



GUIDELINES FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

WELCOME TO THE POSSIBILITY OF PRACTICING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

The purpose of these guidelines is to provide information and options to assist you with preparing your application for registration as a professional in British Columbia. The college regulates three professions: Audiologists, Hearing Instrument Practitioners and Speech-Language Pathologists.

These professions are regulated under the provisions of the [Health Professions Act](#) and the [Regulations](#) for Audiologists, Hearing Instrument Practitioners and Speech-Language Pathologists. You are urged to become familiar with this Act, the Regulations and the [bylaws](#) of the College of Speech and Hearing Health Professionals.

I DECIDE HOW TO APPLY

OPTION A - International Transfers

If you are currently registered with a regulatory body, you may apply under section 72 of the college bylaws. Note: the definition of a regulatory body is one that is established by government legislation. Professional associations which provide a regulatory mandate, but are not legislated by a government to do so, do NOT fall under this definition. Example: The Royal College of Speech-Language Pathologists in the UK is NOT a regulatory body. The Health Professions Council in the UK is a regulatory body.

International applicants applying under section 72 must arrange for their current regulatory body to send to the college:

- a letter confirming your "good standing" and type of registration, and
- proof that your education and training is equivalent to that required in the bylaws for Hearing Instrument Practitioners (see section 82) or Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists (see section 85).

Supporting documentation should include transcripts, a record of clinical hours, translations if the documents are not in English, and credential assessments.

OPTION B - Standard Application

If you are not a registrant with another regulatory body, you must apply as a standard applicant under section 82 (HIPs) or section 85 (AUDs and SLPs) of the bylaws.

Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists

must have the equivalent of a Canadian master's degree in at least one of these disciplines (section 85). Applicants must arrange to have submitted to the college:

- your transcripts, along with translations and credential assessments, and
- two letters of character reference.

Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists will be required to pass the CASLPA exam within the first year of registration (see IV below for more details).

Hearing Instrument Practitioners (or Hearing Aid Specialists or equivalent occupational titles) must have completed two years of post-secondary education, a hearing instrument dispensing course, and a supervised practicum as outlined in section 82 of the bylaws. Applicants must arrange to have submitted to the college:

- transcripts and proof of practicum training, along with translations and credential assessments, and
- two letters of character reference.

Hearing Instrument Practitioners must successfully complete written and practical exams provided by the college. Dates of these exams are posted on the college website (see IV below for more details).

Credentials must be reviewed at your cost by one of the following approved sources:

- International Credential Evaluation Service in British Columbia www.bcit.ca/ices
- World Education Services www.wes.org/ca
- Other provincial services www.cicic.ca/415/credential-assessment-services.canada

II COMPLETE FORMS

In addition to the items specified above in Option A or Option B, all applicants must complete the following forms available for download on our website:

- 1) Application Form
(FORM 2 for SLPs or AUDs)
(FORM 8 for HIPs)
- 2) Statutory Declaration (FORM 3)
- 3) Consent for a Criminal Check (FORM 5)

III INITIAL APPLICATION

You have the option of making an initial submission of your application to the college prior to completion of all requirements. This provision provides you with an assessment of your application pending requirements such as:

- a) **Proof of entitlement to work in Canada**
- b) **Proof of proficiency in English**
- c) **Successful completion of the CASLPA exam (for AUDs and SLPs only)**

d) Successful completion of the written and practical exams (for HIPs only)

If you wish to take advantage of this option, arrange for your transcripts, credential assessment and character reference letters to be sent directly to the college, complete the forms mentioned above and submit the application payment (\$225) plus \$20 for the criminal check (total \$245) to the attention of the Registrar.

The Registration Committee will review your initial application and provide you with a decision of acceptance pending submission of the remaining requirements, or a decline of your application with reasons stated.

IV COMPLETE APPLICATION

If you have already relocated to Canada and wish to apply for registration, you may do so by completing all the necessary requirements.

Please contact CASLPA in order to register for the exam if you have not taken or passed the exam. www.caslpa.ca. You may apply to the college prior to the completion of this exam and be granted a Limited Active classification. This classification will allow you to practice as an SLP or AUD in British Columbia until you have passed the exam or to the following March 31st, whichever comes first.

HIP applicants must contact the college (info@cshhpbcc.org) in order to register for the written exam and you may practice as a Student HIP under general supervision (provided you have the practicum hours) until you successfully complete the exams or the following March 31st, whichever comes first. Please refer to [Guidelines for a HIP Student](#).

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