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Definitions

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| Applicant | means an individual who has applied for registration with RCASLPNB but who has not yet been granted registration. |
| Consecutive | means “in a row” (without any breaks in between). |
| Courtesy registration | means a temporary registration for the purpose of conducting short-term audiology and speech-language pathology services for a specific purpose, provided the applicant is registered in good standing in another regulated Canadian jurisdiction. |
| Labour Mobility | means applicants for registration with RCASLPNB who are registered in another regulated jurisdiction in Canada. |
| Non-Practising | means a registrant who has complied with the requirements of the bylaws and the rules or any agreement of which RCASLPNB is a signatory and has paid all required fees but currently is <u>not in</u> |

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| | <p><u>practice</u> in New Brunswick. Non-practising registrants shall be those persons who are former Practising registrants who have applied for and have been approved for a Non-Practising registration.</p> |
| Practising | <p>means a registrant who has complied with the requirements of the bylaws and rules or any agreement of which RCASLPNB is a signatory and has paid all required dues. Practising registrants are entitled to practice audiology or speech-language pathology in New Brunswick without any additional initial registration requirements.</p> |
| Provisional | <p>means a registrant who has complied with the requirements of the bylaws and rules or any agreement of which RCASLPNB is a signatory and has paid all required dues. Provisional registrants are entitled to practice speech-language pathology or audiology under mentorship. Provisional registration is granted upon approval to applicants who have not yet fulfilled all requirements for a full Practising registration, including a passing grade on the CETP exam, completion of a mentorship period, and/or submission of official transcripts, or any other requirements as determined by RCASLPNB.</p> |
| SAC | <p>means Speech-Language & Audiology Canada: the national professional association for audiologists and speech-language pathologists in Canada and the vendor/administrator of the CETP exam.</p> |
| Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Act | <p>means the <i>Act Incorporating The Regulatory College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of New Brunswick</i>.</p> |

Purpose

- To provide clear and concise information to applicants and Provisional registrants regarding the entry-to-practice exam requirement for full practising registration with RCASLPNB.

Scope

All applicants for registration with RCASLPNB except for:

- Applicants applying through the Labour Mobility application process;
- Applicants applying for a Courtesy registration; and
- Non-Practising registrants applying for reinstatement to a Practising registration unless the CETP exam is required by the Registrar or the Registration and Competence Committee.

Policy

Effective May 1, 2020, all new candidates entering the professions of audiology and speech-language pathology in Canada are required to complete the Canadian Entry-to-Practice (CETP) exam as one part of the registration requirements for a Practising registration in New Brunswick. The exam may also be one of the requirements for re-entry to practice and/or reinstatement.

The CETP Exam is based on the National Competency Profiles developed by the Canadian Alliance of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Regulators (CAASPR). The CETP Exam questions were developed by Speech-Language & Audiology Canada (SAC) according to the requirements set out in the CAASPR Blueprint. Exam Blueprints and the Essential Competencies are available on the CETP Exam website.

For more information about the CETP Exam, competencies, or blueprints, please visit the following site: <https://cetpexams.ca>.

Exam Eligibility & Conditions

All candidates who have been determined eligible to write the exam and have been approved for a Provisional registration with RCASLPNB are entitled to practice in New Brunswick under the mentorship program while they meet the exam requirement.

| Approved Examination | Vendor | Eligibility Criteria |
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| CETP (Canadian Entry-to-Practice) Exam | Speech-Language & Audiology Canada (SAC) | Provisional registrants who have not yet passed the exam must register for their first attempt at the next available sitting offered by the vendor, following the approval of their provisional registration with RCASLPNB. |

**Graduates from a Canadian Accredited University Program
(within one year of convocation)**

The exam vendor recognizes the eligibility of recent graduates from Canadian accredited programs provided the exam candidate undertakes their first exam attempt within one year of the confirmed date of program completion.

The university program submits a roster of its recent graduates to the exam vendor (SAC).

If an exam candidate fails their first, second, or third attempt either before being registered with RCASLPNB or while holding provisional registration, SAC will notify the regulatory body.

**Graduates from a Canadian Accredited University Program
(more than one year since convocation)**

RCASLPNB determines exam eligibility of graduates from Canadian accredited programs who do not undertake the first exam attempt within one year of the confirmed date of program completion.

RCASLPNB determines exam eligibility based on its registration requirements and will provide the SAC CETP Exams Manager with a list of eligible candidates, including their names, email addresses, and dates of eligibility, prior to each exam sitting. These candidates will then receive a link to register for the next exam enrollment period.

If an exam candidate fails their first, second, or third attempt either before being registered with RCASLPNB or while holding provisional registration, SAC will notify the regulatory body.

Graduates of an International or Non-Accredited Canadian program:

RCASLPNB determines exam eligibility for graduates of international or non-accredited Canadian programs following a review of their registration application. Eligibility is granted if the applicant's coursework is deemed substantially equivalent to that of Canadian accredited university programs, and they meet all other registration requirements.

Candidates who are deemed eligible to write the exam will have their name and email submitted to the exam vendor (SAC) and will be provided with a link to register for the next exam enrollment period.

Candidates applying for re-entry or reinstatement in the profession:

The conditions for re-entering or reinstatement into the profession will be assessed on a case-by-case basis by the Registration & Competence Committee as referred by the Registrar. One of the conditions may include evidence of obtaining a passing score on the CETP exam. Candidates who are required to meet this condition, will have their name and email submitted to the exam vendor (SAC) and will be provided with a link to register for the next exam enrollment period.

Exam Eligibility Period

The exam eligibility period is 2 years and starts on the date the exam candidate is deemed eligible.

Examination Attempts & Failures

Exam Attempts

Candidates have a maximum of 3 consecutive attempts to achieve a passing score on the exam. Registrants who hold a Provisional registration with RCASLPNB may continue to practice under the prescribed mentorship program until they pass the exam or have exhausted their 3 consecutive attempts within their 2-year eligibility period. Should a Provisional registrant fail all 3 consecutive attempts of the CETP exam, their registration with RCASLPNB will be revoked.

Revocation of Registration

Candidates who do not achieve a passing score after all 3 consecutive exam attempts within their 2-year eligibility period will have their registration with RCASLPNB revoked and they will not be permitted to practice in New Brunswick as an audiologist or speech-language pathologist.

Reapplication to RCASLPNB

Candidates who do not achieve a passing score after all 3 consecutive attempts of the exam within their 2-year eligibility period and have subsequently had their registration revoked, will not be permitted to apply to for registration with RCASLPNB until a 12-month period has passed from the date of their revocation (cooling-off period).

Notes / Exceptions

- Applicants who reapply to RCASLPNB through the Labour Mobility application process are **not** subject to the 12-month cooling-off period.
- Candidates who apply for registration after the 12-month period will be subject to the same requirements as a new applicant.

Exam Expiration

The CETP exam will expire after 3 years of never having practiced audiology or speech-language pathology after undertaking and achieving a passing score.

Exam Fees

Examination fees are the responsibility of the exam candidate and are paid directly by the applicant/registrant to the relevant exam administrator/vendor (SAC).

Exam Day Accommodations

An exam day accommodation is defined as a modification of examination procedures or testing conditions that affords exam candidates with physical or mental conditions, disorders, or disabilities a fair attempt at the exam. The purpose of exam accommodations is to promote equal opportunities to meet RCASLPNB's exam requirement.

Provisional registrants must request any exam day accommodations for the CETP exam directly via the exam administrator/vendor (SAC), and in accordance with the policies of that administrator/vendor (SAC). Any additional costs related to an accommodation are the responsibility of the exam candidate.

Accommodations and professional competence

Some accommodation requests involve health conditions or disabilities that affect an individual's ability to practise their profession safely and competently. In accordance with the *Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Act* and the RCASLPNB Code of Ethics, the registrant who is suffering from any ailment, incapacity or condition rendering the registrant unfit or incapable to carry on the practice of audiology or speech-language pathology must withdraw from practice.

Improper Conduct & Exam Discrepancies

If RCASLPNB learns, through a third-party examination administrator, that a provisional registrant has been suspected of improper conduct, or unresolvable examination discrepancies have occurred, RCASLPNB may make further inquiries into the issue, and the Registrar may refer the matter to the Complaints Committee on the allegation of professional misconduct.

Improper conduct and examination discrepancies may include, but are not limited to:

- Discrepancies in a test-taker's identification (which may suggest that a registrant is having someone else take the test for them);
- Instances where a registrant obtains improper access to the exam; questions or answers, and/or discloses exam questions or answers to third parties;
- Communication using personal electronic devices (e.g., cell phones); personal hearing devices are exempt;
- Improper conduct by the registrant or their volunteer that disrupts the integrity of the examination or the examination process in any way.

Examination Result Appeals

Individuals wishing to appeal an examination result must do so directly with the examination vendor/administrator if that examination vendor/administrator has an appeals process.