



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

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

## 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 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:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/department/media/backgrounders/2013/2013-04-18.asp>

### I HOW TO APPLY

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

**Audiologists (AUD) and Speech-Language Pathologists (SLP)** 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 credential assessments;
- results of an English Proficiency Exam (refer to Policy R-08 ‘Language Proficiency Requirements’); and
- two letters of character reference.

Finally, Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists will be required to pass the SAC exam [www.sac-oac.ca](http://www.sac-oac.ca). If you have not completed this requirement, you may apply for Conditional Active classification. This classification will enable you to practice under general supervision until you pass the exam; you will have a maximum of three attempts within two years from initial registration (see Part IV).

**Hearing Instrument Practitioners (HIP)** must have completed a recognized course 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 credential assessments; and
- two letters of character reference.



Hearing Instrument Practitioners must also successfully complete written and practical exams 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 your cost** by one of the following approved sources:

- World Education Services (WES):  
[www.wes.org/ca](http://www.wes.org/ca)
- International Credential Assessment Service of Canada (ICAS):  
[www.icascanada.ca](http://www.icascanada.ca)
- Comparative Education Service (CES), University of Toronto:  
<http://learn.utoronto.ca/international-professionals/comparative-education-service-ces>
- Other provincial services:  
[www.cicic.ca/415/credential-assessment-services.canada](http://www.cicic.ca/415/credential-assessment-services.canada)

## II COMPLETE FORMS

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

1. **Application Form (FORM 2 - SLPs or AUDs) (FORM 8 - 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:

- **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, 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 \$28 for the criminal check (total \$253) 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 SAC in order to register for the exam if you have not taken or passed the exam. [www.sac-oac.ca](http://www.sac-oac.ca). You may apply to the College prior to the completion of this exam and be granted a Conditional Active classification (refer to section 87.9 of the Bylaws). This classification will allow you to practice as an SLP or AUD in British Columbia until you have passed the exam, at which time you will be granted an Active classification, or to the expiration of two years from the date of registration, whichever comes first.



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HIP applicants must contact the College ([info@cshhpbcc.org](mailto: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 requisite practicum hours) until you successfully complete the exams. All requirements must be completed within two years from the date of registration. Please refer to the College's Guidelines for HIP Students.

## RELATED DOCUMENTS

*Health Professions Act*, RSBC 1996, c 183

Speech and Hearing Health Professionals

Regulation, BC Reg. 413/2008

CSHHPBC Bylaws

Registration Policy R-01: Coursework Programs for  
Registration as a Speech-Language Pathologist,  
Audiologist, and Hearing Instrument Practitioner

Registration Policy R-08: Language Proficiency  
Requirements

Form 2: Standard Application for Registration

Form 3: Statutory Declaration

Form 5: Consent to a Criminal Record Check

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