



College of  
**Speech and Hearing**  
Health Professionals of BC

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Regulator of Audiologists, Hearing Instrument  
Practitioners and Speech-Language Pathologists

# GUIDELINE INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

*PRACTISING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA*

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 of Speech and Hearing health Professionals of BC (the “College”) regulates three professions: Audiology, Hearing Instrument Dispensing, and Speech-Language Pathology.

These professions are regulated under the provisions of the *Health Professions Act* (the “Act”) and the *Regulations* for Audiologists, Hearing Instrument Practitioners, and Speech-Language Pathologists. You are urged to become familiar with the Act, the Regulations, and the Bylaws of the College.

Please visit the link below regarding Citizenship and Immigration Canada:  
[Backgrounder — Information for Applicants to the New Federal Skilled Worker Program](#)

## 1. HOW TO APPLY

You must apply under section 82 (HIPs) or section 85 (AUDs and SLPs) of the Bylaws.

**Audiologists (AUDs) and Speech-Language Pathologists (SLPs)** must have the equivalent of a Canadian Master’s degree in at least one of the two professions, as well as the registration requirements outlined in section 85 of the Bylaws.

Applicants must also arrange to have submitted directly to the College:

- your transcripts, along with translations and a World Education Services (WES) credential assessment;
- results of an English Proficiency Examination (refer to Policy R-03 Registration Requirements (English Language Proficiency); and
- 2 letters of reference.

Finally, Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists will be required to pass the Speech-Language and Audiology Canada (SAC) examination: [www.sac-oac.ca](http://www.sac-oac.ca). If you have not completed this requirement, you may apply for

**Conditional Active** registration classification. This classification will enable you to practice under general supervision until you pass the SAC examination; you will have a maximum of three attempts within two years from initial registration (see Part 4).

**Hearing Instrument Practitioners (HIPs)** must have completed a recognized college diploma program in hearing instrument dispensing approved by the College, 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 a WES credential assessment; and
- 2 letters of reference.

HIPs must also successfully complete written and practical examinations required by the College. Dates of these exams are posted on the College website (see IV below for more details).

**Credentials must be reviewed at the applicant’s cost** by World Education Services (WES):  
[www.wes.org/ca](http://www.wes.org/ca)

## 2. COMPLETE FORMS

In addition to the items specified above, all applicants must complete the following forms available for download from the College’s website:

- **FORM 2 Standard Application for Registration (SLP or AUD); and/or**
- **FORM 8 Student-HIP Application)**
- **FORM 3 Statutory Declaration**
- **FORM 5 Consent for a Criminal Check**

## 3. PRE-APPLICATION ASSESSMENT

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:

- **Proof of entitlement to work in Canada;**
- **Successful completion of the SAC exam (AUDs and SLPs only);**
- **Successful completion of the written and practical exams (HIPs only).**

If you wish to take advantage of this option, arrange for your transcripts, WES credential assessment, and reference letters to be sent directly to the College; complete the forms noted above; and submit the application fee (\$225), plus \$28 for the criminal check (total \$253) to the attention of the Registration & Office Manager.

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.

#### 4. 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 SAC to register for the SAC examination if you have not taken or passed the examination: [www.sac-oac.ca](http://www.sac-oac.ca). You may apply to the College prior to the completion of this examination and be granted a **Conditional Active** registration classification (see section 87.9 of the Bylaws). This classification will allow you to practice under general supervision as an SLP or AUD in British Columbia until you have passed the examination (at which time you will be granted an **Active registration classification**) or to the expiration of 2 years from the date of registration, whichever comes first.

Student HIPs must contact the College ([info@cshhpbcc.org](mailto:info@cshhpbcc.org)) to register for the written examination, and you may practice as a Student HIP under general supervision (provided you have the requisite 660 practicum hours) until you have successfully completed both written (IHS) and

practical (CSHHPBC) examinations. All requirements must be completed within 2 years

from the date of registration. Please refer to the College's Guidelines for HIP Students.

#### RELATED CSHHPBC DOCUMENTS

*Health Professions Act, RSBC 1996, c 183*

Speech and Hearing Health Professionals Regulation, BC Reg. 413/2008

CSHHPBC Bylaws

Policy R-01 Approved Academic Programs

Policy R-03 English Language Proficiency

Guideline - Student-HIP Practicum Training

FORM 2 Standard Application for Registration

FORM 3 Statutory Declaration

FORM 5 Consent to a Criminal Record Check

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