

Bill 46 the *Health Statutes Amendment Act*, was first proclaimed in the Alberta legislature in December 2020. It has been described as “the most extensive set of amendments to the HPA in 20 years” (and considering that the HPA has only been around since 2002, that’s saying something)!

Recent editions of ACSLPA Insights have addressed a couple of the significant amendments that have already come into force via Bill 46: Mandatory separation of regulatory college and professional association functions ([see Insights - November 2021](#)) and establishment of Continuing Competence Programs within a College’s Standards of Practice ([see Insights - December 2021](#)).

Effective March 31st of this year, a few additional amendments came into force that will change the way some of ACSLPA’s regulatory duties and functions are managed. Overall, the purpose of most of these changes is to streamline requirements across health profession regulators and to allow for more timely, flexible management of changes to regulations and standards of practice in the future. Here is a summary of the highlights:

## Restricted Activities

- The list of defined restricted activities in Alberta will be in Part 0.1 of the [Health Professions Act](#).
- Authorized restricted activities for each regulated profession will no longer be stated in the profession specific regulations (i.e., in our *Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists Profession Regulation*) but will be consolidated into a single Health Professions [Restricted Activity Regulation](#) for all health professions.
- Specifics related to [performance of restricted activities](#) and [supervision of others performing restricted activities](#) will now be outlined in each profession’s Standards of Practice (webinars were recorded earlier this month to address these changes for audiologists and for SLPs, respectively).



**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.” [Click here](#) and scroll down to restricted activities to view the **full list** that SLPs and audiologists are authorized to perform in AB.

## Registration Requirements

Specifics of registration requirements are moving out of our profession specific regulations and into our [bylaws](#). These include:

- English language proficiency
- Professional liability insurance
- Canadian citizenship (if required)
- Good character and reputation
- Recognition of professionals already registered in other jurisdictions in Canada (i.e., labour mobility)

## Provision of Notices and Information

- Part 6, section 119 of the [HPA](#) has been amended with regard to publication or distribution of information regarding orders made by a hearing tribunal or Council under Part 4, as subject to the College bylaws.

## Regulation Approval

- Regulations that previously required approval by the Lieutenant Governor in Council (LGIC) will now require Ministerial approval instead.

As mentioned previously, it is hoped that many of these changes will allow for more timely revisions to regulations and requirements in the future, which will allow professions to be more responsive to changing regulatory needs. ACSLPA has been working towards compliance with all of these changes over the past couple years and we are well positioned to move forward with implementation.

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