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This document including the below information is intended as background information regarding the Canadian Alliance of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Regulators (CAASPR) and the CAASPR Canadian Entry to Practice Exam (CETP Exam).

Canadian Entry To Practice Exam (CETP Exam) - Updates

Canadian Entry-To-Practice Exam & The New Ontario Registration Regulation For Speech-Language Pathologists And Audiologists

What Lies Ahead?

The Canadian Alliance of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Regulators (CAASPR) is a national coalition of regulators of the professions of audiology and speech-language pathology across Canada. CAASPR is set to implement the Canadian Entry-To-Practice (CETP) competency exam for all individuals applying for registration as audiologists or speech-language pathologists in the regulated provinces of Canada, as part of the goal of harmonizing the registration of audiologists and speech-language pathologists across the country. The first sitting of the exam is scheduled for the Fall of 2020.

Currently, the registration regulation in Ontario (O. Reg. 21/12) does not include an entry-to-practice examination as a registration requirement. Therefore, CASLPO has submitted an amendment to the regulation to the Ministry of Health (MOH) for approval. In addition to the exam, amendments have been proposed to harmonize coursework and clinical practicum requirements with those of the other regulatory bodies in Canada.

What Happens When CASLPO's New Regulation Comes Into Force?

The MOH must first approve the amendments to the Registration Regulation before it comes into force. When the regulation comes into force, all individuals applying for registration with CASLPO will be required to complete the entry-to-practice exam.

However, the new coursework and clinical practicum requirements will not be applied **in Ontario** for 2 years. This "transition period" is in place to accommodate individuals who have already started a two-year program, because it is not reasonable or fair to expect

2-year programs to adapt and incorporate the new requirements. **During the transition period**, applicants to CASLPO will be evaluated based on the existing coursework and clinical practicum requirements.

Where Are We Now?

Until the regulation is approved by the MOH, applicants will be evaluated for registration under the current/existing requirements. This means, that until the regulation is approved, CASLPO applicants will not be required to write the CETP exam as a registration requirement.

The registration regulation amendments have been posted for 45 days on the Ontario Regulatory Registry as of November 14, 2019. It is not possible to predict the approval timeline, but we are hopeful that the regulation will be approved in time for the Fall 2020 exam.

Posting: <https://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/view.do?postingId=31007&language=en>

What Will The Application Process Be Under The New Regulation?

The details regarding the new application procedure (including timelines and deadlines) are currently being determined. **We will provide you with additional information as it becomes available.**

Updates regarding the exam and the regulation's approval will be provided in this space as new information becomes available.

**Please note that if you intend to apply to practice as an audiologist or a speech-language pathologist in a different province, you should consult with that province's regulatory body. The information contained herein is relevant to applications to Ontario only.