

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

Effective January 1, 2023, the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts has set the schedule of fees for freelance interpreter as follows:

**FEDERALLY CERTIFIED INTERPRETERS<sup>1</sup>:**

Full Day	\$566
Half Day	\$320
Overtime	\$ 80 per hour or part thereof

**PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED (NON-CERTIFIED) INTERPRETERS:**

Full Day	\$495
Half Day	\$280
Overtime	\$ 70 per hour or part thereof

**LANGUAGE SKILLED (NON-CERTIFIED) INTERPRETERS:**

Full Day	\$350
Half Day	\$190
Overtime	\$ 44 per hour or part thereof

The half-day rate is paid for services up to and including four hours in one day (minus lunch). The full-day rate is paid for services in excess of four hours up to and including eight hours in one day. Overtime/hourly rates apply if the workday exceeds eight hours, not including meal periods.

A contract court interpreter may not receive duplicate payment for the same half or full day from any one or more federal court unit, Federal Public Defender organization, Community Defender Organization, or other attorneys or entities obtaining interpreting services under the Criminal Justice Act or the related statutes for any service fee, travel fee, or cancellation fee.

Two half days (for service, travel or cancellation) will be paid at the applicable full-day rate if both half days are accrued on the same date.

**Cancellation Fees:**

The cancellation fee is equal to the applicable rate indicated above for either the half-day or the full-day depending on the anticipated duration of the assignment. For a court proceeding that is scheduled to last five days or longer, the cancellation fee is equal to the applicable rate indicated on the Rate and Information for two full days.

If the contract court interpreter is given notice of cancellation of a court proceeding, at the interpreter's normal phone or email, at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled proceeding or time of scheduled departure from residence if travel is authorized, not counting weekends or federal holidays, no cancellation fee will be paid. If the contract court interpreter is given notice of the cancellation less than 24 hours before the scheduled proceeding or time of departure from residence if travel is authorized, not counting weekends or federal holidays, the court will compensate the interpreter with a cancellation fee.

**Mileage rate: 65.5 cents per mile (.655) [as of 1/1/2023]**

As of May 1, 2005, mileage and parking fees are payable only for interpreters commuting more than 30 miles one way from the contract interpreter's residence to the court location.

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<sup>1</sup> Currently, the A.O.U.S.C. only offers certification in the languages of Spanish, Haitian Creole and Navajo. Persons acting as interpreter in these languages, who are not federally certified, must be paid at the "professionally qualified" or "language skilled" rates.