

## Oral Proficiency Interviews (OPI) FAQ's

### 1. How do I register to take an OPI?

To schedule a time and date to take an Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI), please call OCIS staff at 202.879.4828. Please note, for the live OPI, you will need to select two potential dates in order of preference. Once you have agreed with OCIS staff on potential dates to take your OPI, please take the following steps to register for your OPI:

1. Go to [www.languagetesting.com](http://www.languagetesting.com).
2. Click on sign in as a Test Candidate.
3. Create an account.
4. Log in to [www.languagetesting.com](http://www.languagetesting.com).
5. Click on "Search for your institution or school program" in the top right corner
6. Click "No" to answer the question on whether you are testing for teacher certification
7. Search for your testing site: District of Columbia Courts
8. Select the language for your test
9. Select the available test for your language – OPI, or OPIc
10. Select "District of Columbia Courts" as your proctor
11. Select your time zone (Eastern Time/US & Canada)
12. Select the date(s) you agreed on with OCIS staff. Please note that for the live OPI, you will need to provide two dates in order of preference, arranged with the OCIS. **THERE IS A \$55 NO-SHOW FEE IF A LIVE OPI IS MISSED. ANY CANCELATION MUST OCCUR WITH MORE THAN 24 HOURS NOTICE TO AVOID THIS FEE.**
13. Review your order. Complete test purchase with debit or credit card.
14. You will receive notification from Language Testing International of your actual test date and time.
15. Call the OCIS at 202.879.4828 when you receive the notification to inform OCIS staff of your actual test date and time.
16. Arrive at the DC Courts Office of Court Interpreting Services at least 15 minutes prior to your test appointment to take your OPI.

**2. How much does it cost to take an OPI?**

OPI-\$119

OPIc-\$60. OPIc is only offered in Arabic, Mandarin, English, French, German, Korean and Russian.

**3. What is the difference between OPI and OPIc?**

OPI is a live interview between a certified rater and the candidate. OPIc is a computerized interview, where candidates respond to pre-recorded prompts and questions.

**4. Where do I pay to take the OPI?**

When you go online to [www.languageTesting.com](http://www.languageTesting.com), you will pay with a credit or debit card for your test.

**5. Can I cancel an OPI?**

Yes. You may cancel an OPI with MORE than 24 hours notice from the time of the test appointment. If you cancel with less than 24 hours notice, \$55 will be forfeited from the price of the OPI (\$119) for your missed appointment.

**6. How long does the test last?**

Approximately 30 minutes.

**7. How long does it take to get my results?**

Ratings will be available on your portal within 24 business hours.

**8. Is there a limit on how many times I can take an OPI?**

Yes. Four (4) times in one year is the limit on how many times you can take an OPI.

**9. How soon can I re-test?**

Ninety (90) days or three months after testing. In the interim, candidates are encouraged to pursue coursework or immerse themselves with native speakers to improve their language skills before re-testing.

**10. Can I challenge or dispute a rating?**

Yes. However, if your rating does not change, you will be charged the cost of an additional test.

**11. What can I expect on the day my test?**

On the day of your test, please arrive at the DC Courts' Office of Court Interpreting Services 15 minutes prior to your scheduled test time. Check-in with OCIS staff. Bring picture ID to confirm your identity. You will be tested telephonically in a centralized location in the courthouse. OCIS staff will proctor your exam.