

Health Professions Regulatory Advisory Council (HPRAC) Recommendations

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HPRAC Recommendation # 5, 6 & 11 Hearing Care	5. That the name of the <i>Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Act, 1991</i> should be changed to the "Hearing and Speech-Language Professionals Act".		<input type="checkbox"/> A		
	6. That the definition of "College" in Section 1 and Section 2 (2) of the <i>Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Act, 1991</i> should be repealed, and the following substituted: "College" means the College of Hearing and Speech-Language Professionals of Ontario ("ordre")				
	11. That Section 5 of the <i>Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Act, 1991</i> should be repealed and the following substituted: The College is established under the name College of Hearing and Speech-Language Professionals of Ontario in English and <i>Ordre des professionnels de l'audition et de l'orthophonie de l'Ontario</i> in French.				
RHPA Reference (do not complete)	<input type="checkbox"/> Act	Section _____	Sub clause _____	<input type="checkbox"/> New Profession	<input type="checkbox"/> B
	<input type="checkbox"/> Code	Section _____	Sub clause _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Profession-Specific	<input type="checkbox"/> C

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**Feedback/
Concern**

CASLPO believes that hearing instrument practitioners should be regulated within CASLPO.

However, if a new College is formed these proposals will remove the titles “Audiologist” and “Speech-Language Pathologist” from the Act and from the name of the new College. This will create confusion in the minds of the public and the profession. Also, it will be counter productive to the public awareness initiatives of the college to raise awareness of audiologists and speech-language pathologists and the valuable services they provide.

The HPRAC Report states:

“The current system creates considerable confusion over who provides what service. Consumers invited to participate in HPRAC’s consultations were often unable to identify or distinguish whether the professional providing their care was an audiologist or a hearing instrument practitioner.”

Removing the names of the individual professions from the profession-specific act and from the name of the new college will contribute in a major way to the continuation of the considerable public confusion over who provides what service that HPRAC has identified. In terms of hearing care, the public will need to know that two distinct regulated professionals provide hearing care. They will need to know that these two professions are not the same in terms of education, training and scope of practice. In addition, the two professions need to understand that while they are both hearing health professionals, they are separate professions with individual scopes of practice and standards. To reduce the chance of confusion in the minds of the public and the two professions the name of the college must include the titles “Audiologists”, and “Hearing Instrument Practitioners”.

Of equal importance, the public needs to know that the college regulates Speech-Language Pathologists who will make up more than two thirds of the membership of the new college. The public needs to know that in the delivery of services to treat speech, language and other communicative disorders, speech-language pathologists are regulated professionals. The name of the Act and the new College must include the title “Speech-Language Pathologists.”

Considerable effort has been expended by CASLPO and the associations representing audiologists and speech-language pathologists to raise awareness of these professions and the services they provide. After many years these two professions are now being recognized by the public, employers, as well as the health and education systems, for their professionalism and the unique and high quality services they provide. Removing their names from the Act and from the name of the College will be a significant setback.

**Level of
Concern to
Your
Organization**

Our concern in this matter is 10.

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Proposed Solution/ Alternative	The name of the Act and the College should be: The College of Speech-Language Pathologists, Audiologists, and Hearing Instrument Practitioners of Ontario.
How does your solution favour the public interest?	The proposal favors the public interest by clearly outlining and identifying what professions are being regulated. This will reduce the potential for public confusion as to who is regulated, and who is not, as well as who does what.

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