



NRPSI news

To mark the **forthcoming launch** of the new NRPSI website, we have devoted this issue of our newsletter to looking at the site's new features, what's different and what might be a surprise.



🔍 New online address

We will have a new website address: www.nrpsi.org.uk. The .org.uk is the appropriate address for a not-for-profit organisation such as NRPSI, so we took the opportunity to move to this address (which we already owned) with the launch of the new website. All traffic to the old site will be automatically redirected, but you might need to renew any bookmarks you have saved. Similarly, our email addresses will be changing to end @nrpsi.org.uk, e.g. admin@nrpsi.org.uk, but emails to our old addresses will still be delivered to us. In future our communications will carry the @nrpsi.org.uk address.

🔍 Improved search facilities

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, the search facility has been greatly improved to make it easier for users of the Register to locate an interpreter. The new search has been simplified to just the language required and the postcode of the job, with the option to filter by security clearance. The results will provide a list of all Registrants in the UK with the language searched for in strict distance order from the entered postcode. Against each record there will be a link to Google Maps to show the route between the entered postcode and the registered interpreter's postcode.



🔍 Behind the scenes: the database

In order to make improvements to the search and other facilities on the website we have changed the entire database that holds the Register. The database has been reformatted to bring it in line with the way the information on the Register is used, and will be more flexible in accommodating future requirements. These changes will also enable us to continue to move from printed letters to email communication. With this in mind, please do check that your record contains your current email address.

🔍 Access control for searchers

In order to understand more about the users of the Register we have introduced a simple access control system to the search process. All searches are still free, and there is no access control to check a Registrant's number, so identities can be checked quickly and easily. Knowing who uses the Register will enable us to communicate with them, to inform them of changes to the website, for example, and to obtain feedback from them on how NRPSI can provide them with better facilities. Access control will also help prevent unwarranted usage of the database, such as bulk downloading of data. Once logged in, users can bookmark Registrant records they need to access regularly.

🔍 Registrant details

The new website will allow you to share more information about your skills and experience with users of the Register and potential clients. You can manage this information yourself via the Registrants' area of the site known as the Interpreters' Room. The date that security clearances were issued will be displayed on Registrant records to provide more information to clients. Registrants will also be provided with a unique URL that links to their record on the Register. Registrants can add this to their email signatures, CVs, etc.



I hope you find this information helpful. We will be asking for your feedback after the website is launched and you have had time to explore the new site. In the meantime, if you have any queries, email admin@nrpsi.org.uk.

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