

NEED A TRANSLATOR?

Your choice of service provider is critical to the success of your translation project. Amateurs, however well-meaning, are simply unable to supply the same level of quality as *skilled, specialist* and *conscientious* professionals.

Skilled: your translator must have a thorough knowledge of the source language and native-speaker competence in the target language.

Specialist: your translator must understand the subject in hand and be able to express him or herself with authority.

Conscientious: your translator must comply with the agreed terms of sale and systematically maintain client confidentiality.

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THE SFT DIRECTORY

Use the SFT's directory to find the professional translator you need.

Available free of charge on our website, this directory features the profiles and contact information of over 1,500 professional translators and interpreters, all officially established in their country of residence.

There are three ways to search the directory – quick, guided and advanced – and a wide range of selection criteria (language, field, region, experience and more).

★ *Search the SFT directory at www.sft.fr*

The Société Française des Traducteurs (SFT) is a union of professional translators and interpreters. It was founded in 1947 to defend the interests of translators and interpreters and to promote their professions in France.

Today, the SFT has over 1,500 members, making it the largest professional translator organization in France. It represents the many different professions that make up today's translation market, from salaried and self-employed language service providers to court and conference interpreters, and technical and literary translators.

An essential interface between language service providers of all types, users of language services and government agencies in France, the SFT is a founding member of the International Federation of Translators and a member of UNAPL, France's national association of self-employed professionals.

The SFT also maintains close relations with the schools and universities that train the translators of tomorrow.

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**France's union of
professional
translators**

*Serving translators and
the translation industry
since 1947*

The logo consists of the letters 'EN' in a bold, sans-serif font, centered within a white inverted triangle.

ORGANIZATION

The SFT is active nationwide through regional chapters. An executive board oversees the various national committees set up to administer the union and address issues facing the profession.

Regional chapters organize meetings and networking events, and provide advice and support for members.

PUBLICATIONS

Traduire is a French-language journal published by the SFT twice a year. It provides a forum for translators, authors, publishers and academics to discuss the world of translation and interpretation.

Traduire offers new insights, expands horizons and promotes best practice through surveys, feature articles, interviews and thought-provoking essays.

★ *Subscribe to Traduire in the Publications section of www.sft.fr*

PURPOSE

The SFT promotes the translation profession and defends the collective and individual rights of translators.

We represent our members on numerous public and professional bodies (copyright, pensions, training, standards) and maintain close ties with other translator organizations.

Through our subsidiary SFT Services we organize continuing training for translators and interpreters to promote the development of specialist skills, knowledge and services. SFT Services also manages the SFT's publications and selected events.

To track trends shaping the profession, the SFT compiles data on rates and qualifications and regularly conducts surveys involving hundreds of respondents.

Online forums, both general and field specific (e.g. medical, court-appointed professionals, salaried translators) are a source of lively debate and exchange of information between members.

CODE OF CONDUCT

All SFT members must comply with the code of conduct in their professional activities. The union's code contains key principles of best practice for translators and interpreters.

Available in several languages, it is a statement of intent that describes the principles, obligations of professionalism and respect due from both providers and users.

★ *Download the Code of Professional Conduct in English at www.sft.fr*

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to professional translators who practice the profession in compliance with legislation in their country of residence.

Candidates are screened by a membership committee and, if admitted, must pay an annual fee.

★ *Apply online at www.sft.fr*

The logo for the SFT (Syndicat Français de la Traduction) features the letters 'sft' in a bold, lowercase, sans-serif font. The 's' is white and the 'ft' is blue. The 's' is positioned to the left of the 'ft', and the 'f' is slightly taller than the 't'. The background is a solid blue color.

FEDERATING translators and interpreters whatever their operating status (freelance, salaried, literary).

INFORMING translators, translation users, students, the media and the general public through conferences, training events, publications, online forums and more.

SUPPORTING translators in their professional dealings by providing advice, insurance, legal assistance and mediation services.