chị.
Hebrew	האם את/ה דובר/ת עברית?	נא לשבת. אני אזמין מתרגם/ת.	Yiddish	?איר רעדט אידיש	ביטע זעצט אייך. איך וועל רופן א דאלמעטשער פאר אייך.
Бg	Hearing Impaired	If you need an interpreter in sign language, please point here.			



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Telephone Interpreter Services Log

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On-site Interpreter Services Log

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Human Resources
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Social Services

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Language Questionnaire

IMPORTANT: Please read this notice and indicate your speaking and reading language preferences. If you do not speak English well, the Human Resources Administration (HRA) can provide free interpreter services for you at an HRA office. This form must be completed and returned with the application/recertification papers.

Print Name:			
Address:	State:	Zip Code:	
☐ English			
African Languages Alaskan Albanian American Indian – Apache American Indian – Choctaw American Indian – Crow American Indian – Dakota American Indian – Lokota American Indian – Nakota American Indian – Navajo American Indian – Other American Indian – Zuni Amharic Arabic	Armenian Assyrian Bengali Bosnian Bulgarian Burmese Cambodian Chamorro Chinese – Cantonese Chinese – Fujian Chinese – Mandarin Chinese – Other Chinese – Toisanese Creole – Criollo	☐ Creole – Haitian ☐ Creole – Other ☐ Croatian ☐ Czech ☐ Dutch ☐ Dzongkha ☐ Farsi ☐ Finnish ☐ French ☐ German ☐ Greek ☐ Gujarati ☐ Hebrew	☐ Hindi ☐ Hmong ☐ Hungarian ☐ Ilocono ☐ Indonesian ☐ Italian ☐ Japanese ☐ Karen ☐ Khmer ☐ Kinyarwanda ☐ Kirundi (Rundi) ☐ Kizigna

(Additional languages are continued on the next page.)

☐ Korean	□ Onondaga	☐ Serbian	☐ Tigrinya
☐ Kurdish	☐ Oromo	Serbo-Croation	☐ Tona – Seneca
☐ Laotian	☐ Pashto	☐ Shinnecock	☐ Tongan
☐ Lithuanian	Pennsylvania Dutch	☐ Sign Language	☐ Turkish
☐ Maay	Persian	☐ Slovak	☐ Tuscarora
☐ Macedonian	Pidgin – Hawaiian	☐ Somali	☐ Twi (Fanti)
☐ Malayalam	☐ Polish	□ Spanish	Ukranian
☐ Mohawk (St. Regis Tribe)	Portuguese	☐ Swahili	Unkechauga
☐ Mongolian	Punjabi	Swedish	☐ Urdu
☐ Native American	☐ Romanian	☐ Syriac	Vietnamese
☐ Nepali	Russian	☐ Tagalog	☐ Yiddish
☐ Norwegian	☐ Samoan	☐ Thai	Yugoslavian
☐ Oneida	☐ Seneca		
Do you require free interpreter s Written notices can be sent intended in the sent in the	he lariguages listed below. I lish. Creele – Hatian	Please select only ONE. If your Russian English	
Applicant's/Participant's Signature			

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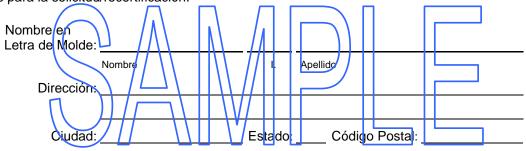
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Cuestionario Respecto al Idioma

IMPORTANTE: Por favor lea este aviso e indique el idioma que usted prefiere hablar y leer. Si no habla bien el inglés, la Administración de Recursos Humanos (Human Resources Administration – HRA) le puede brindar gratuitamente servicios de intérprete en una de sus oficinas. Este formulario debe llenarse y devolverse con los documentos para la solicitud/recertificación.



□ inglés

¿Qué idioma prefiere hablar? Por favor elija sólo UNO.

alemán	☐ chino – cantonés	☐ español	\square idiomas de los indios
alemán de Pensilvania	☐ chino – fujián	☐ finlandés	americanos – apache
amhárico	☐ chino – mandarín	☐ francés	idiomas de los indios
arábigo	☐ chino – otro	□ griego	americanos – choctaw
armenio	☐ chino – toisanés	☐ gujarati	idiomas de los indios americanos – crow
asirio	☐ coreano	☐ hebreo	☐ idiomas de los indios
bengalí	☐ criollo	☐ hindi	americanos – dakota
bosnio	□ criollo francés	☐ hmong	☐ idiomas de los indios
búlgaro	☐ criollo – haitiano	☐ holandés	americanos – lakota
birmano	☐ criollo – otro	☐ húngaro	idiomas de los indios
camboyano	☐ croata	☐ idiomas africanos	americanos – nakota
chamorro	☐ dzongkha	☐ idiomas alascanos	idiomas de los indios americanos – navajo
checo	☐ eslovaco	☐ albanés	amendanos navajo

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☐ idiomas de los indios	\square maay	polaco	swahili
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idiomas de los indios	☐ malabar	☐ punjabi	☐ tigriña
americanos – zuni	☐ mohawk	ruanda	☐ tailandés
ilocano	(tribu de San Regis)	☐ rumano	☐ tona – seneca
indonesio	\square mongol	□ ruso	☐ turco
italiano	□ nepalí	☐ samoano	☐ tuscarora
☐ japonés	☐ noruego	□ seneca	☐ twi (fanti)
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AE	Am. Ind Crow	KZ	Kizigna	YU	Yugoslavian

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