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PURPOSE

To establish Registered Hearing Instrument Practitioner (RHIP) registration requirements for written and practical examinations.

SCOPE

All applicants applying for registration as a RHIP who are newly entering the profession or who are not currently registered to dispense hearing instruments in another regulated jurisdiction within Canada.

POLICY

Both written and practical examinations are administered in English.

RHIP (Conditional) Written Examination (IHS)

The computer-based written examination is approved by the Registration Committee and administered by the International Hearing Society (IHS). Upon being granted registration as a RHIP (Conditional), the College will notify IHS that an applicant is eligible to take the written examination. IHS will then contact the RHIP (Conditional) registrant directly to arrange a date, time, and location to take the written examination. Payment is made directly to IHS in US dollars by the RHIP (Conditional) registrant. The College will notify the RHIP (Conditional) registrant regarding the results of the written examination. **A RHIP (Conditional) registrant may not bring any written material or electronic devices into the examination room.**

RHIP (Conditional) Practical Examination (CSHBC)

RHIP (Conditional) registrants who have passed the IHS written examination and submitted the College's *Summary of Clinical Practice Hours (HIP Program)* (AF-17) will be notified by the College that they are eligible to take the practical examination, administered by the College. The practical examination is approved by the Registration Committee. The practical examination is held twice annually (Spring and Fall).

Practical examination dates are published on the [College's website](#). Examiners for the practical examination are designated by the Registration Committee. The practical examination fee is due at least 2 weeks prior to the date of the examination.

RHIP (Conditional) registrants taking the practical examination will be required to demonstrate entry-level, practice-specific knowledge and skills, including the core competency areas of assessment, hearing aid fitting and verification, Red Flags, and safe earmold impression-taking techniques in accordance with the Practice Standards and Practice Guidelines established by the Quality Assurance & Professional Practice (QAPP) Committee.

For each examination session, there will be a team of 3 examiners (or more if required) who are Full registrants of the College (RHIP, or dually registered RAUD, RHIP). Every effort will be made to ensure no prior relationship exists between the examiner and the RHIP (Conditional) registrant to avoid apparent or actual bias; both the examiner and the RHIP (Conditional) registrant are required to advise the College of any previous relationship prior to the examination.

The examination is approximately **4 hours in length**. RHIP (Conditional) registrants are provided with a list of materials and supplies they must bring to the examination, including BC or Canadian government-issued photo identification. No volunteers will be provided at the examination, and failure to bring a volunteer, will likely prevent a candidate from completing sections of the exam.

RHIP (Conditional) registrants are required to bring a volunteer who will act as their test subject for demonstration of core competencies. The volunteer must be **aged 18 or older**, present their ID and agree to sign a waiver, and be able to understand instructions in English. The volunteer may not be the RHIP (Conditional) registrant's employer or supervisor, a current registrant of the College, or an applicant seeking registration. It is the RHIP (Conditional) registrant's responsibility to ensure the volunteer's ear canals are free of cerumen and/or pathology prior to the date of the practical exam.

To pass the HID practical examination two conditions must be met:

1. A candidate must pass ALL four sections of the examination. If a candidate is unsuccessful in 1 or more sections, they will be required to retake the entire examination.
2. A candidate must attain an overall standard score of 500 or more. A standard score for the entire exam that is less than 500 will result in failure and require a retake of the entire examination.

Upon successful completion of the practical examination, all other registration requirements (e.g., proof of entitlement to work in Canada, proof of professional liability insurance, fees, satisfactory criminal record check) must be met with proof of completion received by the Registrar.

Examination Re-takes

A RHIP (Conditional) registrant who fails the written examination, may reschedule a retake examination with IHS, paying the fee directly to IHS.

A RHIP (Conditional) registrant who fails the practical examination will be offered a space at the next sitting of the HID Practical Examination. RHIP (Conditional) registrants will continue to work under general supervision until the practical examination is successfully completed.

A RHIP (Conditional) registrant who fails an initial examination may retake the examination 2 more times (i.e., maximum of 3 attempts). **All examination attempts must be completed within 2 years from the date the RHIP (Conditional) registrant was granted registration.**

In the event of a failure, the RHIP (Conditional) registrant will be **required to retake the entire exam** at the next scheduled examination session.

CSHBC RELATED DOCUMENTS

Approved Academic Programs (POL-R-01)

Consent to a Criminal Record Check (FORM 5)

CSHBC Practice Standards and Practice Guidelines

RHIP (Conditional) Practicum Requirements (POL-R-02)

Proposed RHIP (Conditional) Supervisor (FORM 8)

Supervised RHIP (Conditional) Practicum (GDL-R-02)

Summary of Clinical Practice Hours (HIP Program) (AF-17)