

Accredited Registers Programme

Notification of Change

Summary of proposed changes

Notification of change from: The [Registration Council for Clinical Physiologists](#) (RCCP)

Once accredited any relevant changes that a register wishes to make will need to be assessed by the Authority to ensure ongoing compliance with the Standards. Part of this assessment includes a review of information received from anyone sharing their experience. Below is a summary of the proposed changes for consideration.

<p>Summary of Proposed Changes</p>	<p>RCCP are proposing to add Educational Audiologists as a sub-group to the Audiology discipline on its register for Clinical Physiologists.</p> <p>The RCCP registers Clinical Physiologists in one of six disciplines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audiology which includes Hearing Therapists as a sub-group • Cardiac Physiology • Gastro-intestinal Physiology • Neurophysiology • Respiratory Physiology • Sleep Physiology. <p>RCCP describes Educational Audiologists as being 'involved in the monitoring of hearing loss and review of hearing aids (in or liaising with the Hospital's Audiology department), giving advice to families and schools, and providing the assessment of educational progress related to the child's audiological status and learning environment. Educational Audiologists measure and report on the acoustics of learning areas and provision of Radio Hearing Aids.' RCCP notes that an Educational Audiologist 'is a specialist' that is 'required to have a specialist qualification to work with children.'</p> <p>Educational Audiologists would be expected to abide by RCCP's Standards of Character, Standards of Proficiency, Standards of Continuing Professional Development and the Code of Conduct which can be found on RCCP's website. They would also be subject to RCCP's complaints procedure.</p>
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	<p>There is one MSc/PG Diploma course which is based on the British Association of Educational Audiologists (BAEA) competencies, this has been accredited by the RCCP. The BAEA are the professional body for Educational Audiologists and if approved, representatives will sit on RCCP's Advisory Council and all relevant committees. Graduates of the accredited course will be eligible to join RCCP's register, this route was opened in July 2018. There are two other routes of entry, the 'Standard registration' which will open in 2020 and is for applicants who graduated from the RCCP accredited course, but who did not join the register straight away and have gained a minimum of two years' experience and the equivalence route which is open to other Educational Audiologists who have at least six years' experience working as an Educational Audiologist (this can include experience of working as a Teacher of Deaf).</p> <p>RCCP have noted that many of the risks associated with the practice of Educational Audiology are similar to those already within its risk matrix. RCCP highlighted the impact of mis-communication and mis-interpretation of test results on deaf child's development as specific risks and noted that it had included risks relating to safeguarding to its risk matrix.</p> <p>RCCP has confirmed that if the change is approved it will add information about Educational Audiologists to the relevant pages of its website.</p>
Main standards which may be affected	Standards 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 ,10
Proposed Timescales	RCCP would like to make these changes as soon as possible.