

YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

Translator certification versus association membership

Does a certified translation mean the translator holds an association credential?

A certified translation describes a deliverable with an attestation under the recipient's requirement. An individual credential and association membership describe different qualifications or affiliations. Ask exactly what is certified, by whom and for which purpose.

Check the boxes on screen or by hand. Use the notes area for records to find and questions to ask.

Your preparation checklist

- ☐ Identify document attestation separately
- ☐ Distinguish individual credential and membership
- ☐ Read the recipient's actual standard
- ☐ Ask for precise verifiable wording

A little support for your next step.

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Notes and questions to follow up

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Source links and current instructions

Sources checked October 25, 2026. Follow current instructions at the linked institution.

USCIS: Policy Manual: evidence

<https://www.uscis.gov/policy-manual/volume-1-part-e-chapter-6>

U.S. Department of Education: Recognition of foreign qualifications

<https://www.ed.gov/about/initiatives/international-affairs/recognition-of-foreign-qualifications>

UC Berkeley Graduate Division: Graduate application requirements

<https://grad.berkeley.edu/admissions/application-process/requirements/>

American Translators Association: Guide to ATA certification and specific language directions

<https://www.atanet.org/certification/guide-to-ata-certification/>

American Translators Association: Eagle Translate company listing in the ATA Language Services Directory

<https://www.atanet.org/member-directory/eagle-translate/>

American Translators Association: ATA corporate and individual membership categories

<https://www.atanet.org/member-center/member-categories/>

Eagle Translate: Eagle Translate corporate affiliation, certification and review process

<https://eagletranslate.com/about>

Eagle Translate: Eagle Translate services and pricing

<https://eagletranslate.com/services>

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