

OA GUIDELINES



Guidelines for Translation of OA Literature and Materials

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INTRODUCTION TO (AND IMPORTANCE OF) TRANSLATION

Translating OA literature and materials helps:

- Carry the OA message of recovery from compulsive eating.
- Encourage the working of all Twelve Steps of OA.
- Attract newcomers.
- Retain existing members.

OA encourages literature translations to help carry our message around the world. This is an important service to our fellow compulsive eaters. OA grows in countries where compulsive eaters can read program literature in their own language.

If you have questions or need additional support, contact others who have experience with the process of translating OA literature and recovery materials. You will find a list of suggested contacts at the end of these *Guidelines*.

Before starting a translation, take these steps:

- Check the *Digital Files in Translation List* found at the end of this document.
- On oa.org, click the flag icon on the top left of the home page to access a list of links to representative service bodies by country. Click on the corresponding flag of the country and/or language that you seek in order to connect with the service

body about translations.

- Check with the World Service Office (WSO) to see if the literature you want to translate has already been or is being translated into your language.
- Ask the WSO if the literature is scheduled for major revisions soon.
- Check with your region board, your region trustee, or the WSO to see if financial assistance is available.
- Consider the use of widely available translation tools. Translation software is being continually developed and may assist you. Many materials at oa.org are available as downloadable PDFs and as web pages that can be easily/automatically translated using online translation tools.

It's a good idea to find out what AA Conference-approved literature is available in the language you are thinking of translating into, especially the Big Book (*Alcoholics Anonymous*, 4th ed.). The AA literature may serve as a starting point while OA literature is being translated.

Remember to use OA-approved literature: Check the *OA-Approved Literature List*. Go to oa.org/document-library under "Literature." Your service body may consider having a selection of OA literature and materials available to members in English and/or other languages in limited numbers. OA members and prospective members may speak English and/or other languages and may be of the opinion that it is better to read the literature and materials in English or other languages that are not yet available in their own language.

ACCURATELY CARRYING THE MESSAGE OF RECOVERY THROUGH THE TWELVE STEPS OF OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

As a service body that translates literature, you are trusted by OA members to translate accurately. This means your translation will meet these guidelines:

- Nothing in the original text is left out.
- Nothing is added to the original text.

- As closely as a different language allows, the translation has the same meaning and implication as the original text.

An inaccurate translation may damage a fellow compulsive eater's chance of recovery. For ideas about making and testing accurate translations, refer to the **Suggestions for Translations Committees** section below.

THE TRANSLATION PROCESS

Review OA Literature Translations Licensing Requirements

OA has a two-step licensing process for translation approval:

- License 1 gives permission to translate a particular piece of literature and to circulate the translation for the purpose of validating its accuracy.
- License 2 gives permission to publish and distribute the approved translation.

These licenses are formal, legal agreements between your service body and OA, Inc. They state exactly what OA and your service body have agreed to do. These licenses make it clear that you have permission to translate OA's copyrighted literature. If you translate and distribute the literature without permission, you are breaking copyright law. Copyright permission requirements are covered in more detail below.

All registered OA groups and service bodies have permission to translate and reprint any OA print material currently on the OA website (downloadable PDF files or text) without written permission. *This does not include permission to reprint photographs on the OA website.* The translated manuscript must include the following in the language of the translation:

"This is a translation of OA-approved literature.
© [date of translation] Copyright Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. All rights reserved."

Groups and service bodies who translate any OA material are also required to provide a digital copy of the published translated literature to the WSO. The digital copy can be in PDF or text format and should include the English-language name of the translated publication, the language of translation, and the group or service body name and registration number.

Create a Translation Committee

In the beginning, it is common for one or more committed OA members to carry out the service of translating literature. However, the earlier you can form a translation committee with a capable chair, the better. This will avoid overdependence on specific members and will form a structure that allows the process to develop and continue smoothly.

Establish Priorities for the Translation Work

One of the first things your committee will do is establish priorities for the translation work. The committee also needs to decide whether it has bilingual members who can do the translation or whether to hire a professional translator.

SUGGESTED ORDER OF TRANSLATIONS

Which literature ought to be translated first? You may begin anywhere you choose, but the following is a suggested sequence:

Translate a Glossary of OA's Special Program Words

It is helpful to start by compiling a list of program terms in the local language, for example: "Higher Power," "abstinence," "plan of eating," "food plan," "sponsor," "surrender," "one day at a time," "relapse," "program." A list has been compiled in English to assist you; find the *OA Glossary* at oa.org/document-library under "Translation."

These words and terms appear often in OA literature and need to be translated the same each time they appear. If possible, compile the translated glossary with your translation committee or group members so your translator or translation professional or service can begin with a consensus. It can be useful to prepare notes on difficult words and perhaps create a list of idiomatic English phrases. Explain that it is important to translate every word in its proper context.

Translate the Lists of Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous

These lists occur frequently in the literature, and if you translate them at the outset you will not need to translate them each time you translate a new piece of literature.

Translate Basic OA Materials and OA Pamphlets

The list below gives basic information about the OA program and how we use the program to recover from compulsive eating and compulsive food behaviors as well as ways to find OA. Translating these gives your

committee a good grounding in working together while gaining an understanding of the process. Because they are short, you can soon have materials and literature available for all who speak your language.

Choose any of the items below that have not already been translated into your language:

- *About OA* (#751K)
- *Where Do I Start?* (#705)
- *A Guide for Sponsors* (#200)
- *A New Plan of Eating* (#144)
- *In OA, Recovery Is Possible* (#135)
- *A Lifetime of Abstinence* (#155)
- *Carrying the Message* wallet card (#425)
- *Is Food a Problem for You?* (#750)
- *Just For Today* wallet card (#410)
- *Many Symptoms, One Solution* (#106)
- *Pocket Reference for OA Members* (#435)
- *Recovery Checklist* (#105)
- *Strong Abstinence Checklist* wallet card (#415)
- *Think First* wallet card (#109)
- *Tools of Recovery* (#160)
- *To the Newcomer* (#270)
- *Twelve Stepping a Problem* wallet card (#420)
- *Twelve Traditions Pocket Guide* (#445)
- *Welcome Back: Suggestions for Members in Relapse and for Those Who Care* (#185)

Find these items online at oa.org/document-library:

- *Guidelines for Translation of OA Literature and Materials* under “Translation”
- *Temporary Sponsors: Newcomers’ First Twelve Days*
- *Newcomers Meetings: A Leader’s Kit* under “Meeting Formats”
- *Strong Meeting Checklist* under “Group Resources”
- *Suggested Meeting Format* under “Meeting Formats”
- *Importance of Working the Steps Workshop* under “Workshops and Fellowship Ideas”

Translate *The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous, Second Edition Book* (#990-2) and *The Twelve Step Workbook of Overeaters Anonymous, Second Edition Book* (#992)

The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters

Anonymous, Second Edition is probably the most important OA book to translate for our recovery.

We’ve found it helpful to begin by translating one or two chapters. This enables you to see how well things are going and to have part of the book available for members to use much sooner than if you attempt the whole book at once. How you decide to do it depends partly on whether it is being translated by a professional translator or by OA members.

If you start by translating one or two chapters, you need to apply for License 1, which allows you to translate and distribute for validation purposes part of a piece of literature or the whole document. OA literature that is not downloadable from oa.org requires License 1.

Translate Other OA Books

- *Overeaters Anonymous, Third Edition* (#980) (the Brown Book), starting with the Forewords to all editions and the Appendices: “The Role of a Plan of Eating in Recovery from Compulsive Eating,” “A Disease of the Mind,” “A Disease of the Body,” “A Disease of the Spirit.”
- *The OA Twelve Step Workshop and Study Guide, Second Edition* (#960-2)
- *For Today* (#984) and the *For Today Workbook* (#974)
- *Voices of Recovery* (#986) and the *Voices of Recovery Workbook* (#996)
- *Abstinence, Second Edition* (#994)

Note: In order that members can commence working the Steps with OA material, you may consider translating the specific parts of books used by the *Twelve Step Workshop and Study Guide, Second Edition* (#960-2). The *Guide* uses parts of *The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous, Second Edition*; *For Today*; *Voices of Recovery*; *Overeaters Anonymous, Third Edition*; and *Alcoholics Anonymous, Fourth Edition* (Big Book). Remember, the AA Big Book may already be translated into your language.

For other OA books to translate, please refer to the *OA Literature List by Copyright Date* at oa.org/document-library under “Literature.”

Translate OA Service Material

- OA’s inverted pyramid, found at oa.org/service-bodies
- *OA Handbook for Members, Groups, and Service*

Bodies: Recovery Opportunities (#120)

- Public Information Posters, found at oa.org/document-library under “PI Posters”
- *Seventh Tradition of OA* (#802), found at oa.org/document-library under “Seventh Tradition”
- *The Professional Community Courier*, found at oa.org/document-library under “Outreach to Professionals”
- *The Twelve Traditions of OA* (#230), found at oa.org/document-library under “Traditions”
- *The Twelve Concepts of OA Service* (#330)
- Traditions Videos, found at oa.org/podcasts

From time to time, service-related materials need prompt translation. Service bodies receive service materials in English that often require a response within a short period of time. The relevance and usefulness of some materials received (in English) may not be clear. Some issues are not part of our everyday lives. In this instance, the use of footnotes explaining the issues and giving further information regarding the context in which they were raised can be helpful.

If there is not time to translate everything, a suggestion is to highlight the most important information from the material and use that in the local newsletter or other medium of communication. Some intergroups and service boards have special newsletters to summarize the most important information coming from their regions and the WSO.

SELLING OA LITERATURE

OA group conscience has agreed that we as a Fellowship sell OA literature. This is normal practice in the English-speaking Fellowship, where books and pamphlets are sold via the OA bookstore. This concept ought to be considered by your service body as you review the details below regarding copyright, licenses, and your service body selling arrangements.

COPYRIGHT AND LICENSES

OA owns the copyright for all OA literature and spends considerable time and money to develop the literature.

OA's licenses are formal agreements permitting you to translate, duplicate, and distribute OA's copyrighted literature. The OA World Service Office processes licenses quickly. The licensing process is a necessary logistic. The licenses tell the world that your service body has permission to use, translate, print, and distribute OA texts, which are all copyright protected.

If you do not have OA's permission, you are breaking copyright law. This is called copyright infringement.

Books and pamphlets belong to the author(s) who create them. This kind of ownership is copyright and allows an author to be paid for writing books. The author owns the arrangement of words, the text, and the intellectual property. It is normal practice for any entity to protect its intellectual property in this way. OA owns the text of the OA literature and materials we as a Fellowship create and in whatever language it is written. Because OA holds these licenses, it is easier to prevent people and organizations outside OA from misusing our literature, for example, distorting our message or making profits for themselves.

When a service body prints an OA book, the physical book belongs to the service body. The service body has paid the printer and can now sell the book. However, the text belongs to OA. Revenues from literature sales in English make up a large portion of OA's income that is used to pay for costs such as development of new literature, salaries, warehousing, and more. Royalties payable by service bodies from the surplus of their sales of OA literature is comparable to the surplus that is created when purchases are made from the OA bookstore. Please refer to the licenses and explanation for deducting costs before calculating royalties due.

You can download the appropriate license agreements at oa.org/document-library under “Translation.” After a license agreement is completed, it must be signed on behalf of your service body or group. Your group or service body must then email, fax, or mail the license to the WSO. The managing director will sign on behalf of OA, Inc. and the WSO will keep a copy on file. The signed license agreement is returned to you, and you may then begin translating and validating, or printing, distributing, and selling the literature.

License 1: Agreement to Translate and Distribute for Validation Overeaters Anonymous Literature

Your group or service body does not need a license to translate and reprint any OA print material currently on the OA website that exists in downloadable PDF files or text format.

OA literature that is not downloadable requires License 1. Your group or service body may not start translating any literature until you complete License 1 and receive an approved, signed copy from the WSO. License 1 grants your group or service body these rights:

- to translate a part or the whole of the copyrighted literature named in the license, with a period of up to eighteen months to complete the translation
- to circulate copies of a translation draft among all members who might be able to help test and validate the translation, with up to six months to complete the validation

After License 1 is signed by both parties, the WSO can send you electronic copies of the current version of the literature to be translated. (OA literature is periodically updated, so it's important to be certain that you are working from the most recent version.)

Testing and Validation: Why and How to Do It

Your goal is to help OA members who speak your language get exactly the same message from the translation as that given in the English text. When you translate, be careful not to change the meaning of the original text. This text has been approved by the worldwide Fellowship of Overeaters Anonymous, through the service structure that we as a Fellowship have agreed on.

During the testing period, you will be actively soliciting feedback on the clarity and accuracy of the translation. The purpose is to allow interested OA members who are working the program in the language of the translation to comment on the translation. This process may require tough face-to-face discussions about the exact meanings of words. Such discussions can lead to a better translation and a deeper understanding of the program. You are free to organize the testing period in whatever way works in your area.

At the end of the testing period, all comments and suggestions are to be given to the person or committee that made the translation. It is important to rely on the judgment of our trusted servants—the translator or translating committee. They will prepare the final draft with the increased understanding they have gained from members' comments and suggestions. We recommend that you make sure all drafts are returned and destroyed. People need to use the final approved version, not the drafts. Having different drafts causes confusion and controversy.

As soon as the final draft is finished, you need to complete License 2.

License 2: Agreement to Publish and Distribute Overeaters Anonymous Literature

This is the final license, giving your service body permission to print and distribute the final draft of the translated text. License 2 grants full permission to print and distribute the translation in the way that works best in your area.

At this stage you need to obtain permission to use a customized OA logo on your printing of the translation. The OA logo is a registered trademark and may not be used without permission. When you fill in License 2, be sure to complete and sign the final pages. These pages are your application for permission to use a customized version of the OA logo.

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- to make certain that every copy has the precise copyright notice, in your language, as given in the "Markings" section of the license agreement: "Translated and reprinted from [*Title, item number, and latest copyright date of English version*], Copyright © [*year of translation*] of the [*language of translation*] version, Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. World Service Office, 6075 Zenith Court NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87144. Mail address: PO Box 44727, Rio Rancho, NM 87174-4727, USA. Telephone: 1-505-891-2664. With the permission of OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS, INC. All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced in any form without the prior written consent of OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS, INC."
- to make certain that the printed final copy has the exact form of the OA logo as agreed
- to send one digital copy and one printed copy of the final, published, translated OA publication to the WSO
- to send revenues from sales of the literature to the WSO at the royalty rate agreed upon in the license
- to make certain that the remainder of all surplus funds from sales of the translation will be used for OA purposes

As soon as you have printed your translation, send a digital file to the WSO. Send a print hardcopy as soon as possible. The WSO staff labels these copies with the English title of the work, date of the translation, date of the English version that was translated, and translating service body information.

The WSO staff also adds your translation to the master list of approved translations. When someone asks the WSO for literature in languages other than English, the

WSO can provide the inquirer with a list of approved literature in that language, along with the service body contact information.

SUGGESTIONS FOR TRANSLATION COMMITTEES

Choosing Translators

There are pros and cons to using OA members or professional translators for translation of OA material and literature.

OA members working on a translation committee generally understand our literature well. They will put love and effort into the task of translation. On the other hand, an OA member may start a translation but not finish it. Nevertheless, OA members are usually the best choice. No professional translator, as good as the person might be, will understand our literature as well as an OA member (unless they are also an OA member). If OA members are doing the translation, it is suggested that teams be formed with one person translating the literature and another checking it. A piece of literature can be broken down into manageable parts. Before the beginning of translation, and when needed, it is suggested that the whole team discuss and make decisions about critical choices of grammar, syntax, and vocabulary. This ensures better cohesion within the translation and coherence within this language's translated literature and materials. When the text is translated, two members can review the work: one member can read the translation aloud in the local language and the other follow it in the English version. Alternately, they can review the translation one after the other. This way, you can make sure the translation sounds good in your own language and can also check how accurate it is in relation to the English version.

As the translation committee becomes more experienced, it is recommended that the committee documents the reasoning for its challenging and critical translation choices. It is also recommended that the committee update its *OA Glossary* as new translations are decided upon.

Professional translators who are employed to do the work tend to get the job done in a timely manner. If you work with a professional translator, we suggest giving the person your glossary of OA terms, along with any notes or explanations. Ask them to translate a small piece of literature. If you like the result, you can build on that relationship, but if you're

not satisfied, you can find another translator. If the translator doesn't want to use your glossary, it may be better to find a different translator.

We suggest that your group or service body use a signed contract with the translator right from the start. This makes certain both parties fully understand what is being asked of them. Also, you will be protected from any attempt by the translator to put their name on the document or include additional text from an outside source.

Some service bodies have found it helpful to do some translation work themselves and employ professionals for other parts of the work.

Testing and Validating Translations: Questions and Answers

The purpose of testing a translation is to highlight lack of clarity and show areas where the translator's understanding of the text varies from the general understanding. Here are some ways you may test a translation:

- Use the draft in meetings. A group may read a few paragraphs in each meeting and then discuss the clarity of the message.
- Small groups or committees may meet to discuss the translation.
- Sponsors may use the draft in their conversations with sponsees.

Q: How can people who do not speak English play a part in validating a translation?

A good translation is not only accurate but is clear and well-expressed in the language of translation. Someone may make a valid point about the way something is expressed without understanding the English from which it was translated. This may spark a discussion with those who can read English, and from that discussion, a new and better translation may be reached.

Q: How can we address members' comments most effectively?

Probably the simplest method is to use printed copies with a separate sheet for comments. By using printed copies instead of electronic copies, you can avoid the problem of people amending or corrupting the draft. Also, it helps make certain you can take all the draft copies out of circulation at the end of the validation period. Your service body may want to number each copy as it is distributed during this

validation and testing process; this will assist in being sure that all working-draft copies are returned.

Suggestions:

- If you must use electronic copies, it is safest to create a PDF file and ask for comments on a separate sheet.
- Number the lines of text. This can make it easier to relate a comment to the draft.
- Make certain everyone knows how to submit their comments.

Q: Distributing printed copies is a cost to the group or service body. How can a service body with very little money afford this?

Once your service body has published some items, you can set the price of that literature to fund drafts of the next items you translate.

Another idea is to charge members for the draft. When the literature is published, they can receive a discount on the final version when they return the draft to the service body. This has the added advantage of encouraging the return of all the drafts. If you do this, you will need to allow for it in the price you set for the final version.

General Comments

Use of former translations as a reference can be very helpful, especially when you find quotes from other pieces of literature. (This includes AA. However, there is a need to be objective as their translation choices are not necessarily the best ones).

Always keep communication lines between translating members open. If possible, promote the translation committee meetings and encourage attendance from visitors. Discuss problematic points in committee meetings.

PRINTING AND SELLING TRANSLATIONS

Before printing, consider accuracy and quality, print quantity, costs, and pricing.

Starting to Print

Check carefully for typographical errors before printing. Some errors can be overlooked even though the text has been circulated and validated.

In addition to including the copyright notice and the address of the WSO, be sure to include the contact information for OA in your country.

Where possible, the WSO asks that you make your final product match the overall appearance of the

original in layout, graphics, color, and style of binding. When your version matches the WSO version, the WSO can send you a digital file of the cover in most cases. This may enable you to print at a slightly lower cost.

In a country where OA is just starting and has little money, it may not be possible to match the WSO versions exactly. The most important point is to make accurate translations available. The text, not the appearance, enables members to recover. As literature becomes available in your language, OA will start to grow in your country, and it will not be long before you can print better-quality copies. At the beginning, when there are only a few OA members, you may not be able to use a professional printer. You can print from your computer or make photocopies as people wish to buy literature.

When you do use a professional printer, consider ways to keep costs down. It is usually less expensive to print literature in just one color. You can also save money by having OA members fold, collate, and staple pamphlets themselves.

Work toward producing better-quality items as soon as possible. It's important that, as much as possible, our OA literature and materials look professional. When you progress to printing books, you need to use a professional printer. In whatever form you produce your first printing of the literature, send the WSO one digital copy and one printed copy of that version. As you are able to improve the quality of the printing, you need to send the WSO one digital and one printed copy of your updated versions.

Selling Prices and Royalties

Your service body needs to make a surplus on sales of literature, so you can establish a prudent reserve that will enable you to translate and print more literature. This means charging more for books and pamphlets than it costs to print them. The cost of printing is not the only cost involved in producing and distributing literature. For example, you may make several visits and phone calls to the printer, or you may need to pay for storage space of your stock. As your sales of literature increase, the quantity you need to order from the printer will increase. Yet you will only receive money for this larger number *after* you have paid the printer. You will have money already expended in the value of the stock held while you sell items to pay for that stock. The cost of printing may increase over time.

You need to set up a line item in your budget and accounts to allow for paying royalties to the WSO on the literature you sell. You need to build up a cash reserve for printing literature.

We suggest selling the literature at a price that produces a surplus you can use for OA service in your country. To help calculate what your service body should charge for literature, we suggest that you set prices to realize a gross profit of 60 percent of sales. The recommended formula to achieve this is to multiply production costs by 2.5 and divide that figure by the number of books or pamphlets printed.

For example, your service body is about to organize the printing of 500 books at a cost of US\$1,500: $\$1,500 \times 2.5 = \$3,750 / 500 = \$7.50$. This is the recommended price you charge for each copy.

As soon as a small prudent reserve for literature service has been established, your service body must send royalties to the WSO annually. Royalties must be set at the rate established in License 2 as a percentage of net income from sales. This small amount helps OA continue to serve the Fellowship worldwide. Please remember that the WSO can incur high international bank charges, so it is best to send a few large sums instead of frequent small ones.

SUGGESTIONS FOR OVERCOMING DIFFICULTIES

Two Service Bodies Want to Translate the Same Literature

If your service body discovers that the text you want to translate has already been translated into your language, you can work with the service body that has the translated text.

If the text has been translated and drafts are being circulated, perhaps you could circulate drafts in your area also. This can be particularly useful if language usage is slightly different in the two areas.

If the translation has already been validated, you can agree on the best way to share the translation. Here are two possibilities:

- Ask the other service body if it will sell copies to you. Usually the cost of printing each item is reduced when a larger number of pamphlets or books are printed. Even if you pay shipping costs, it might be less expensive for the other service body to do all the printing.

- Ask the WSO to send you an electronic file you can print from. When you receive the file and License 2 granting permission, you can print the literature with the contact information for your country.

Remember:

- If you print the translation without changing the text, you need to obtain License 2 from the WSO so your service body has permission to print and distribute the literature.
- If you change the text to reflect differences in language, you need to obtain both License 1 and License 2 from the WSO.

When OA Revises or Updates Literature You Already Have Translated

If you've already translated a piece of OA literature and still have copies in stock, but find that OA has updated the item, we recommend that you insert a correction sheet to reflect the changes. If the changes are substantial, it is recommended that you update the literature before the next printing.

FINALLY . . .

Remember you can download the following documents at oa.org/document-library under "Translation":

- License 1 to translate and validate OA literature
- License 2 to publish and distribute OA literature
- *OA Glossary* (in English)
- *Guidelines for Translation of OA Literature and Materials*, which includes the *Digital Files in Translation List*
- Translation Fund Application (for assistance from the OA, Inc. budget)

You may find more translation files on your region website.

Thank you for helping to carry the OA message in translation. You are not alone. These *Guidelines* try to convey as much information and experience as is possible. But other problems may present themselves. Please reach out and look for fellow members with more experience with translation. This is possible within your area where there are certainly a good number of intergroups and service boards that have faced similar problems.

For more assistance with translations, use this list of contacts:

- national service board
- language service board
- region translations committee/task force
- region board
- region trustee
- trustee representative from the International Publications/Translations Committee
World Service Office (WSO)

If you have any questions, please contact the WSO at info@oa.org. The WSO and the International Publications/Translations Committee will do their best to help you. Together we can!

OA Responsibility Pledge

Always to extend the hand and heart of OA
to all who share my compulsion;
for this I am responsible.

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DIGITAL FILES IN TRANSLATION

Note: Under the “Discontinued Literature” headings, you will find translations of materials that are not OA-approved literature anymore. Please, use them only until a new translation of the current/replacement OA-approved literature is completed in your language.

OA’s World Service Office has digital copies of the following translated materials:

Afrikaans (AFRI)

106 *Many Symptoms, One Solution*

160 *Tools of Recovery*

270 *To the Newcomer*

OA Glossary

Discontinued Literature

170 *Questions and Answers*

140 *Dignity of Choice*

145 *A Plan of Eating*

Arabic (ARAB)

705 *Where Do I Start?**

990 *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous* (book)

Strong Abstinence Checklist*

Suggested Meeting Format, including Tools of Recovery and Our Invitation To You

Unity With Diversity Checklist*

Bahasa Indonesia (BAHA)

705 *Where Do I Start?**

Chinese (CHIN)

705 *Where Do I Start?**

990 *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous* (book)

Danish (DANI)

802 *Seventh Tradition of OA*

Strong Abstinence Checklist*

PI Poster: STOP

Dutch (DUTC)

106 *Many Symptoms, One Solution*

160 *Tools of Recovery*

270 *To the Newcomer*

710K *Newcomer Packet*
PI Posters: Fork, Pizza, Scale
Strong Abstinence Checklist*
Suggested Meeting Format (including Our Invitation to You)

Discontinued Literature

141 *A Commitment to Abstinence*
150 *Before You Take That First Bite, Remember*
170 *Questions and Answers*
140 *Dignity of Choice*
145 *A Plan of Eating*

Finnish (FINN)

705 *Where Do I Start?**
992 *The Twelve Step Workbook of OA, Second Edition*

Flemish (FLEM)

Logo
PI Posters: Fork, Pizza, Scale

French (FREN)

007 *Temporary Sponsors: Newcomers' First Twelve Days*
144 *A New Plan of Eating*
420 *Twelve Stepping a Problem* wallet card
425 *Carrying the Message* wallet card
445 *Twelve Traditions Pocket Guide*
447 *Twelve Freedoms* wallet card
705 *Where Do I Start?*
802 *Seventh Tradition of OA*
950 *Body Image, Relationships, and Sexuality*
970 *Taste of Lifeline*
978 *Seeking the Spiritual Path*
992 *The Twelve Step Workbook of Overeaters Anonymous, First Edition*
994 *Abstinence, Second Edition*
Abstinence and Recovery Policy (Business Conference Policy 1988b [amended 2019])
Abstinence Presentation
Amazing Recovery – Passport to Unity Workshop
Breaking Out of Relapse PowerPoint
Breaking Out of Relapse Script
Glossary
Google advertisements
Group Conscience Guidelines
Guidelines for Anonymity in the Digital World
How OA Changed My Life (Newcomer's Stories)
How to be an Effective Trusted Servant
Lifeline articles from April 2020 issue
OA Preamble

Our Invitation to You

PI Posters: Fork, Pizza, Refrigerator, Scale

Recovery Roadmap Workshop & Map

Simplicity Project (Twelfth Step Within)

Statement on Public and Social Media Policy (Business Conference Policy 2011a [amended 2019])

Step-Study Meeting Format

Strong Abstinence Checklist*

Strong Meeting Checklist*

Strong Meeting Checklist

Suggested Meeting Format

To Atheists and Agnostics

Twelve Stepping a Problem

Unity With Diversity Checklist*

Website Development Guidelines

German (GERM)

110 & 725 *OA Members Come in All Sizes AND Anorexia and Bulimia*

120 *OA Handbook*

160 *Tools of Recovery*

230 *Twelve Traditions*

240 *To the Family*

265 *A Common Solution: Diversity and Recovery*

270 *To the Newcomer*

330 *Twelve Concepts of OA Service (1-4 only)*

390 *Anonymity*

445 *Twelve Traditions Pocket Guide*

485 *Twelfth-Step Within Handbook*

740 *Newcomer Meeting Leader's Kit*

751 *About OA*

762 *Public Information Manual*

770 *When Should I Refer Someone to Overeaters Anonymous? (modified)*

773 **(fragment)** *Service, Traditions, and Concepts Workshop Manual*

802 *Seventh Tradition*

970 *Taste of Lifeline*

974 *For Today Workbook*

976 *A New Beginning*

978 *Seeking the Spiritual Path*

980 *Overeaters Anonymous, Third Edition (Brown Book)*

984 *For Today*

986 *Voices of Recovery*

990 *Twelve and Twelve, First Edition*

992 *The Twelve Step Workbook of Overeaters Anonymous, First Edition*

994 *Abstinence*

996 *Voices of Recovery Workbook*

140, 145, 310, 400, AND 220 — A Compilation **(140, 145, 310 and 400 DISCONTINUED)**

Been Slipping and Sliding? A Reading and Writing Tool

ESH from IG Chairs (Shares for Service Support) source: oaregion9.org

For Atheists and Agnostics

Glossary

How Miracles Happen (8 Q&A)
PI Poster: Many Cakes
Public Information pamphlet
Recovery Checklist
Strong Abstinence Checklist*
Twelve Concepts - An Introduction
Workshop Suggestions
Website Development Guidelines

German Language Service Board translations (DDOA)
(Deutschsprachige Dienst OA)

Discontinued Literature:

100 *Together We Can*
130 *A Program of Recovery*
150 *Before You Take That First Compulsive Bite*
170 *Questions and Answers*
190 *Welcome Back*
195 *What If I Don't Believe in God?*
260 *OA Cares*
320 *Compulsive Overeating - Inside View*
491 *Fourth-Step Inventory*

Greek (GREE)

102 *2017 Member Survey*
105 *Recovery Checklist*
109 *Think First* wallet card
160 *The Tools of Recovery*
265 *A Common Solution: Diversity and Recovery*
330 *Twelve Concepts of OA Service*
390 *Anonymity*
410 *Just For Today* wallet card
415 *Strong Abstinence Checklist* wallet card
420 *Twelve Stepping a Problem* wallet card
425 *Carrying the Message* wallet card
430 *One Day at A Time* wallet card
435 *Pocket Reference for OA Members*
445 *Twelve Traditions Pocket Guide*
802 *Seventh Tradition of OA*
974 *For Today Workbook*
978 *Seeking the Spiritual Path*
980 *Overeaters Anonymous, Third Edition*
986 *Voices of Recovery*
990-2 *The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous, Second Edition*
992 *The Twelve Step Workbook of Overeaters Anonymous, Second Edition*
994 *Abstinence, Second Edition*
998 *Beyond Our Wildest Dreams*
OA Glossary
PI Poster: Pizza

Strong Abstinence Checklist*

Twelve Stepping a Problem

Discontinued Literature

108 *Person to Person*

141 *A Commitment to Abstinence*

140 *Dignity of Choice*

145 *A Plan of Eating*

150 *Before You Take That First Compulsive Bite*

310 *Maintaining a Healthy Body Weight*

437 *I Put My Hand in Yours* wallet card

753 *Introducing OA to Health Care Professionals*

Hebrew (HEBR)

200 *A Guide for Sponsors*

705 *Where Do I Start?*

990-2 *OA Twelve and Twelve, Second Edition*

992 *The Twelve Step Workbook of Overeaters Anonymous, First Edition*

Logos

OA Glossary

PI Posters: Fork, Pizza

Strong Abstinence Checklist*

Hungarian (HUNG)

160 *The Tools of Recovery*

200 *A Guide for Sponsors*

270 *To the Newcomer*

330 *Twelve Concepts of OA Service*

445 *Twelve Traditions Pocket Guide*

750 *Is Food A Problem For You?*

978 *Seeking the Spiritual Path*

980 *Overeaters Anonymous, Third Edition*

990-2 *The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous, Second Edition*

994 *Abstinence, Second Edition*

OA Information Cards

PI Poster: Pizza

Public Service Announcement captions

Strong Abstinence Checklist

Discontinued Literature

141 *A Commitment to Abstinence*

140 *Dignity of Choice*

145 *A Plan of Eating*

150 *Before You Take That First Compulsive Bite, Remember*

190 *Welcome Back*

170 *Questions and Answers*

320 *Compulsive Eating—An Inside View*

753 *Introducing OA to Health Care Professionals*

780 *Introducing OA to the Clergy*

Icelandic (ICEL)

Strong Abstinence Checklist*

Unity With Diversity Checklist*

160 *Tools of Recovery* (circa 1990)

435 *Pocket Reference for OA Members*

986 *Voices of Recovery*

990 *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous*

Discontinued Literature:

130 *A Program of Recovery*

140 *Dignity of Choice*

141 *A Commitment to Abstinence*

150 *Before You Take That First Compulsive Bite, Remember*

170 *Questions and Answers*

Italian (ITAL)

007 *Temporary Sponsors: Newcomers' First Twelve Days*

705 *Where Do I Start?*

725 *Anorexia and Bulimia Packet*

772 *Professional Outreach Manual*

802 *Seventh Tradition of OA*

974 *For Today Workbook*

986 *Voices of Recovery* revised

982 *Lifeline Sampler*

990 *The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of OA*

990-2 *The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of OA, Second Edition*

998 *Beyond Our Wildest Dreams*

Business Glossary

Guidelines for Addressing Disruptive Behavior

Guidelines for Locally Produced Literature

Guidelines for OA Events

OA Promise

OA Glossary

OA-Approved Literature List

PI Posters: Scale, Step One

Serenity Prayer

Strong Abstinence Checklist*

Translations Workshop

Unity with Diversity Checklist

Unity with Diversity Presentation

Discontinued Literature

491 *Fourth Step Inventory Guide*

Japanese (JAPA)

445 *Twelve Traditions Pocket Guide*
705 *Where Do I Start?**
740 *Newcomer Meeting Leader's Kit*
960 *Twelve Step Workshop and Study Guide*
Strong Abstinence Checklist*
Strong Meeting Checklist*
Suggested Meeting Format (including Tools of Recovery and Our Invitation to You)
Unity With Diversity Checklist*

Korean (KORE)

003 Responsibility Pledge
705 *Where Do I Start?**
PI Posters: Fork, Scale
OA Promise

Discontinued Literature

753 *Introducing OA to Health Care Professionals*

Latvian (LATV)

705 *Where Do I Start?*
974 & 985 *For Today and For Today Workbook (one document)*
990-2 *The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of OA, Second Edition*
992 *The Twelve Step Workbook of Overeaters Anonymous, First Edition*

Lithuanian (LITH)

750 *Is Food a Problem for You?*
751 *About OA*
755 *Fifteen Questions*

Discontinued Literature

141 *A Commitment to Abstinence*
140 *Dignity of Choice*
145 *A Plan of Eating*

Mongolian (MONG)

705 *Where Do I Start?**

Norwegian (NORW)

705 *Where Do I Start?**
990 *The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous (pp. 109–207)*
992 *The Twelve Step Workbook of Overeaters Anonymous, First Edition*
PI Posters: Refrigerator, Scale

Persian (formerly Farsi) (PERS)

007 *Temporary Sponsors: Newcomers' First Twelve Days*
102 *Membership Survey Report (2010)*
120 *OA Handbook for Members, Groups, and Service Bodies*
240 *To the Family*
250 *To Parents and Concerned Adults*
290 *To the Man Who Wants to Stop Compulsive Overeating, Welcome*
390 *Anonymity: Meanings and Applications of Traditions Eleven and Twelve*
410 *Just For Today*
435 *Pocket Reference for OA Members*
705 *Where Do I Start?**
705 *Where Do I Start?*
751 *About OA*
752 *The Professional Community Courier*
756 *To the Teen Questionnaire*
773 *Service, Traditions, and Concepts Workshop Manual*
802 *Seventh Tradition of OA*
960 *Twelve Step Workshop and Study Guide*
976 *A New Beginning*
984 *For Today*
990 *The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous*
992 *The Twelve Step Workbook of Overeaters Anonymous, First Edition*
994 *Abstinence, Second Edition*
Just for Today card
Lifeline information
OA Glossary
Poster: "Is Food a Problem for You?"
Poster: "There is a Solution"
Recovery from Relapse Meeting Format
Serenity Prayer
Suggested Meeting Format
Tenth Step Daily Inventory card

Discontinued Literature

108 *Person to Person*
140 *Dignity of Choice*
141 *A Commitment to Abstinence*
190 *Welcome Back*
260 *OA Cares*
280 *To the Teen*
320 *Compulsive Overeating—An Inside View*
400 *Members in Relapse*
437 *I Put My Hand in Yours*
491 *Fourth Step Inventory Guide*
753 *Introducing OA to Health Care Professionals*

Polish (POLI)

106 *Many Symptoms, One Solution*
109 *Think First*
110 *OA Members Come in All Sizes*

160 *The Tools of Recovery*
180 *If God Spoke to OA*
200 *A Guide for Sponsors*
220 *Sponsoring Through the Twelve Steps*
230 *Twelve Traditions of OA Service*
270 *To the Newcomer*
390 *Anonymity*
410 *Just for Today* wallet card
420 *Twelve Stepping a Problem* wallet card
445 *Twelve Traditions Pocket Guide*
755 *Fifteen Questions*
976 *A New Beginning*
978 *Seeking the Spiritual Path*
984 *For Today*
988 *Overeaters Anonymous, Second Edition*
990 *The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous*
992 *The Twelve Step Workbook of Overeaters Anonymous, First Edition*
994 *Abstinence, Second Edition*
802 *Seventh Tradition of OA*
Strong Abstinence Checklist*

Discontinued Literature

130 *A Program of Recovery*
141 *A Commitment to Abstinence*
140 *Dignity of Choice*
145 *A Plan of Eating*
150 *Before You Take That First Compulsive Bite, Remember*
170 *Questions and Answers*
190 *Welcome Back*
195 *What If I Don't Believe In "God"?*
310 *Maintaining a Healthy Body Weight*
400 *Members in Relapse*

Portuguese (PORT)

007 *Temporary Sponsors: Newcomers' First Twelve Days*
105 *Recovery Checklist*
106 *Many Symptoms, One Solution*
110 *OA Members Come in All Sizes*
120 *OA Handbook for Members, Groups, and Service Bodies*
180 *If God Spoke to OA*
200 *A Guide For Sponsors (2018)*
230 *The Twelve Traditions*
240 *To the Family*
270 *To the Newcomer*
330 *Twelve Concepts of OA Service (2017)*
485 *Twelfth-Step Within Handbook*
705 *Where Do I Start?*
725 *Anorexia/Bulimia Packet*
762 *Public Information Service Manual*

802 *Seventh Tradition of OA*
960 *Twelve Step Workshop and Study Guide*
974 *For Today Workbook*
976 *A New Beginning*
982 *Lifeline Sampler*
982 *Lifeline Sampler PDF*
984 *For Today*
986 *Voices of Recovery*
988 *Overeaters Anonymous, Second Edition*
990 *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of OA*
990-2 *The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of OA, Second Edition*
992 *The Twelve Step Workbook of Overeaters Anonymous, Second Edition*
994 *Abstinence*
998 *Beyond Our Wildest Dreams*
Abstinence Literature Resource Guide
Guidelines for Anonymity in the Digital World
OA Group Inventory (from Virtual CCA)
OA Preamble
PI Posters: Fork, Pizza, Refrigerator, Scale
Seventh Tradition Table Card
Strong Abstinence Checklist (from Portugal AND Brazil)
Twelve Stepping a Problem
Unity With Diversity Checklist*
Unity With Diversity Statement
OA Glossary

Discontinued Literature

100 *Together We Can*
111 *OA is Not a Diet Club*
130 *A Program of Recovery*
141 *A Commitment to Abstinence*
140 *Dignity of Choice*
145 *A Plan of Eating*
150 *Before You Take that First Compulsive Bite, Remember*
170 *Questions and Answers*
190 *Welcome Back*
195 *What If I Don't Believe in "God?"*
310 *Maintaining a Healthy Weight (You've Reached Goal Weight–Now What? (1996))*
400 *Members In Relapse*
400 *Members In Relapse (2017)*

Romanian (ROMA)

705 *Where Do I Start?*
984 *For Today*

Russian (RUSS)

106 *Many Symptoms, One Solution*
120 *OA Handbook for Members, Groups, and Service Bodies*

144 *A New Plan of Eating*
160 *Tools of Recovery*
270 *To the Newcomer* (Revised 2022)
445 *Twelve Traditions Pocket Guide*
759 STOP Public Information Poster
802 *Seventh Tradition of OA*
960 *Twelve Step Workshop and Study Guide*
970 *Taste of Lifeline*
980 *Overeaters Anonymous, Third Edition*
984 *For Today*
990 *The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous, First Edition*
994 *Abstinence, Second Edition*
OA Glossary
Strong Abstinence Checklist*
Strong Meeting Checklist*
Suggested Meeting Format
Unity With Diversity Checklist*

Discontinued Literature

140 *Dignity of Choice*
145 *A Plan of Eating*
170 *Questions and Answers*

Serbian (Serb)

705 *Where Do I Start?**

Spanish (SPAN)

007 *Temporary Sponsors: Newcomers' First Twelve Days*
007 *Temporary Sponsors: Newcomers' First Twelve Days* – Colombian Spanish
008 *Sponsor's Toolbox* – Colombian Spanish
110 *OA Members Come in All Sizes*
160 *Tools of Recovery*
180 *If God Spoke to OA*
200 *A Guide for Sponsors*
220 *Sponsoring Through the Twelve Steps*
230 *Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous*
240 *To the Family*
265 *A Common Solution*
270 *To the Newcomer*
290 *To the Man Who Wants to Stop Eating Compulsively, Welcome*
330 *Twelve Concepts of OA Service*
390 *Anonymity*
410 *Just for Today* wallet card
415 *Strong Abstinence Checklist*
420 *Twelve Stepping a Problem*
445 *Twelve Traditions Pocket Guide*
705 *Where Do I Start?*
705 *Where Do I Start?* – Colombian Spanish

725 *Anorexia/Bulimia Stories*
750 *Is Food a Problem for You?*
752 *Courier 2015*
755 *Fifteen Questions*
756 *To the Teen Questionnaire*
762 *Public Information Manual (2018)*
772 *Professional Outreach Manual*
802 *Seventh Tradition of OA*
950 *Body Image, Relationships, and Sexuality – Mexican Spanish*
950 *Body Image, Relationships, and Sexuality –Colombian Spanish*
974 *For Today Workbook*
976 *A New Beginning*
978 *Seeking the Spiritual Path*
980 *Overeaters Anonymous, Third Edition*
982 *Lifeline Sampler*
984 *Just for Today*
986 *Voices of Recovery*
988 *Overeaters Anonymous, Second Edition*
990 *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous*
992 *The Twelve Step Workbook of Overeaters Anonymous, First Edition*
994 *Abstinence, Second Edition*
998 *Beyond Our Wildest Dreams*
A Step Ahead Q2 2018
Abstinence, Second Edition (Newcomer's Stories)
Abstinence Presentation
Amazing Recovery – Passport to Unity Workshop
Convention 2017 handout (with Voices of Recovery excerpts)
Courier 2013
Courier 2015
Disruptive Behavior Guidelines
Fifteen Questions
Fundraising and Prudent Reserve Guidelines
OA Business Glossary
OA Glossary
OA Preamble
Our Invitation to You
PI Posters: Fork, Pizza, Refrigerator, Scale, Donut
Step Study Meeting Format
Strong Abstinence Checklist
Strong Meeting Checklist
Suggested Meeting Format
To Atheists and Agnostics
Twelve Steps
Twelve Traditions
Twelve Stepping a Problem
*Unity With Diversity Checklist**
Uniting With Diversity Trifold
Website Development Guidelines

(For more Spanish translations, see Spanish-language website or contact the WSO)

{WSO see Inventory Storage > Spanish Literature; also “WSO Spanish Library”}

Spanish Language Virtual Service Board (JSVHP) translations (JVHP)

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License 2 (Agreement to Publish and Distribute)

Courier 2018

A Step Ahead 3Q 2018

Discontinued Literature

130 *A Program of Recovery*

141 *A Commitment to Abstinence*

140 *Dignity of Choice*

145 *A Plan of Eating*

150 *Before You Take That First Compulsive Bite, Remember*

170 *Questions and Answers*

190 *Welcome Back*

195 *What If I Don't Believe In “God”?*

280 *To the Teen*

310 *Maintaining a Healthy Body Weight*

320 *Compulsive Overeating—An Inside View*

400 *Members in Relapse*

491 *Fourth Step Inventory Guide*

753 *Introducing OA to Health Care Professionals*

780 *Introducing OA to the Clergy*

Swedish (SWED)

802 *Seventh Tradition of OA*

984 *For Today*

Strong Abstinence Checklist*

Strong Meeting Checklist*

Unity With Diversity Checklist*

Zulu (ZULU)

705 *Where Do I Start?**

OA Glossary

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