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Registration	Re-application for Full Registration & Examination Requirements	POL-R-16
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Bylaws 82(3), 85(3), 82(1)(b), and 85(1)(b)		Section 20
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PURPOSE

All speech and hearing health professionals must be registered with the College of Speech and Hearing Health Professionals of BC (the “College”) to practise in British Columbia. The College ensures that only safe, competent, and ethical practitioners are granted registration for practice in British Columbia.

The Registration Committee (“Committee”) may grant Full registration only if it is satisfied that an applicant meets the conditions or requirements for registration as set out in Bylaw s. 82 (for the profession of hearing instrument dispensing) or Bylaw s. 85 (for the professions of audiology or speech-language pathology).

Pursuant to Bylaw s. 82(3) and 85(3), where an applicant does not meet the education requirement, but is a former Full registrant of the College, the applicant may still qualify for Full registration without satisfying the education requirement, if the applicant:

1. previously became a Full speech and hearing health registrant with the College without having completed the education requirement;
2. submits an application for Full registration within 24 months of their College registration being cancelled; and
3. otherwise meets the specific conditions and requirements for registration under the Bylaws.

Such applicants are still required to meet the condition of successful completion of examination(s) specified by the Committee (ss. 82(1)(b) and 85(1)(b) of the Bylaws). This policy sets out the examinations specified by the Committee that must be completed in this instance.

BACKGROUND

Education requirements: Registered Hearing Instrument Practitioner (RHIP)

Bylaw s. 82(1)(a) provides that the conditions and requirements for Full registration as an RHIP includes the applicant successfully completing a specified education program within 3 years of the date of the application for registration.

Bylaw s. 82(3) provides the following exception:

[82] (3) Despite subsection (1), an applicant who is a former full registrant in the profession of hearing instrument dispensing may be granted registration under this section provided the applicant

- a. became a full registrant in the profession of hearing instrument dispensing without having completed the educational requirement under subsection (1)(a),
- b. submits an application under subsection (1)(f)(i) within 24 months of the applicant's full registration in the profession of hearing instrument dispensing having been cancelled under section 78(5), and
- c. meets the conditions and requirements set out in subsection (1)(b) to (e) and (f)(ii) and (iv) to (ix).

NOTE: pursuant to Bylaw s. 82(3)(c), applicants are still required to meet the examination requirement set out in Bylaw s. 82(1)(b):

82 (1) For the purposes of section 20(2) of the Act, the conditions and requirements for registration as a full registrant in the profession of hearing instrument dispensing are

...

- a. successful completion of the examinations specified by the registration committee,

Education requirements: Registered Audiologist (RAUD) & Registered Speech-Language Pathologist (RSLP)

Bylaw s. 85(1)(a) provides that the conditions and requirements for full registration as an RAUD or RSLP includes the applicant successfully completing a specified education program within 3 years of the date of the application for registration.

Bylaw s. 85(3) provides the following exception:

[85] (3) Despite subsection (1), an applicant who is a former full registrant in the profession of audiology or the profession of speech-language pathology may be granted registration under this section provided the applicant

- a. became a full registrant in the profession without having completed the educational requirement under subsection (1)(a),
- b. submits an application under subsection (1)(e)(i) within 24 months of the applicant's full registration in the profession having been cancelled under section 78(5), and
- c. meets the conditions and requirements set out in subsection (1)(b) to (d) and (e)(ii) and (v) to (ix).

NOTE: pursuant to Bylaw s. 85(3)(c), applicants are still required to meet the examination requirement set out in Bylaw s. 85(1)(b):

85 (1) For the purposes of section 20(2) of the Act, the conditions and requirements for registration as a full registrant in the profession of audiology or the profession of speech-language pathology are

...

- b. successful completion of the examination approved by the registration committee,

College examination requirements

An applicant for registration as an RHIP must pass both the International Hearing Society (“IHS”) ILE Written Exam and the CSHBC Hearing Instrument Dispensing (“HID”) Practical Exam.

An applicant for registration as an RAUD must pass either the Praxis Examinations for audiology (specifically Praxis Exam 5343) or the Canadian Entry-to-Practice (“CETP”) Examinations for audiology. Alternatively, an applicant may demonstrate they have previously passed the SAC Certification Examination for audiology (which was retired in March 2020).

An applicant for registration as an RSLP must pass either the Praxis Examinations for speech-language pathology (specifically Praxis Exam 5331) or the CETP Examinations for speech-language pathology. Alternatively, an applicant may demonstrate they have previously passed the SAC Certification Examination for speech-language pathology (which was retired in March 2020).

POLICY

The College recognizes that applicants eligible for Full registration under subsections 82(3) or 85(3) of the Bylaws would likely have maintained continuous practice for a significant period with a comparatively short lapse in registration for a period of under 24 months.

The Committee requires that such applicants successfully complete the specific required examination(s) for the regulated profession(s) for which they are seeking licensure, except where:

1. The applicant can provide proof they have previously passed the specific required examination(s); or
2. While previously registered, the applicant successfully completed a Quality Assurance & Professional Practice (QAPP) Program practice review by the College.
 - a. For clarity, successful completion of a QAPP practice review means that an applicant has either:
 - i. completed the practice review without any planned remediation activities (including those who underwent a practice review pre-assessment screening without the requirement for an on-site review), or
 - ii. met any planned remediation activities resulting from the QAPP practice review within the timeline established with the QAPP Practice Review Assessor and/or a profession-specific QAPP Practice Review Panel.



CSHBC RELATED DOCUMENTS

Entry to Practice Examination Requirements (POL-R-12)