

Overseas-Qualified Audiologists

Assessment Criteria for Certificate of Clinical Practice (CCP)

Audiologists with overseas qualificationsⁱ must meet the following assessment criteria in order to obtain and maintain a Certificate of Clinical Practice (CCP) from Audiology Australia.

INITIAL CERTIFICATION

The CCP Application Procedure outlines the documentation requirements and stages that must be followed in order to be assessed against the initial certification criteria.

Stage 1 Assessment Criteria

- 1.1 Completion of a tertiary qualification in audiology that is assessed by Audiology Australia as being equivalent to the Australian Masters-level audiology program requirements. In exceptional circumstances, clinical experience and professional development activities will be considered when the qualification does not meet the Masters-level audiology program requirements.
- 1.2 At least 200 clinical experience hours completed as part of the tertiary qualification in audiology involving a range of areas such as paediatric diagnostic assessment, adult diagnostic assessment and aural rehabilitation.
- 1.3 English language proficiency, defined as either:
 - a) Completion of a tertiary qualification in audiology in Canada (except Quebec), Republic of Ireland, South Africa, the United Kingdom or the United States of America; or
 - b) An IELTS Academic Test within the past two years showing you have achieved at least 7 in all four bands: reading, writing, listening and speaking.
- 1.4 Completion of the 'OS-qualified Membership and CCP application form' including all mandatory declarations and payment of the associated documentation assessment fee.
- 1.5 Sat and passed the Audiology Australia Theory Exam for Overseas Trained Audiologists according to Audiology Australia's requirements, including payment of the examination fee.

Upon meeting the Stage 1 assessment criteria, overseas qualified audiologists are eligible to have their application for full membership considered by the Board of Audiology Australia. Membership with Audiology Australia includes benefits such as:

- *waiver of the annual CCP fee;*
- *access to a wide range of free and reduced-fee Audiology Australia and other conferences and events; and*
- *professional advocacy, support and advice.*

Date updated:	23/03/2017	Summary of changes made: Changed recency of IELTS test to two, rather than three, years per NASRHP.
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Stage 2 Assessment Criteria

2.1 Completion of a Clinical Internship according to Audiology Australia's Clinical Internship Requirements and submitted all required documentation.ⁱⁱ

If you require further information send an email to info@audiology.asn.au or phone +61 3 9877 2727

RECERTIFICATION

In order to maintain a Certificate of Clinical Practice (CCP), overseas-qualified audiologists must meet the same annual recertification requirements as all other holders of a CCP. This includes:

1. Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirements.
2. Completion of the renewal form and all mandatory declarations, including the recency of practice declaration.
3. Renewal of membership and payment of the annual membership fee.

Recertification criteria 1-3 must be completed within three months, unless an exemption is sought according to the Recency and Resumption of Practice Policy. Those who have not completed these steps within three months will have their CCP revoked and may be required to re-apply for a CCP.

ⁱ Note that audiologists from New Zealand with a Masters of Audiology from the University of Auckland or the University of Canterbury can apply for a Certificate of Clinical Practice as an Australian-qualified audiologist.

ⁱⁱ Audiologists who have never had a CCP but have substantial work experience (either in Australia or overseas) may apply for a reduced period of supervision to gain their CCP. As a guide:

- Members who have worked for more than 20 years EFT (Equivalent Full Time) and can prove that they have maintained ongoing professional development comprising a balanced mix of work-based activities, courses, seminars, and conferences for the last three years may be considered for a reduced supervision period of at least one month EFT.
- Members who have worked for between 10 and 20 years EFT and can prove that they have maintained ongoing professional development comprising a balanced mix of work-based activities, courses, seminars, and conferences for the last three years may be considered for a reduced supervision period of at least three months EFT.

Members who have had less than 10 years EFT work experience and/or are unable to show that they have maintained ongoing professional development during the last three years will be required to complete the internship program to gain their CCP.