



Nova Scotia College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists

Policy for returning to practising status from non-practising status *Approved by the NSCASLP Board of Directors on May 2, 2022*

Purpose

Part 9 of the NSCASLP bylaws state that the categories, criteria and permitted activities of unlicensed membership affiliation in the College are:

9.1 Categories of Affiliation

9.1.1 The following are the categories of affiliation:

9.1.1.1 Non-practising

9.1.1.2 Retired

9.2 Non-practising Members – Criteria and Permitted Activities

9.2.1 A member is entitled to become a non-practising member if the member meets all of the following criteria:

9.2.1.1 the member was at one time eligible for a licence;

9.2.1.2 the member is not subject to any disciplinary finding that would prohibit them from engaging in the practice of audiology or speech-language pathology in any jurisdiction;

9.2.1.3 the member is not engaging in the practice of audiology or speech-language pathology in the Province;

9.2.1.4 the member has paid the applicable fee.

9.2.2 A non-practising member may do all of the following:

9.2.2.1 attend and participate in, but not vote at, meetings of the College;

9.2.2.2 serve as a member on any committee of the College, but is not eligible for election to the Board;

9.2.2.3 receive all official College publications.

9.3 Retired Member – Criteria and Permitted Activities

9.3.1 A member is entitled to become a retired member if the member has retired from practice and meets all of the criteria listed in 9.2.1.

9.3.2 A retired member is entitled to all of the privileges as a non-practising member as outlined in 9.2.2 above.

This policy will outline the procedure to be followed in the event that a member wishes to return from unlicensed, non-practising status to practising, licensed status.

Requirements

A member who wishes to return to practising status from non-practising status must contact the Registrar and provide the following:

- Proof of currency hours: 1,000 hours of practice in the last 5 years
- Proof of continuous learning activities as required in the College Continuing Competence Program (CCP): currently, 30 hours over 2 years
- Proof of liability insurance: currently \$2 million

- An application which includes a signed declaration that they are not subject to any disciplinary finding that would prohibit them from engaging in the practice of audiology or speech-language pathology in any jurisdiction
- Change of category fee and the practising membership fee for the year
- Verification of membership in good standing if they have practised in another jurisdiction during their time of absence

If a member is unable to meet one or more of these requirements, they may contact the Registrar to discuss possible options to address any gaps which might include a period of supervision, education upgrading, etc.

Process

On receipt of an application to change from non-practising to practising status, the Registrar may:

- approve,
- deny,
- grant a licence with conditions or restrictions. or
- refer the application to the Registration Committee.

If a member does not meet requirements for currency of hours and/or CCP, restrictions or conditions may be imposed on their licence which could include, for example, that the member must practice under the supervision of a fully licensed member for a certain amount of time or engage in further education.

Note

Normally, members will change to non-practising status when they take a leave of some kind and intend to return to practice. A retired member is expected to be at the point in their career where they do not intend to return to practice. However, a retired member is not precluded from applying for a practising licence should their circumstances change.