



International Civil Aviation Organization Vacancy Notice

Position Information

Title	2016/60/P Language Officer (Translator/Reviser), Spanish	Vacancy notice	2016/10192/P
Level	P4	Posting period	2016-12-19 to 2017-01-19
Duty station	Montreal	Date for entry on duty	As soon as possible

THE ORGANIZATIONAL SETTING

Languages and Publications (LP) provides interpretation, translation, and editorial services in the six ICAO working languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish). Based on the principle of simultaneous distribution, it ensures the issuance of documentation to Council, its deliberative bodies, the Air Navigation Commission, and other ICAO meetings held within and away from Headquarters.

As a member of a team led by the Chief, Spanish Translation Section, the Translator/Reviser provides timely, accurate, and stylistically appropriate translations, applying his/her linguistic skills. He/She also revises texts translated by other translators (staff members, freelancers and consultants), ensuring accuracy and quality.

For this assignment, the incumbent will be working from English and one other official language of ICAO into Spanish.

MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Function 1 (incl. Expected Results)

Translates texts covering a broad range of technical, legal or administrative subjects dealt with by ICAO, achieving results such as:

- Produce accurate and complete versions in the target language, using the most appropriate vocabulary and the commonly accepted equivalents of professional, scientific or technical terms.
- Convey faithfully the full meaning of each text as befits the intended use and the target readership of the translated version.
- Use appropriate terminology or help identify new terminology where none exists in the target language.
- Ensure consistency with other translators working on the same document.
- Meet deadlines with regard to translation/revision assignments, maintaining a high degree of quality.
- Type and format translations directly in a text-processing software.

Function 2 (incl. Expected Results)

Carries out terminological research related to texts being translated, achieving results such as:

- Clarify the meaning of terms and expressions with the text originator.
- In collaboration with the Section Chief and the Terminology Officer, conduct terminological research using appropriate tools, search engines and modern software and systems.
- Ensure terminological consistency and cross-cultural equivalence between the translation and the source texts.
- Develop, in coordination with the originator, the Section Chief, the Terminology Officer, and/or subject matter experts, new terminology for use where terminological equivalents do not exist in the target language.
- Alert the Terminology Officer of any new terminology or gaps in terminology databases and make recommendations to fill the gaps.

- Pro-actively provide input to the development of translation databases.

Function 3 (incl. Expected Results)

Ensures the quality of translations at all times and provides input to the development of guidelines, policies and standards for translation and revision practices, achieving results such as:

- Analyse the form and content of source and target texts.
- Make the necessary changes to translations.
- Proofread translated texts to eliminate possible errors in spelling or grammar.
- Communicate with the originator if necessary in order to ensure that the message of the source text has been accurately conveyed in the target text.
- Ensure that the translation is both accurate and stylistically appropriate.
- Provide explanation, if necessary, of any corrections made.
- Identify the need for adapting guidelines to cases not covered in existing practices.
- Exercise independent judgement and discretion in researching and selecting the right terminology in the target language, regardless of the difficulty of the text.
- Make recommendations for improving or revising the formulation and standardization of translation and revision guidelines.

Function 4 (incl. Expected Results)

Self-revises and revises texts translated by other translators, including free-lance and contractual translators, ensuring their accuracy and high linguistic quality, achieving results such as:

- Produce final versions in the target language that are equivalent to the original text in terms of accuracy, completeness, meaning, style and effectiveness.
- Produce high-quality final versions of difficult, complex and urgent documents by using the most appropriate range of vocabulary and scientific or technical terms.
- Incorporate results of any supplementary research as may be necessary to solve problems of terminology and meaning.
- Address possible inconsistencies or errors in the original text, including the originator's misinterpretation of source material, through consultation with substantive units or originators.

Function 5 (incl. Expected Results)

Performs other related duties as required, including but not limited to the following, achieving results such as:

- Provide guidance and training to new colleagues or temporary staff as required.
- Advise clients on matters of terminology, style, grammar, etc.
- Participate in symposiums and seminars of interest to the profession.
- Obtain feedback from clients and other sources on the quality of the language services provided; adapt own work and make recommendations on the improvement of the work of the Section.
- Develop and conduct training sessions and workshops for translators when required.
- Act as Officer-in-Charge in the absence of the Section Chief.

Function 6 (incl. Expected Results)

Performs other related duties, as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Education

Essential

- A first-level degree from a university or an institution of equivalent status, preferably with emphasis on modern

languages, or on technical, legal or scientific studies.

Desirable

- Successful completion of the United Nations exam for translators.

Professional experience

Essential

- At least seven years of professional experience in translating from English to Spanish preferably technical or legal texts of a difficult and complex nature, in a government, a large-scale private organization, or an international organization.
- Experience in revising the work of other translators.

Languages

Essential

A complete command of Spanish as the mother tongue or the language used for the purpose of education is essential, along with a thorough knowledge of its syntax and stylistics. The incumbent must also have excellent knowledge of English and a very good command of one of the other official languages of the Organization (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian).

COMPETENCIES

1. **Professionalism:** Excellent knowledge of revision rules, procedures and practices and a high degree of understanding of a wide range of technical or legal subjects; familiarity with computer-assisted translation tools (e.g : MultiTrans, Trados, Déjà Vu, etc.), and ability to type and format documents in a text-processing software; ability to perform interpretation; shows pride in work and in achievements; demonstrates professional competence and mastery of subject matter; is conscientious and efficient in meeting commitments, observing deadlines and achieving results; is motivated by professional rather than personal concerns; shows persistence when faced with difficult problems or challenges; remains calm in stressful situations.
2. **Communication:** Speaks and writes clearly and effectively; listens to others, correctly interprets messages from others and responds appropriately; asks questions to clarify, and exhibits interest in having two-way communication; tailors language, tone, style, and format to match the audience; demonstrates openness in sharing information and keeping people informed.
3. **Teamwork:** Works collaboratively with colleagues to achieve organizational goals; solicits input by genuinely valuing others' ideas and expertise; is willing to learn from others; places team agenda before personal agenda; supports and acts in accordance with final group decision, even when such decisions may not entirely reflect own position; shares credit for team accomplishments and accepts joint responsibility for team shortcomings.
4. **Planning and Organizing:** Develops clear goals that are consistent with agreed strategies; identifies priority activities and assignments; adjusts priorities as required; allocates appropriate amount of time and resources for completing work; foresees risks and allows for contingencies when planning; monitors and adjusts plans and actions as necessary; uses time efficiently.
5. **Commitment to Continuous Learning:** Keeps abreast of new developments in own occupation/profession; actively seeks to develop oneself professionally and personally; contributes to the learning of colleagues and subordinates; shows willingness to learn from others; seeks feedback to learn and improve.
6. **Judgement/Decision-making:** Identifies the key issues in a complex situation, and comes to the heart of the problem quickly; gathers relevant information before making a decision; considers positive and negative impacts of decisions prior to making them; takes decisions with an eye to the impact on others and on the Organization;

proposes a course of action or makes a recommendation based on all available information; checks assumptions against facts; determines that the actions proposed will satisfy the expressed and underlying needs for the decision; makes tough decisions when necessary.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

It should be noted that this post is to be filled on a fixed-term basis for an initial period of three years (first year is probationary for an external candidate).

ICAO staff members are international civil servants subject to the authority of the Secretary General and may be assigned to any activities or offices of the Organization within the duty station.

ICAO staff members are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting their status as international civil servants. The Standards of Conduct for the International Civil Service adopted by ICAO, which are applicable to all staff members, are defined in the ICAO Service Code (Staff Regulations).

ICAO offers an attractive benefit package to its employees in accordance with the policies of the [International Civil Service Commission](#) (ICSC).

The statutory retirement age for staff entering or re-entering service after 1 January 2014 is 65. For external applicants, only those who are expected to complete a term of appointment will normally be considered.

Remuneration:	Level P-4	Rate	Net Base Salary per annum	+	Post Adjustment (net) per annum(*)
		Single	USD 69,032		USD 23,332
		Dependency	USD 74,130		USD 25,055

(*) Post Adjustment is subject to change.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates must complete an on-line application form. To apply, please visit ICAO's e-Recruitment website at: <https://careers-new.icao.int/>

NOTICE TO CANDIDATES

ICAO does NOT charge any fees or request money from candidates at any stage of the selection process, nor does it concern itself with bank account details of applicants. Requests of this nature allegedly made on behalf of ICAO are fraudulent and should be disregarded.