



## **Canadian Alliance of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Regulators Introduces National Entry-to-Practice Examinations**

It is with great pride and excitement that the Canadian Alliance of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Regulators (CAASPR) announces an agreement with Speech-Language & Audiology Canada (SAC) to develop and administer entry-to-practice examinations for the registered professions of audiology (AUD) and speech-language pathology (SLP) in Canada.

These professions will now join the ranks of other regulated health care professions in Canada that require successful completion of a national entry-to-practice examination as a necessary, non-exemptible condition of licensure. The examinations, with an anticipated first administration in the fall of 2020, will be based on essential competency profiles recently adopted by the CAASPR Board of Directors.

Reflecting on this agreement, CAASPR Chair Josée Levasseur notes, “The introduction of national regulator-sponsored exams is a great achievement for public safety. Partnering with SAC, who have thirty years of experience in the delivery of high-quality certification exams for our professions, made them the logical and responsible choice to administer our regulatory exams.”

Recognizing that the introduction of entry-to-practice examinations represents a paradigm shift in provincial assessment and admission processes, CAASPR and its member regulators will be providing regular updates to both current and prospective registrants on how the new, currently-named “Canadian Entry to Practice (CETP) Examination”, may impact current and future registration. Implementation details have yet to be determined, however, the ongoing work by CAASPR and its member regulators will be guided by the following principles:

1. All SLPs and AUDs who are registered in regulated jurisdictions will not be required to pass the CEPT Examination to maintain licensure;
2. SLPs and AUDs who are not registered with a provincial regulator and who wish to work in a regulated province will be required to write the CETP Examination to qualify for licensure;
3. Due to provincial legislation in Quebec, new graduates from accredited Canadian speech-language pathology or audiology programs who are applying for licensure in Quebec may be exempt from writing the CEPT Examination<sup>1</sup>; and
4. Until transition to the new CAASPR CETP Examination is complete, those applying for registration in British Columbia and Newfoundland and Labrador, will still be required to meet the existing condition of passing SAC’s Clinical Certification Examination.

Individuals, looking for additional information on current and future registration requirements are encouraged to contact their provincial regulator.

<sup>1</sup> Detailed information will be forthcoming and available through l’Ordre des orthophonistes et audiologistes du Québec (OOAQ).

External funding facilitating this milestone in regulation of the professions of audiology and speech-language pathology has been made possible through a Contribution Agreement with the Government of Canada as part of their Foreign Credential Recognition Program.

To view SAC's announcement on the National Exam, [click here](#).

#### About CAASPR

CAASPR is the national alliance of regulators that have been established and mandated by provincial governments to regulate the professions of audiology and speech-language pathology and govern registrants in their respective jurisdictions.

CAASPR's mandate is to address common regulatory issues on a national level to advance the practice and regulation of audiology and speech-language pathology in Canada. CAASPR facilitates the sharing of information and building of consensus on regulatory issues to assist member regulators in fulfilling their mandate to protect the public.

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