



Full Remote Rate Card 2026–2027 PDF

This rate card provides a quantitative benchmark for procurement to manage talent acquisition and control costs against structural inflation and rising regulatory demands across the Japanese interpretation market.

I. Tiered Professional Interpreter Fees (Full-Day Estimates)

This table reflects the accelerating inflation driven by the severe structural talent shortage of Tier S/A specialists, which is projected to accelerate to a high of 18.0% by 2027.

Tier Designation	Minimum Experience	2026 Forecast Full-Day Rate (JPY)	2027 High-End Forecast (JPY)
S (Elite/Conference Master)	10+ years	¥166,500 – ¥188,700	¥177,000 – ¥200,600
A (Senior/Specialist)	10+ years	¥122,100 – ¥144,300	¥134,200 – ¥158,700
B (Mid-Level/Corporate)	5+ years	¥94,350 – ¥122,100	¥100,300 – ¥129,800

II. Interpretation Mode Benchmarks (2026 Forecast)

Interpretation Mode	Tier Focus	2026 Estimated Half-Day Range (JPY)	Cognitive Load / Requirement
Simultaneous (RSI/SI)	S / A	¥85,470 – ¥101,010	Requires 2+ interpreters (ISO 23155 Mandate)
Consecutive (CI)	A / B	¥65,490 – ¥85,470	1 interpreter standard
Whispering (Chuchotage)	A / B	¥65,490 – ¥96,570	High-stakes confidential context

III. Mandatory Premiums and Cost Drivers

Factor	Index / Surcharge (%)	Driving Force
Specialization Premium (Medical/Legal/M&A)	40% – 60%+ (over base rates)	PMDA remote audits, complex M&A due diligence, legal liability



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Factor	Index / Surcharge (%)	Driving Force
Osaka/Kansai Premium Index	110% – 115% (over Tokyo baseline)	Permanent market shift due to EXPO legacy and high regional talent demand
Simultaneous (RSI) Premium	20% – 25% increase (over Consecutive rates)	Higher cognitive load and specialized technical expertise required
Rush Service Premium (Less than 72 hours notice)	20% – 50% increase	High cost of securing expert talent on short notice

IV. Risk-Adjusted Total Cost Floor (Tier A/S, Half-Day)

The minimum expected expenditure to secure compliant, high-quality RSI services, factoring in mandatory preparation time and platform costs.

Component	2026 Estimated Cost (JPY)
Interpreter Fee (Tier A/S, Half-Day)	¥85,470 – ¥101,010
Platform Fee (Managed Service Allocation)	¥10,000 – ¥25,000
Preparation Fee (Mandatory 4 hours prep)	¥22,000 – ¥66,000
Total Risk-Adjusted Cost Floor (JPY)	¥117,470