Registration
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What follows next….

- comes with a health warning…

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![FRUSTRATION](image2)

![EVERYTHING IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE](image3)
Overview

- The Link between Accreditation and Registration
- The Importance of Registration
- Selecting a Registration Body
Link between Accreditation and Registration

**Accreditation:**
The purpose of accreditation is to ensure that a programme of study meets essential criteria in the training and education of its graduates in particular fields.

**Registration:**
The licensing of the individual graduate to work as a professional.

To be able to register to work as an audiologist in the UK, an individual graduate must **successfully complete an accredited course** and receive a **recognised award**, as well as **demonstrate relevant competencies**.
Accreditation and Registration Bodies in Audiology

**BAA Accreditation of Academic Education Committee**
- ACCREDIT courses on behalf of
  - Registration Council for Clinical Physiologists (RCCP)
  - Association for Clinical Scientists (ACS)
  - National School for Healthcare Science (NSHCS)

**Health Care Professions Council (HCPC)**
- APPROVE courses based on set criteria *with some input from professions*

**Academy for Healthcare Science (AHCS)**
- Profession specific accreditation of a course is usually done separately

Time limited
Why Register?

- **Registration** provides evidence of qualification and the individual’s ability to practice.

- **Registration** also indicates the boundaries of the profession (Scope of Practice).

- **Registration** provides a mechanism to monitor standards of care to ensure patient safety through:
  - Continuing Professional Development (CPD)
  - Disciplinary Procedures
Who do I Register with?

- **Where did you qualify?**
  - e.g. HEI (a Higher Education Institution) or through BAAT approved Schools of Audiology

- **Which award did you receive?**
  - e.g. BAAT, BSc, MSc (with or without CCC) or other

- **What is the accreditation and/or approval status of the programme you completed?**
  - e.g. RCCP (accreditation), HCPC (approval) or NSHCS (accreditation)

- **What type of employment are you considering?**
  - e.g. NHS or Private, Clinical Scientist, Audiologist, Hearing Therapist or Hearing Aid Dispenser
Course By Course

- Undergraduate Audiology courses in the United Kingdom
  - Associate Audiologist
  - Registered Hearing Aid Dispenser (RHAD)
  - BSc (Hons) in Audiology / Graduate Diploma in Audiology
  - BSc (Hons) in Healthcare Science (Audiology) PTP

- Postgraduate Audiology courses in the United Kingdom
  - Pre registration PgDip / MSc Audiology course with CCC or equivalent
  - MSc in Clinical Science (Neurosensory Sciences) STP

* CCC – Certificate of Clinical Competency
Course By Course

- Alternative routes to registration in Audiology
  - BAAT I and II
  - Pre registration PgDip / MSc Audiology course **without** CCC or equivalent
  - Foundation degree/ Diploma in Higher Education in Hearing Aid Audiology *wishing to qualify as an audiologist*
  - International qualifications

*CCC – Certificate of Clinical Competency*
Undergraduate Audiology

Foundation degree/ Diploma in HE in Hearing Aid Audiology

Considering career as a RHAD

Check course is approved by HCPC

Apply to register with HCPC

Considering career as an Associate Audiologist in the NHS*

* May work in the NHS without registration
Undergraduate Audiology

BSc (Hons) Audiology/Graduate Diploma in Audiology

- Considering career as an RHAD:
  - Check course is approved by HCPC or complete aptitude test
  - Apply to register with HCPC

- Considering career as an Audiologist:
  - Check course is accredited by RCCP
  - Apply to register with RCCP

Apply for equivalence route through AHCS

Check course is accredited by AHCS

Apply to register with AHCS

BSc (Hons) Healthcare Science (Audiology) PTP

- Considering career as an Audiologist:
  - Check course is accredited by RCCP
  - Apply to register with RCCP

- Considering career as a RHAD:
  - Check course is approved by HCPC or complete aptitude test
  - Apply to register with HCPC

Check course is approved by HCPC or complete aptitude test

Apply to register with HCPC
Postgraduate Audiology

Pre registration PgDip / MSc Audiology course with CCC or equivalent

Considering career as an Audiologist
- Check course is accredited by RCCP
- Apply to register with RCCP

Considering career as a RHAD
- Check course is approved by HCPC or complete aptitude test
- Apply to register with HCPC

Time limited route
- Considering career as a Clinical Scientist (CS)
  - Check course is approved by HCPC / ACS
  - Apply for CS training post and HTS
  - Apply to register with HCPC as a Clinical Scientist through ACS / HTS

MSc in Clinical Science (Neurosensory Sciences) STP
- Apply for equivalence route through AHCS
- Course is approved by NSHCS
- Apply to register with HCPC as a Clinical Scientist through AHCS
Alternative Routes to Registration in Audiology

- BAAT exams I & II
  - Apply to register with the RCCP
  - Pre registration PgDip / MSc Audiology course **without** CCC or equivalent
    - Contact RCCP / BAA
    - Considering career as an Audiologist
    - Contact ACS / BAA / HCPC

- Considering career as a **CS**
  - Contact ACS / BAA / HCPC

- Foundation degree/ Diploma in Higher education HAA
  - Contact RCCP / BAA

- Considering career as a RHAD
  - Contact RCCP / BAA

- International qualifications
  - Considering career as an Audiologist
    - Contact RCCP / BAA
  - Considering career as a CS
    - Contact ACS / BAA / HCPC

- All of the above may have to consider the equivalence route to register with the AHCS
RCCP or AHCS

- Individual choice
  - It is up to the individual to make an **informed** choice
  - Based on the preferred work environment

- Award
  - Check if the award or qualification is accredited or approved as appropriate

- Equivalence
  - Pre *Modernising Scientific Careers (MSC)* degrees may need to apply for equivalence if registering with AHCS

- Voluntary vs. Statutory registration
  - What is the difference?
  - RCCP is still pursuing statutory registration through the HCPC
    - See [https://www.rccp.co.uk/articles/163/November-2014---Newsletter](https://www.rccp.co.uk/articles/163/November-2014---Newsletter) for more information
  - The long term aim of the AHCS is still statutory registration but they are working towards establishing an accredited voluntary register.
    - See [http://www.ahcs.ac.uk/the-register/registration/](http://www.ahcs.ac.uk/the-register/registration/) for more information
Useful websites

- RCCP – http://www.rccp.co.uk
- AHCS - http://www.ahcs.ac.uk
- NSCHS - http://www.nshcs.org.uk
- HCPC – http://www.hcpc-uk.org
- BAA – http://www.baaudiology.org
Abbreviations

RHAD – Registered Hearing Aid Dispenser
BAA – British Academy of Audiology
HAA – Hearing Aid Audiology
CCC – Certificate of Clinical Competency
RCCP – Registration Council of Clinical Physiologists
BAAT – British Association of Audiology Technicians
HCPC - Health and Care Professions Council
AHCS – Academy for Health Care Science
ACS – Association for Clinical Scientists
STP – Scientist Training Programme
PTP – Practitioner Training Programme
MSC – Modernising Scientific Careers
NSHCS – National School of Healthcare Science
Any questions

Email any questions to accreditation@baudiology.org