



College of Speech and  
Hearing Health Professionals  
of British Columbia

# REGISTRATION GUIDELINE INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

The purpose of these guidelines is to provide information and options to assist internationally educated applicants preparing their application for registration as a regulated health 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 British Columbia’s [Health Professions Act](#) and [Speech and Hearing Health Professionals Regulation](#). Applicants are urged to become familiar with the Act, Regulation, as well as the College [Bylaws](#).

Please visit the [Citizenship and Immigration Canada](#) website for more information about the federal government’s Skilled Worker Program.

### **How to Apply**

Internationally educated applicants must apply under section 82 (hearing instrument dispensing) or section 85 (audiology and speech-language pathology) of the College Bylaws.

For the professions of audiology and speech-language pathology, applicants must have the equivalent of a Canadian master’s degree in at least one of the 2 professions, as well as the other registration requirements outlined in section 85 of the Bylaws.

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

- Official transcripts, as well as translations, and a World Education Services (WES) credential assessment;
- Results of an English proficiency examination (refer to registration policy, *English Language Proficiency Requirements* (POL-R-03); and
- 2 letters of reference.

Finally, for the professions of audiology and speech-language pathology, internationally educated applicants will be required to pass the entry-to-practice (ETP) examination approved by the Registration Committee under section 85 of the College Bylaws. If you have not completed this requirement, you may apply for **Conditional** registration classification. This classification will enable you to practice under general supervision until you pass the required ETP examination. You will have a maximum of 3 attempts within 2 years from initial registration (see Bylaw section 87).

Those applying to become **Registered Hearing Instrument Practitioners (RHIPs)** 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 also arrange to have the following submitted to the College:

- Official transcripts and proof of practicum training, as well as translations, and a WES credential assessment; and
- 2 letters of reference.

Applicants seeking registration for the profession of hearing instrument dispensing must also successfully complete the IHS written and CSHBC practical examinations required by the College. Dates of these examinations are posted on the [College website](#).

**Credentials must be reviewed at the applicant's cost** by [World Education Services \(WES\)](#).

### ***Criminal Record Check***

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

- *Consent for a Criminal Check (FORM 5)*

### **PRE-APPLICATION ASSESSMENT**

You have the option of submitting a preliminary 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 required ETP examination for the professions of **audiology** and **speech-language pathology**;
- Successful completion of the IHS written and CSHBC practical examinations (**hearing instrument dispensing** only).

If you wish to take advantage of this option, arrange for your official 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 the criminal record check fee (\$28) – total \$253 – to the attention of the Manager, Registration & Administration.

The Registration Committee will review your preliminary application and provide you with an assessment, pending submission of the remaining requirements.

### **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.

Applicants seeking licensure for the professions of audiology and/or speech-language pathology may apply to the College prior to passing the required ETP examination and be granted a **Conditional** registration classification (see Bylaw section 87). This classification will allow you to practice under general supervision as an RAUD or RSLP in British Columbia until you have passed the examination (at which time you will be granted an **Full** registration classification) or upon expiration of 2 years from the date of registration, whichever comes first.



HIP Interns must contact the College to register for the IHS written examination and may practice as a HIP Intern under general supervision (provided they have the requisite 660 practicum hours) until successfully completing both written and CSHBC practical examinations. All requirements must be completed within 2 years from the date of registration. Please refer to the College's registration guideline, *Supervised HIP Intern Practicum* (GDL-R-02).

## RELATED CSHBC DOCUMENTS

*Approved Education Programs* (POL-R-01)

*English Language Proficiency Requirements* (POL-R-03)

*Consent to a Criminal Record Check* (FORM 5)

*CSHBC Bylaws*

*Health Professions Act*, RSBC 1996, c. 183

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

*Supervised HIP Intern Practicum* (GDL-R-02)

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