



NEW CASLPO MEMBERS AND THE QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM

Welcome to CASLPO and to the professions of audiology and speech language pathology. Here is the information you need to comply with CASLPO's Quality Assurance Program.

There are four areas that make up CASLPO's Quality Assurance Program:

1. Self-Assessment Tool (SAT)
2. Learning Goals and Continuous Learning Activity Credits (CLACs)
3. Peer Assessment Program
4. CASLPO's Practice Standards.

You will find more information in the [Quality Assurance](#) section of the [website](#)

NEW GENERAL MEMBERS

If you are joining CASLPO having just completed the Initial Practice Program or if you have come to Ontario from another jurisdiction where you practiced as an audiologist or speech language pathologist, here is what you need to know:

SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL

- If you become a General member any time between January 1st and December 31st of a given year, we recommend that you access your SAT to familiarize yourself with the tool. However, you are NOT required to fill it in or submit it to CASLPO.
- On January 1st of the **following** year, you will have access to the new SAT and you are required to complete the following sections:
 - Practice Description
 - Five Professional Standards

LEARNING GOALS AND CLACS

- Develop three Learning Goals for the year on your SAT.
- You do NOT have to document 15 Continuous Learning Activity Credits (CLACs) for the previous year, that is, your first year as a General member.

The [Self-Assessment Tool Guide](#) outlines how to access your SAT and complete the process.

You will have the month of January to complete this process. You must submit your SAT to CASLPO by January 31st.

PEER ASSESSMENT

Peer Assessment is based on the SAT so that members are objectively evaluated on the same standards that they used to assess themselves. For more information read the [Peer Assessment Guide](#).

If you have just undergone an Initial Practice Period with a Mentor you will not be selected for peer assessment for the first three years of your General membership. Your name will go into the pool for random selection at the beginning of your fourth year.

If you have joined CASLPO from another jurisdiction, your name will go into the pool for random selection at the beginning of your second year.

PRACTICE STANDARDS

You are expected to follow CASLPO's practice standards during your Initial Practice Program and as soon as you join CASLPO from another jurisdiction.

Practice standards set out the professional expectations of audiologists and SLPs. They are the minimum knowledge, skills and judgement needed to practice safely and provide quality service to the public. Practice standards can be found on the [Resource section](#) of CASLPO's website and include documents such as legislation, regulations, CASLPO published Practice Standards and Guidelines, Position Statements and other documents.

Practice standards can also be unwritten, comprised of those generally accepted practices, principles, and techniques adopted by consensus by members of the profession. You must take the time to read written standards and identify unwritten standards and apply them to your profession and area of practice.

PRACTICE ADVICE

If you have questions about the Quality Assurance Program, or any regulatory matter, please call us or e-mail us. We are here to help you. The College has four practice advisors who are knowledgeable about legislation, regulations, practice standards and how they apply to audiology and speech language pathology practice. If you want to remain anonymous you can call and chose not give your name. Practice Advise is offered in both English and French.

For more information, including how to contact Practice Advisors, [click here](#).

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