



**EXAMINATION GUIDELINES FOR CANDIDATES FOR
REGISTRATION/RESTORATION**

**PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR SPEECH, LANGUAGE AND
HEARING PROFESSIONS**

Examination Guidelines for Candidates who want to register or restore their name to the register of Professional Board for Speech, Language and Hearing Professions

You have applied for registration/restoration as a Speech Therapist or Audiologist with the Health Professions Council of South Africa. As a practitioner you are required to present yourself for examination at one of the training institutions for the above professions in South Africa.

The institution at which the examination takes place is selected on availability of examiners and the place and venue will be made known to you when you apply for the examination.

The examination is at the standard of final year, exit level graduates of the above-mentioned training programmes. You will be required to demonstrate that your knowledge and clinical skills are up to date and current and that you are familiar with the South African practice contexts as well as the relevant regulation and rules governing practice of the professions locally. It is expected that you will also demonstrate that you are aware of new developments and research in the field of communication disorders. You will be expected to meet minimum requirements on all components – which is required for the candidate to pass the examination.

You will receive a document setting out representative case studies within the Speech Therapist and Hearing Professions. You will **select two of these** and should prepare an oral presentation to the examiners of 3 hours duration in which you will show:

- Knowledge of an eco-systems approach to communication and the management of persons with communication disorders
- Familiarity with and knowledge of current theories in the chosen communication disorders
- Relevant clinical application to the cases in hand
- Knowledge of relevant assessment protocols or procedures
- Interpretation of the test findings
- Knowledge and application of evidence based treatment/management protocols for the chosen communication disorders
- Evidence of clinical experience/s in a range of contexts in which the cases/communication disorders are managed
- Evidence of knowledge of appropriate models of teamwork and their application to the cases in hand
- Knowledge of referral systems in the South African context for clients with communication disorders
- Knowledge of local private and public sector contexts and their differences
- Familiarity with new developments and research trends in the selected fields
- Knowledge of professional conduct and patient right.

You should prepare a document on the case study to present orally to the examiners at the commencement of the examination. You should include any tests you would use, or other relevant materials. You will speak to this document during the examination. Access to audiovisual facilities for presentation purposes must be requested from the examiners ahead of time.

- The examiner will select a third question from among the HPCSA cases. You will demonstrate some knowledge of local conditions and how these will impact upon assessment and management within the Primary Health Care policy that provides the framework for service delivery in this country.
- You will also be required to provide evidence to the examiner and moderator of knowledge of a professional code of conduct and the rights of users of speech, language and hearing therapy services.
- The examiners will provide a report to the Education, Training and Registration Committee of the Professional Board, setting out their findings. The board will review the report and make a recommendation for/ against registration base on the examination report. In the event of the latter, you will be provided with a report from the Education, Training and Registration Committee to assist you in preparing for a second examination, should you choose to do so again.
- Candidates should maintain confidentiality and should not divulge or disclose any information, relating to the examination including but not limited to question papers, to any unauthorised person unless when required by law or a court order.

The Co-ordinator in the Education and Training Division is your contact person in the event of any queries or problems you may experience. S/he may be contacted at: 012 338 3992 during office hours.

We wish you a successful examination.

**Education, Training and Registration Committee
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