

HUNGARY

Population: 10.0 m.	GDP:	Purchasing power:	Latent demand: 8.00 m
Official languages:	Hungarian		
Terms for translators:	fordító (translator) / hites fordító (sworn/certified/authorised translator)		
Range of fees:			

Academic qualifications required:	None
Professional certification required:	None
Association membership required:	None

Taxation status:	Not known.
Census status:	The only special mention made of translators is in the Standard Occupational Classification and the Standard Industrial Classification.
Government translators:	In theory, translators require a Masters in Translation in order to work for the government. There is doubt as to whether this is actually applied, since many administrations outsource to private companies, who do not always insist on a degree in translation. Any translator hired by the government, whether for a single assignment or for a long-term project, needs to produce a masters degree in Translation. Of course, some clients (ministers, secretaries of state) tend to ignore this requirement for reasons that only they know...
Certification of sworn translators:	Hungary does not have sworn translators but a government agency called National Office for Translation and Attestation (in acronym: OFFI). OFFI has a monopoly on issuing certified translations and authenticating translations prepared by other agencies or individuals. The relevant law does not specify any document as one subject to attestation. The only exception we make is with translators of "small languages" (Vietnamese, Mongolian, Pashtu, etc.), who are so few and normally hard to encourage to do the job for what they perceive as a miserable rate that we are happy if they have completed any university training or, at least, the GCSE.
Other certification systems:	Not known.

Translator associations	Magyar Fordítók és Tolmácsok Egyesülete (Association of Hungarian Translators and Interpreters) - <a href="http://www.mfte.hu">http://www.mfte.hu</a>  Association of Hungarian Literary Translators - <a href="http://muforditok.hu/">http://muforditok.hu/</a>  <a href="http://www.fordit.hu">http://www.fordit.hu</a> (online community for translating and interpreting making connection between clients and translators, interpreters)
Translation company associations:	Magyarországi Fordítóirodák Egyesülete (Association of Hungarian Translation Companies) - <a href="http://www.mfe.hu">www.mfe.hu</a>

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