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Registration Renewal



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Renewing as Practising from Non-Practising?

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Council Meeting Highlights



Council held its third quarterly meeting of 2026 on July 20 and made the following decisions:

1. **Approved the “new” RCASLPNB 3-Year Strategic Plan (2027-2029).**
2. **Approved a revised national language proficiency standard for internationally educated applicants.**
3. **Approved a Governance Policy concerning the appointment of public representatives to Council.**
4. **Approved a Regulatory Policy concerning Labour Mobility registration requirements.**
5. **Approved a Regulatory Policy concerning application management.**
6. **Approved the outsourcing of international applications to trained assessors.**
7. **Approved a revised Registration and Competence Committee Terms of Reference.**

Next Meeting

The Council is scheduled to meet again on October 19, 2026.

Update: New Brunswick Child Hearing Program

This information is being shared for awareness purposes as it may affect service planning and continuity of care for patients/clients.

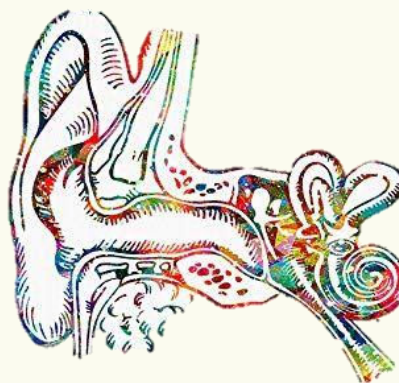
The Regulatory College has been advised of a change to the New Brunswick Child Hearing Health Program (NBCHHP), formerly known as the New Brunswick Universal Newborn and Infant Hearing Screening Program (NBUNIHSP).

As part of ongoing program development, NBCHHP has standardized the transition age to community services at 19 years of age for all youth, regardless of whether they are continuing their education, entering the workforce, or pursuing other pathways.

According to the Program, this change is intended to support a consistent provincial approach and provide greater clarity for youth, families, and professionals during transition planning.

Registrants who work with children, youth, and families may wish to consider this update when discussing service transitions and coordinating care.

If you have any questions concerning updates to this program, please contact your local hospital audiologist.



Registration Renewal-Status Change



Changing from Non-Practising to Practising Registration? Apply Early.

A **non-practising registrant** who wishes to return to practising registration must submit an online status change request. Approval of a status change is contingent upon the submission, review, and approval of all required information and supporting documentation.

Status change requests may be submitted throughout the year. During the annual renewal period, registrants seeking practising registration should ensure that all required documentation is submitted by the **December 1** registration renewal deadline. Incomplete applications may result in processing delays and may be subject to applicable late fees.

While the registration renewal deadline is **December 1**, registrants applying for a status change from non-practising to practising are encouraged to **apply early** to allow sufficient time to obtain and submit any required documentation. To help avoid delays, we recommend submitting a status change application at least 30 days before the registration renewal deadline.

Incomplete applications may result in processing delays and may be subject to applicable late fees. Please do not hesitate to contact the Deputy Registrar at deputy@rcaslpnb.ca if you have any questions about returning to practice.

Your pathway depends on how long you have been non-practising:

- **Less than 3 years out of practice:** Eligible to apply directly for practising registration. Currency hours from the previous three years will be reviewed, and mentorship may be required if currency requirements have not been met.
- **3 to 5 years out of practice:** Must apply for provisional registration and complete the Mentorship Program before obtaining practising registration. The Registrar may impose additional conditions.
- **More than 5 years out of practice:** Must apply for provisional registration and complete the Mentorship Program, meet any additional conditions imposed by the Registrar, and pass the approved entry-to-practice examination before obtaining practising registration.

Before submitting your request, make sure you are prepared to provide:

☐ Proof of personal professional liability insurance (\$2,000,000 coverage)



Stay Compliant: Know the New RCASLPNB Rules

The **Rules** introduce important requirements for registration, professional liability insurance, quality assurance, and continuing competence. The information below highlights **key changes** registrants should know to maintain their College registration and compliance.

1. Keep Your Registration Information Current



All registrants must notify the College of changes to their personal or professional information within **30 days** by updating their Alinity profile.

This includes changes to:

- Home address, telephone number, or preferred email address;
- Employer information;
- Legal name changes.

Maintaining accurate information helps ensure that registrants receive important communications from the College and remain compliant with registration requirements.

2. Professional Liability Insurance



All registrants must maintain **personal professional liability insurance** with a minimum coverage amount of **\$2,000,000**.

When a policy expires, **registrants must provide proof of renewed coverage** by uploading their new certificate immediately upon their PLI renewal. Failure to do so will result in a **suspension** of your registration until your proof of personal PLI has been provided and approved.

3. Mandatory Reporting of Criminal Charges and Convictions



Registrants are required to report certain criminal charges and convictions to the Registrar within **14 days**.

This obligation applies to:

- Charges or convictions under the **Criminal Code of Canada**;
- Charges or convictions under the **Controlled Drugs and Substances Act**; and
- Any other offence that may be relevant to the registrant's practice as an audiologist or speech-language pathologist.

4. Unauthorized Practice



Registrants who do not renew their registration by **December 31** are **no longer entitled to work in NB as an audiologist or speech-language pathologist**.

Individuals who practise while unregistered and later seek renewal will be required to pay an **unauthorized practice fee**.

5. Continuing Education Requirements



Effective January 1, 2027

Practising and provisional registrants must complete **10 Continuing Education Equivalents (CEEs) each year.**

- One hour of participation in a meaningful continuing education activity equals one CEE.
- CEEs must be reported annually as part of the registration renewal process.
- Supporting documentation must be retained for at least **one year** after submission.
- CEEs cannot be carried forward from one year to the next.
- If you maintain a **practising** or **provisional** registration while on maternity or sick leave, you are still required to continue accumulating CEEs.
- If a registrant holds a practising or provisional registration at any point during the registration year, the annual CEE requirement still applies for that year.

6. Currency Hours Requirement



As a condition of annual renewal, practising and provisional registrants must demonstrate recent professional practice.

Within the three years immediately preceding renewal, registrants must have either:

- Completed at least **450 Currency Hours**; or
- Demonstrated engagement in unrestricted professional practice in at a level acceptable to the Registrar.

Currency Hours obtained in another jurisdiction may be considered toward meeting this requirement.

Note: An activity cannot be counted toward both the **Continuing Education requirement** and the **Currency Hours requirement**.

7. Non-Compliance - Continuing Education Requirements



If a registrant does not meet the annual CEE requirement by **December 1**, the Registrar will not consider a renewal application until:

- The CEE requirement has been met; and
- Any applicable late fees have been paid.

If the requirement remains outstanding after **December 31**, the registrant will be removed from the register. The registrant and their employer will be notified that the registrant is no longer entitled to practise audiology or speech-language pathology or hold themselves out as such.

Registrants who have been removed from the register must satisfy all outstanding requirements, fees, and any applicable readmission requirements before they may be considered for renewal.

8. Non-Compliance - Currency Hours



Where a registrant has not met the Currency Hours requirement by **December 1**, the Registrar may renew the registration subject to conditions, including:

- Successful completion of the Mentorship Program;
- Other requirements to address deficiencies in practice currency; and
- Payment of applicable late fees.

9. Quality Assurance Audits

The College may audit a registrant's **Quality Assurance Program** requirements at any time within **1 year of submission**.

Key audit provisions include:

- At least one audit will be conducted annually involving a minimum of 5% of registrants.
- Registrants selected for audit will be chosen randomly.
- Selected registrants will be provided 30 days to submit evidence demonstrating compliance with Continuing Education and Currency Hour requirements.
- Registrants who fail to provide satisfactory proof may be found non-compliant.
- Extensions of up to three months may be granted in certain circumstances.
- Failure to provide proof of compliance within the allotted timeframe may result in suspension until the required evidence is provided and any applicable fees are paid.

A Reminder to Registrants

The Rules contain many additional requirements that are not summarized in this regulatory bulletin. Registrants are responsible for reviewing the Rules in their entirety and familiarizing themselves with all obligations that apply to their registration category and practice.

The College's goal is to support registrants in understanding and meeting their professional and regulatory responsibilities.

If you have questions about the new Rules or how they apply to your circumstances, please contact the College. We are here to help you understand your obligations and remain compliant.





What's New? Test Your Knowledge!

Please see the last page for the Answer Key!

- 1. Beginning January 1, 2027, how many Continuing Education Equivalents (CEEs) must practising and provisional registrants complete each year?**
 - A. 5 hours
 - B. 10 hours
 - C. 15 hours
 - D. 45 hours over three years
- 2. Within how many days must you notify the College of a change to your contact or employment information?**
 - A. 14 days
 - B. 30 days
 - C. 60 days
 - D. At your next annual renewal
- 3. Which registrants must complete the annual Continuing Education Equivalents (CEEs)?**
 - A. Practising registrants only
 - B. Provisional registrants only
 - C. Practising and provisional registrants
 - D. All registration categories, including non-practising
- 4. A practising registrant takes parental leave for six months but maintains a practising registration. Which statement is correct?**
 - A. No CEEs are required while on leave.
 - B. CEEs are reduced to 5 hours.
 - C. CEEs may be completed after returning to work.
 - D. The registrant must still complete 10 CEEs for that year.
- 5. Within how many days must criminal charges or relevant convictions be reported to the Registrar?**
 - A. Immediately
 - B. 14 days
 - C. 30 days
 - D. At annual renewal
- 6. True or False:** Unused CEEs may be carried over to the following year.
- 7. Which statement about Currency Hours is correct?**
 - A. Registrants must obtain at least 450 Currency Hours every year.
 - B. Registrants must obtain 450 practice hours within the preceding 3 years or demonstrate engagement in professional practice acceptable to the Registrar.
 - C. Currency Hours only count if completed in New Brunswick.
 - D. Currency Hours are the same as Continuing Education Equivalents.
- 8. Can the same activity be counted toward both Continuing Education Equivalents (CEEs) and Currency Hours?**
 - A. Yes, always
 - B. Yes, if approved by your employer
 - C. Yes, with Registrar approval
 - D. No. The same activity cannot be claimed for both requirements.
- 9. Which statement best describes the Registrar's discretion regarding Currency Hours?**
 - A. The Registrar cannot consider practice outside New Brunswick.
 - B. The Registrar may waive all Currency Hour requirements.
 - C. The Registrar may consider the nature, scope, duration, and recency of practice and may request supporting documentation.
 - D. The Registrar only considers the number of hours worked.



Reach out with any questions!

We are here to assist all registrants to meet their regulatory requirements, mitigate risk, and protect the public.

RCASLPNB ensures public safety by regulating, supporting, and ensuring the competent, safe and ethical practice of audiologists and speech-language pathologists in New Brunswick. All registrants of RCASLPNB must practice in compliance with the Act, the Bylaws and the Rules.



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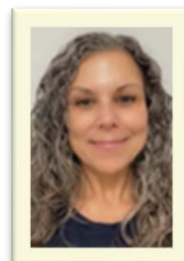
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	Correct Answer	Answer
1	B	10 hours
2	B	30 days
3	C	Practising and provisional registrants
4	D	The registrant must still complete 10 CEEs for that year.
5	B	14 days
6	False	Unused CEEs may not be carried over to the following year.
7	B	Registrants must obtain 450 practice hours within the preceding 3 years or demonstrate engagement in professional practice acceptable to the Registrar.
8	D	No. The same activity cannot be claimed for both requirements.
9	C	The Registrar may consider the nature, scope, duration, and recency of practice and may request supporting documentation.