



Requirements for Membership and Registration

The following is information regarding requirements for membership and registration in the:

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The Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists Act (1992) provides the authority for the registration of individuals in Saskatchewan. (For more complete information, see the *Act and Bylaws* of the Association.)

I. PRACTISING MEMBERSHIP

Practising membership in the Association shall be:

- available to an individual who is eligible for a license to practice speech-language pathology or audiology issued by the Association in accordance with *The Speech-Language Pathologist and Audiologist Act (1992)* ; and
- granted upon the completion of the prescribed application form and payment of the fees set by the Association.

II. NON-PRACTISING MEMBERSHIP

Non-practising membership in the Association shall be:

- available to speech-language pathologists or audiologists who are initially registered pursuant to the bylaws but are not currently employed in speech-language pathology or audiology in Saskatchewan;
- granted annually for a term not to exceed three (3) consecutive years.



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III . STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

Students enrolled in a recognized program for Speech-Language Pathology and/or Audiology should contact the Canadian Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists (CASLPA) for further information and application forms.

IV. CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Individuals who do not renew their membership as prescribed in the Bylaws of the Association shall no longer be licensed by the Association will hold no privileges of membership in the Association.

Individuals who have been suspended or expelled in accordance with the Act shall hold no privileges of membership in the Association during the period when the person is expelled or suspended.



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V. REGISTRATION AND LICENSING

Initial Registration for a Speech-Language Pathologist

Individuals applying for initial registration as a practising member of the Association as a **Speech-Language Pathologist** shall complete the prescribed application form, pay the fees set by the Association and provide evidence that they:

- A. Have successfully completed a Master's degree with the following course work at a recognized university:
 - i. 18 semester hours or the equivalent in courses that provide fundamental information applicable to normal development in the use of speech, hearing and language; and
 - ii. 42 semester hours or the equivalent in courses that provide information about and training in the management of speech, hearing and language disorders and that provide information supplementary to these. No more than six of these semester hours may be in courses that provide the academic credit for clinical practicum. Of these 42 hours, at least 24 must be in courses in the field of speech-language pathology; and
 - iii. A minimum of 300 actual hours of supervised clinical practicum in direct assessment and remediation of communication disorders. This practicum requirement must be met during the period of academic preparation;

OR

- B. Have completed required course work at a university recognized by the council and whose degree is, in the opinion of the council, equivalent to the Master's degree;

OR

- C. Are certified as a Speech-Language Pathologist with the Canadian Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists (CASLPA).

NOTE: Persons applying for initial registration as practicing members of the association as speech-language pathologists shall, in addition to meeting the above requirements, provide evidence that they:

- i. Completed the Master's degree of the course work described in paragraphs A or B above within the three years preceding the application for a license; **OR**
- ii. Have been engaged in the practice of speech-language pathology for at least 1250 hours during the five years preceding the application for a license. **OR**
- iii. Are a member in good standing and licensed as a speech-language pathologist in another Canadian jurisdiction and have met the continuing education requirements and/or quality assurance requirements of that jurisdiction.



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Initial Registration for an Audiologist

Individuals applying for initial registration as a practising member of the Association as an **Audiologist** shall complete the prescribed application form, pay the fees set by the Association and provide evidence that they:

- A. Have successfully completed a Master's degree with the following course work at a recognized university:
 - i. 18 semester hours or the equivalent in courses that provide fundamental information applicable to normal development in the use of speech, hearing and language; and
 - ii. 42 semester hours or the equivalent in courses that provide information about and training in the management of speech, hearing and language disorders and that provide information supplementary to these. No more than six of these semester hours may be in courses that provide the academic credit for clinical practicum. Of these 42 hours, at least 24 must be in courses in the field of audiology; and
 - iii. A minimum of 300 actual hours of supervised clinical practicum in diagnostic audiology and rehabilitative audiology. This practicum requirement must be met during the period of academic preparation;

OR

- B. Have completed required course work at a university recognized by the council and whose degree is, in the opinion of the council, equivalent to the Master's degree;

OR

- C. Are certified as an Audiologist with the Canadian Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists (CASLPA).

NOTE: Persons applying for initial registration as practicing members of the association as audiologists shall, in addition to meeting the above requirements, provide evidence that they:

- iv. Completed the Master's degree of the course work described in paragraphs A or B above within the three years preceding the application for a license; **OR**
- v. Have been engaged in the practice of audiology for at least 1250 hours during the five years preceding the application for a license. **OR**
- vi. Are a member in good standing and licensed as an audiologist in another Canadian jurisdiction and have met the continuing education requirements and/or quality assurance requirements of that jurisdiction.



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VI. FEES

Application Fee

A non-refundable **\$150.00** application fee payable to the Association (i.e. SASLPA) shall accompany each application for membership.

Annual Membership Fee

The annual membership fee for practising members of SASLPA shall be **\$600.00**. As there is currently a joint membership agreement with CASLPA, a portion of the annual fee may be forwarded to CASLPA.

The annual membership fee for non-practising members of SASLPA shall be **\$480.00** .

Requirements for Annual Renewal of License

Members are required to renew their membership and license on an annual basis. SASLPA must receive the following items no later than December 31 preceding the calendar year of license renewal:

- Invoice and cheque for payment of fees
- Completed Continuing Education Form
- Completed Membership Information Form

If all the items are not received, the license will not be renewed. A second invoice with applicable late fees will be sent to the member as follows:

- \$300 (SASLPA late fee) - Bylaw VI, Section 6
- \$25 (application fee) - Bylaw VI, Section 7
- \$25 (continuing education penalty) - Bylaw VI, Section 8

In addition, other actions will be taken which may include:

- The member's employer will be notified that all the requirements for renewal of license were not completed and therefore they are not licensed to practice in Saskatchewan ;
- The membership will be notified of any members who did renew their licenses, and they will also be notified when the member fulfills the requirements for license renewal;
- The names of delinquent members will be forwarded to the Professional Conduct Committee for follow-up.

For NSF cheques, a NSF fee of \$25 will be charged and late fees may be applied.



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VII. TEMPORARY LICENSE

Individuals applying for initial registration as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist may be issued a temporary license if the Council is satisfied that the person has successfully met the initial requirements for membership as outlined in Section V.

Temporary licenses may be issued pursuant to the above for a period not to exceed six months and may be renewed for one further consecutive six-month term.