

**CONTRACT COURT INTERPRETER FEES AUTHORIZED BY THE  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES COURTS (AOUSC)**

The Director of the AOUSC promulgates these fees pursuant to the last sentence of subsection (b) of the Court Interpreters Act of 1978 (28 U.S.C. §1827), which reads: “The Director shall prescribe a schedule of fees for services rendered by interpreters.” This table provides the history of the fees so prescribed.

EFFECTIVE DATE	CERTIFIED/PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED			LANGUAGE-SKILLED		
	Full Day	Half Day	Overtime (per hour or part thereof)	Full Day	Half Day	Overtime (per hour or part thereof)
1980	\$130	\$65	N/A	\$75	\$40	N/A
11/1/81	\$145	\$75	N/A	\$85	\$45	N/A
1/1/83	\$175	\$90	\$30	\$85	\$45	N/A
1/1/87	\$210	\$110	\$30	\$95	\$55	\$15
3/1/91	\$250	\$135	\$35	\$120	\$65	\$20
1/3/2000	\$305	\$165	\$45	\$145	\$80	\$25
4/1/2003	\$329	\$178	\$49	\$156	\$86	\$27
1/1/2006	\$355	\$192	\$50	\$171	\$92	\$28
4/2/2007	\$365	\$197	\$51	\$175	\$94	\$29
1/2/2008	\$376	\$204	\$53	\$181	\$100	\$31
2/1/2010	\$388	\$210	\$55	\$187	\$103	\$32
1/1/2015	\$412	\$223	\$58	\$198	\$109	\$34
??	\$418	\$226	\$59	\$202	\$111	\$35

NOTE: Through at least 2000 and perhaps beyond these were called a “schedule of fees” (e.g., memoranda of October 7, 1981 and December 28, 1982 by Director William E. Foley, as well as January 7, 1987 and December 13, 1999 by Director L. Ralph Mecham [these are cited as they are the only ones in the compiler’s possession]). However, at some point after 2000 these became referred to as “the **maximum** rates of payment for contract court interpreters” (emphasis added by compiler; October 2, 2014 memorandum by Judge John D. Bates, Director).

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