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AUDIOLOGISTS AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS REGULATIONS

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REGULATED HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT

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Pursuant to sections 2 and 96 of the *Regulated Health Professions Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. R-10.1, Council made the following regulations:

PART 1 – INTERPRETATION AND DESIGNATION

1. Definitions

In these regulations

(a) "**Act**" means the *Regulated Health Professions Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. R-10.1;

(b) "**audiologist**" means a member registered in the register for audiology;

(c) "**audiology**" means the health profession in which a person applies particular knowledge, skills and judgment

(i) in the assessment of auditory and vestibular functions,

(ii) in the treatment and prevention of auditory and vestibular dysfunctions,

(iii) to develop, maintain, rehabilitate or augment auditory, vestibular and communicative functions and auditory and vestibular health, and

(iv) in conducting research, education, management or administrative activities incidental to those described in subclauses (i) – (iii);

(d) "**College**" means the College of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of Prince Edward Island established under section 3;

(e) "**Council**" means the Council of the College;

(f) "**refresher program**" means a refresher program in a regulated health profession consisting of a formal curriculum, a set of individualized assignments of studies and experiences, a set of continuing education credits, a practicum or a combination of these elements;

(g) "**speech-language pathologist**" means a member registered in the register for speech-language pathology;

(h) "**speech-language pathology**" means the health profession in which a person applies particular knowledge, skills and judgment

(i) in the assessment of speech and language functions, related communication disorders and swallowing functions,

(ii) in the treatment and prevention of speech and language dysfunctions and disorders,

(iii) to develop, maintain, rehabilitate or augment oral motor or communicative functions, and

(iv) in conducting research, education, management or administrative activities incidental to those described in subclauses (i) – (iii). *(EC590/23)*

2. Audiology designation

(1) Audiology is designated as a regulated health profession.

Speech-language pathology designation

(2) Speech-language pathology is designated as a regulated health profession. *(EC590/23)*

3. College established

The College of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of Prince Edward Island is hereby established as the college for audiology and speech-language pathology. *(EC590/23)*

PART 2 – AUDIOLOGISTS

Register

4. Parts of register

The register for audiology is divided into the following parts:

(a) general registration;

(a.1) provisional registration;

(b) special registration. *(EC590/23; 978/25)*

General Registration

5. General registration

(1) The registrar shall register an applicant under this Part in the general registration part where

(a) the registrar is satisfied that the applicant meets all the requirements for registration set out in subsection 12(2) of the Act and these regulations and registers the applicant pursuant to subsection 12(3) of the Act; or

(b) the Council directs the registrar to register the applicant in the general registration part pursuant to subsection 12(6) of the Act or reinstate the registration of the applicant in the general registration part pursuant to subsection 24(4) of the Act.

Reinstatement period

(2) For the purpose of subsection 24(1) of the Act, a former member may apply for reinstatement of registration in the general registration part within three years after a lapse in the registration. *(EC590/23)*

6. Education

For the purpose of clause 12(2)(c) of the Act, the requirement under this Part with respect to education is

(a) the successful completion of a master's degree program in audiology, approved by the Council; or

(b) education and experience that the Council considers substantially equivalent to the program referred to in clause (a). *(EC590/23)*

7. Examination

For the purpose of clause 12(2)(d) of the Act, the required examination under this Part is the Canadian Entry-to-Practice Exam for Audiology or other competency examination approved by the Council. *(EC590/23)*

8. Currency requirements

For the purposes of clause 12(2)(f), subclause 22(2)(a)(ii) and clause 24(4)(c) of the Act, an applicant under this Part shall have done one of the following within the four years immediately preceding the date of the application to demonstrate currency of professional knowledge and skills:

(a) successfully completed the educational requirement set out in section 6;

(b) actively practised audiology without any restrictions for at least 1,000 hours;

(c) successfully completed a refresher program in audiology satisfactory to the registrar. *(EC590/23)*

9. Insurance requirements

For the purposes of clause 12(2)(j), subclause 22(2)(a)(v) and clauses 24(4)(f) and 25(3)(c) of the Act, an applicant or a member registered under this Part, as the case may be, is required to hold or be covered by professional liability insurance under a policy that provides coverage of not less than $2,000,000 per claim or occurrence and an aggregate limit of not less than $2,000,000 excluding legal or court costs. *(EC590/23)*

Provisional Registration

9.1 Provisional registration

(1) The Council may direct the registrar to register an applicant under this Part in the provisional registration part where the applicant does not meet the examination requirement in section 7, subject to the term or condition that the applicant successfully completes the examination requirement in section 7 within a specified time period.

Renewal

(2) Registration in the provisional registration part may be renewed if the time period specified by the Council under subsection (1) has not expired or the Council extends the time period for meeting the term or condition.

Subject to supervision

(3) An audiologist registered in the provisional registration part shall be supervised in practising audiology by an audiologist registered in the general registration part, approved by the Council.

Satisfaction of term or condition

(4) Where an audiologist satisfies the term or condition imposed under subsection (1), the registrar shall register the audiologist in the general registration part.

No reinstatement

(5) Registration in the provisional registration part may not be reinstated. *(EC978/25)*

Special Registration

10. Special registration

(1) Where the Council directs the registrar to register an applicant under this Part pursuant to subsection 13(3) of the Act, the registrar shall register the applicant in the special registration part.

No renewal or reinstatement

(2) Registration in the special registration part may not be renewed or reinstated. *(EC590/23)*

Reserved Activities and Designations

11. Reserved activity

Subject to any terms or conditions imposed on the audiologist's registration, an audiologist is authorized to perform the reserved activity of diagnosing an auditory or vestibular dysfunction and communicating the diagnosis in circumstances in which it is reasonably foreseeable that it will be relied on in health care decisions. *(EC590/23)*

12. Designation of members

For the purpose of subsection 89(1) of the Act, the designations of a member of the regulated health profession of audiology include "audiologist". *(EC590/23)*

PART 3 – SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

Register

13. Parts of register

The register for speech-language pathology is divided into the following parts:

(a) general registration;

(a.1) provisional registration;

(b) special registration. *(EC590/23; 978/25)*

General Registration

14. General registration

(1) The registrar shall register an applicant under this Part in the general registration part where

(a) the registrar is satisfied that the applicant meets all the requirements for registration set out in subsection 12(2) of the Act and these regulations and registers the applicant pursuant to subsection 12(3) of the Act; or

(b) the Council directs the registrar to register the applicant in the general registration part pursuant to subsection 12(6) of the Act or reinstate the registration of the applicant in the general registration part pursuant to subsection 24(4) of the Act.

Reinstatement period

(2) For the purpose of subsection 24(1) of the Act, a former member may apply for reinstatement of registration in the general registration part within three years after a lapse in the registration. *(EC590/23)*

15. Education

For the purpose of clause 12(2)(c) of the Act, the requirement under this Part with respect to education is

(a) the successful completion of a master's degree program in speech-language pathology approved by the Council; or

(b) education and experience that the Council considers substantially equivalent to the program referred to in clause (a). *(EC590/23)*

16. Examinations

For the purpose of clause 12(2)(d) of the Act, the required examination under this Part is the Canadian Entry-to-Practice Exam for Speech-Language Pathology or other competency examination approved by the Council. *(EC590/23)*

17. Currency requirements

For the purposes of clause 12(2)(f), subclause 22(2)(a)(ii) and clause 24(4)(c) of the Act, an applicant under this Part shall have done one of the following within the four years immediately preceding the date of the application to demonstrate currency of professional knowledge and skills:

(a) successfully completed the educational requirement set out in section 15;

(b) actively practised speech-language pathology without any restrictions for at least 1,000 hours;

(c) successfully completed a refresher program in speech-language pathology satisfactory to the registrar. *(EC590/23)*

18. Insurance requirements

For the purposes of clause 12(2)(j), subclause 22(2)(a)(v) and clauses 24(4)(f) and 25(3)(c) of the Act, an applicant or a member registered under this Part, as the case may be, is required to hold or be covered by professional liability insurance under a policy that provides coverage of not less than $2,000,000 per claim or occurrence and an aggregate limit of not less than $2,000,000 excluding legal or court costs. *(EC590/23)*

Provisional Registration

18.1 Provisional registration

(1) The Council may direct the registrar to register an applicant under this Part in the provisional registration part where the applicant does not meet the examination requirement in section 16, subject to the term or condition that the applicant successfully completes the examination requirement in section 16 within a specified time period.

Renewal

(2) Registration in the provisional registration part may be renewed if the time period specified by the Council under subsection (1) has not expired or the Council extends the time period for meeting the term or condition.

Subject to supervision

(3) A speech-language pathologist registered in the provisional registration part shall be supervised in practising speech-language pathology by a speech-language pathologist registered in the general registration part, approved by the Council.

Satisfaction of term or condition

(4) Where a speech-language pathologist satisfies the term or condition imposed under subsection (1), the registrar shall register the speech-language pathologist in the general registration part.

No reinstatement

(5) Registration in the provisional registration part may not be reinstated. *(EC978/25)*

Special Registration

19. Special registration

(1) Where the Council directs the registrar to register an applicant under this Part pursuant to subsection 13(3) of the Act, the registrar shall register the applicant in the special registration part.

No renewal or reinstatement

(2) Registration in the special registration part may not be renewed or reinstated. *(EC590/23)*

Reserved Activities and Designations

20. Reserved activity

Subject to any terms or conditions imposed on the speech-language pathologist's registration, a speech-language pathologist is authorized to perform the following reserved activities:

(a) diagnosing a dysfunction or disorder of speech, language or related communication, or swallowing, and communicating the diagnosis in circumstances in which it is reasonably foreseeable that it will be relied on in health care decisions;

(b) for the purpose of assessing and managing swallowing and voice disorders, putting an instrument, hand or finger

(i) beyond the point in the nasal passages where they normally narrow,

(ii) beyond the pharynx or larynx, or

(iii) into an artificial opening into the body;

(c) administering contrasting agents orally in conducting a barium swallow assessment. *(EC590/23; 225/24)*

21. Designation of members

For the purpose of subsection 89(1) of the Act, the designations of a member of the regulated health profession of speech-language pathology include

(a) speech-language pathologist; and

(b) speech therapist. *(EC590/23)*

PART 4 – GENERAL

22. Name of corporation

(1) For the purpose of clause 15(1)(d) of the Act, the name of a corporation applying for a permit to carry on the business of providing the professional services of an audiologist or a speech-language pathologist shall be, in the opinion of the registrar, in good taste, dignified and professional.

Change of name

(2) Before changing its name, a health profession corporation shall obtain written confirmation from the registrar that the proposed name meets the requirements of subsection (1). *(EC590/23)*

23. Transitional, audiologist

(1) A person who, during the year preceding the date this section comes into force, practises audiology in the province and, immediately before this section comes into force, is a full member, reduced hours member or new practitioner member of Speech-Language and Audiology Canada is deemed, on and after the date this section comes into force, to be registered in the general registration part of the register for audiology.

Transitional, speech-language pathologist

(2) A person who, during the year preceding the date this section comes into force, practises speech-language pathology in the province and, immediately before this section comes into force, is a full member, reduced hours member or new practitioner member of Speech-Language and Audiology Canada is deemed, on and after the date this section comes into force, to be registered in the general registration part of the register for speech-language pathology.

Expiry of registration

(3) The registration of a person referred to in subsection (1) or (2) expires 90 days after the date this section comes into force, unless it is sooner revoked, and may be renewed in accordance with section 22 of the Act.

Exception on renewal

(4) Subclauses 22(2)(a)(i) and (ii) of the Act do not apply to a person referred to in subsection (1) or (2) the first time the person applies to renew the person's registration. *(EC590/23)*