

## 2.1 Professional Practice Obligations

### Standard

A **regulated member** of ACSLPA practices in compliance with the legislated and regulatory requirements applicable to his/her profession.

### Indicators

To demonstrate this standard, the regulated member will:

- Practice in compliance with all legislation, regulations and key ACSLPA documents<sup>2</sup> applicable to his/her profession.
- Ensures that he/she maintains registration with ACSLPA and holds a valid practice permit prior to providing **professional services**.
- Participate in the ACSLPA Continuing Competence Program.
- Practice within his/her professional scope of practice and **competency** level, including performance of **restricted activities**.
- Report abuse, **incapacity** or unprofessional conduct to the appropriate authority.

### Expected Outcomes

**Clients** can expect that the professional services that they receive are provided by a competent, registered practitioner who complies with the legislated and regulatory requirements applicable to his/her profession.

### Resources

All ACSLPA documents and relevant Alberta Government legislation can be accessed from the ACSLPA website at [www.acslpa.ca](http://www.acslpa.ca).

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- ACSLPA. (2017). *Code of Ethics*. Edmonton: Author.
- ACSLPA. (2014). *Continuing Competency Program*. Edmonton: Author.
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- CAASPR. (2018). *Practice Competencies for Audiologists in Canada*. Ottawa: Author.
- CAASPR. (2018). *Practice Competencies for Speech-Language Pathologists in Canada*. Ottawa: Author.
- Government of Alberta. (2000). *Health Professions Act*. Edmonton: Alberta Queen's Printer.
- Government of Alberta. (2002). *Health Professions Act. Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists Profession Regulation*. Edmonton: Alberta Queen's Printer.

<sup>2</sup>Includes: Code of Ethics, Standards of Practice, Position Statements, Guidelines and Protocols.

**Client** refers to “an individual, family, substitute decision maker, group, agency, government, employer, employee, business, organization or community who is the direct or indirect recipient(s) of the regulated member’s expertise”.

**Competence/competent/competency** refers to “the combined knowledge, skills, attitudes and judgment required to provide professional services”.

**Incapacity/incapacitated** refers to “suffering from a physical, mental or emotional condition or disorder or an addiction to alcohol or drugs as defined in the Pharmacy and Drug Act or other chemicals that impairs the ability to provide professional services in a safe and competent manner”.

**Professional services** refer to “all actions and activities of a regulated member in the context of professional practice”.

**Regulated member** refers to “an individual who is registered with ACSLPA in any of the categories of membership prescribed in Regulation and in the ACSLPA Bylaws”.

**Restricted activities** refer to “procedures or services that pose significant risk and require a high level of professional competence to be performed safely. Restricted activities may only be performed by persons authorized by their regulatory College to do so”.

Restricted activities for SLPs include to:

- Insert air or gas under pressure into the ear canal,
- Insert or remove instruments or devices beyond the point in the nasal passages where they normally narrow,
- Insert or remove instruments or devices beyond the pharynx,
- Insert or remove instruments or devices into an artificial opening into the body, and
- Administer diagnostic imaging contrast agents.

Restricted activities for audiologists include to:

- Insert air or gas under pressure into the ear canal,
- Insert or remove instruments, devices, fingers or hands beyond the cartilaginous portion of the ear canal, and
- Insert a substance that subsequently solidifies into the ear canal.