BYLAW V — Registration and Licensing

"Section 2 — Initial Registration as a Practising Member

2(1) Persons applying for initial registration as a practising member of the association as a speech-language pathologist shall complete the prescribed application forms and pay the fees set by the association, and shall provide evidence that they:

(a) have successfully completed a Master’s degree with the following course work at a recognized university:

(i) 18 semester hours or the equivalent in courses that provide fundamental information applicable to normal development in the use of speech, hearing and language; and

(ii) 42 semester hours or the equivalent in courses that provide information about and training in the management of speech, hearing and language disorders and that provide information supplementary to these. No more than six of these semester hours may be in courses that provide the academic credit for clinical practicum. Of these 42 hours, at least 24 must be in courses in the field of speech-language pathology; and

(iii) a minimum of 300 actual hours of supervised clinical practicum in direct assessment and remediation of communication disorders. This practicum requirement must be met during the period of academic preparation; or

(b) have completed the required course work at a university recognized by the council, and whose degree is, in the opinion of the council, equivalent to the Master’s degree in (a); or

(c) are certified as a speech-language pathologist with the Canadian Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists.

(2) Persons applying for initial registration as a practising member of the association as a speech-language pathologist shall, in addition to meeting the requirements of subsection (1) above, provide evidence that they:

(a) completed the Master’s degree or the course work described in clauses (2)(1)(a) and (b) above within the three years preceding the application for a licence; or

(b) have been engaged in the practice of speech-language pathology for at least 1250 hours during the five years preceding the application for a licence; or

(c) are a member in good standing, licensed as a speech-language pathologist in another Canadian jurisdiction and have met the continuing education requirements and/or quality assurance requirements of that jurisdiction.

(3) An applicant who does not meet the requirements of subsection (2) above may be required to complete a program of re-integration into the profession as prescribed by the Council, which may include retraining, examinations and/or practice in a supervised setting.

(4) The applicant may be required to provide the following information:

(a) a list of professional associations and/or regulatory bodies where the applicant currently is or previously has been a member;

(b) a signed declaration of disclosure regarding:

(i) any convictions for criminal offences;

(ii) any findings of professional misconduct, incompetence or incapacity in relation to the speech-language pathology, audiology or any other profession;

(iii) hours of employment or employment currency in speech-language pathology;

(iv) such other information as the Council may consider relevant to the character, conduct, standing or fitness to practice of the applicant;

(c) a signed consent to exchange information with other associations and regulatory bodies if licensed with other associations or regulatory bodies;

(d) a signed declaration that all information provided is accurate and complete;

(e) where the applicant is registered with another regulatory body (the home jurisdiction), the applicant must request that that regulatory body provide a letter to the registrar indicating membership in good standing in the profession applied for and the type of registration or membership held in the home jurisdiction. In addition, the home jurisdiction should provide photocopies of original transcripts, records of clinical hours, documents that support the member’s registration or membership in the home jurisdiction (translations, credential assessments, syllabus) and any other documents requested by the registrar. If the home jurisdiction does not hold the original documents, it will indicate which jurisdiction holds such documents;

(f) a member in good standing is one who has met the continuing education requirements and/or quality assurance requirements of the regulatory body of which the applicant is currently a member (the home jurisdiction), has paid the relevant membership fees, and does not currently have any sanctions or practice restrictions against him or her.

(5) A licence to practice speech-language pathology as a registered speech-language pathologist may be issued to persons who meet the requirements of Bylaw V.

(6) Persons applying for initial registration as practising members of the association as audiologists shall complete the prescribed application forms and pay the fees set by the association, and shall provide evidence that they:

(a) have successfully completed a Master’s degree with the following course work at a recognized university:

(i) 18 semester hours or the equivalent in courses that provide fundamental information applicable to normal development in the use of speech, hearing and language; and

(ii) 42 semester hours or the equivalent in courses that provide information about and training in the management of speech, hearing and language disorders and that provide information supplementary to these. No more than six of these semester hours may be in courses that provide the academic credit for clinical practicum. Of these 42 hours, at least 24 must be in courses in the field of audiology; and
(iii) a minimum of 300 actual hours of supervised clinical practicum in diagnostic audiology and rehabilitative audiology during the period of academic preparation; or

(b) have completed required course work at a university recognized by the council and whose degree is, in the opinion of the council, equivalent to the Master's degree; or

(c) are certified as an audiologist with the Canadian Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists.

(7) Persons applying for initial registration as practising members of the association as audiologists shall, in addition to meeting the requirements of subsection (6) above, provide evidence that they:

(a) completed the Master's degree or the course work described in clauses 2(6)(a) and (b) above within the three years preceding the application for a licence; or

(b) have been engaged in the practice of audiology for at least 1250 hours during the five years preceding the application for a licence; or

(c) are a member in good standing, licensed as an audiologist in another Canadian jurisdiction, and have met the continuing education requirements and/or quality assurance requirements of that jurisdiction.

(8) An applicant who does not meet the requirements of subsection (7) above may be required to complete a program of re-integration into the profession as prescribed by the Council, which may include retraining, examinations and/or practice in a supervised setting.

(9) The applicant may be required to provide the following information:

(a) a list of professional associations and/or regulatory bodies where the applicant currently is or previously has been a member;

(b) a signed declaration of disclosure regarding:

(i) any convictions for criminal offences;

(ii) any findings of professional misconduct, incompetence or incapacity in relation to audiology, speech-language pathology or any other profession;

(iii) hours of employment or employment currency in audiology;

(iv) such other information as the Council may consider relevant to the character, conduct, standing or fitness to practise of the applicant;

(c) a signed consent to exchange information with other associations and regulatory bodies if licensed with other associations or regulatory bodies;

(d) a signed declaration that all information provided is accurate and complete;

(e) where the applicant is registered with another regulatory body (the home jurisdiction), the applicant must request that that regulatory body provide a letter to the registrar indicating membership in good standing in the profession applied for and the type of registration or membership held in the home jurisdiction. In addition, the home jurisdiction should provide photocopies of original transcripts, records of clinical hours, documents that support the member's registration or membership in the home jurisdiction (translations, credential assessments, syllabus) and any other documents requested by the registrar. If the home jurisdiction does not hold the original documents, it will indicate which jurisdiction holds such documents;

(f) a member in good standing is one who has met the continuing education requirements and/or quality assurance requirements of the regulatory body of which the applicant is currently a member (the home jurisdiction), has paid the relevant membership fees, and does not currently have any sanctions or practice restrictions against him or her.

(10) A licence to practise audiology as a registered audiologist may be issued to persons who meet the requirements of Bylaw V”.

Bylaw V — Registration and Licensing, Section 4, Maintenance of Licensure-Compulsory Continuing Education is to be repealed and replaced with the following:

“Bylaw V — Registration and Licensing

“Section 4 — Maintenance of Licensure — Compulsory Continuing Education and Currency

“4(1) Practising members are not entitled to renew their annual license unless they have filed with the Registrar proof that either:

(a) they have obtained a minimum of 45 continuing education hours over a three year period in activities as outlined by Council; or

(b) in the event the member is unable to complete 45 continuing education hours over a three year period, Council may at its discretion permit the member to fulfill the continuing education requirement in a program (courses/activities) approved by Council provided the member has agreed to undertake such a program.

(2) Non-practising members must, as a condition of membership, participate in continuing education activities as outlined in, clauses 4(1)(a) or (b).

(3) All members must submit a record of documentation of continuing education activities annually to the Registrar.

(4) It is a condition of registration and licensure that a member shall provide 1250 hours of patient care or related work in audiology or speech-language pathology over a period of five years. Pracise in the following areas of the relevant professions would be countable as currency hours:

(a) clinical practice (paid or volunteer);

(b) teaching;

(c) consulting;

(d) management and administration;

(e) research; and

(f) committee work approved by the Council, with a maximum being 140 hours over a five year period”.

Bylaw VIII, Standing Committees, Section 3, Discipline Committee is to be repealed and replaced with the following:

“Bylaw VIII — Standing Committees

“Section 3 — Discipline Committee

“3(1) The Discipline Committee shall be established in accordance with sections 8 and 25 of the Act.

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(2) The Discipline Committee’s written report upon conclusion of a disciplinary hearing shall include the following:

(a) charges;
(b) verdict of guilt or innocence; and
(c) summary or rationale of decision in determination of the verdict of guilt or innocence;

this report shall be available to members and the public upon request to the SASLPA office.

(3) Where the committee determines that the person is not guilty of professional incompetence or professional misconduct, the committee shall provide written notice that the complaint has been dismissed to:

(a) the person who was the subject of the report;
(b) the person who made the report; and
(c) any persons contacted about the complaint during the process of hearing the complaint.

(4) In addition to those duties outlined in sections 26 and 27 of the Act, the committee shall:

(a) prepare for council an annual summary of the number and nature of hearings conducted; and
(b) publish a summary of the outcome of each disciplinary hearing.

(5) A summary of the outcome of disciplinary hearings where the member has been found guilty shall be provided to the members of the Saskatchewan Association of Speech/Language Pathologists and Audiologists, provincial Speech/Language Pathology and Audiology professional associations and/or regulatory bodies and to the Canadian Association of Speech/Language Pathologists and Audiologists”.

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