

General Principles

The role of the interpreter is to provide the linguistic and cultural bridge between people who do not speak the same language or share the same culture.

Interpreters are bound by a Code of Ethics that outlines ethical behaviour determined by AUSIT (Australian Institute of Interpreters and Translators) and ASLIA (Australian Sign Language Interpreters' Association).

The Code of Ethics defines the principles of professional practice for interpreters, such as:

- All interpreted information is strictly confidential. An interpreter does not reveal any information about interpreting assignments.
- The content and intent/attitude of the speaker/signer will be accurately and faithfully conveyed.
- The interpreter will not counsel, advise or interject personal opinions before, during or after the interpreting assignment.
- Interpreters shall not omit or add information during an interpreting assignment even when asked to do so by any party.
- Interpreters shall be punctual and well prepared for all assignments.
- Interpreters will not accept appointments that create a conflict of interest or conflict of values that may impact on the interpreting situation.
- Interpreters shall be courteous, unobtrusive and dignified at all times.
- Interpreters shall not allow personal bias to prejudice or influence their work or clients.