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To: All Allied Health Professionals and Human Resource Personnel

TEMPORARY REGISTRATION FRAMEWORK FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE THERAPISTS (SLT)

This circular informs you of the Allied Health Professions Council (AHPC's) temporary registration framework for SLTs.

BACKGROUND ON REGISTRATION FOR SLTS

2 Applicants for registration with the AHPC whose qualifications are not found on the AHPC's list of recognised qualifications can take and pass the Qualifying Examinations (QE) to be eligible for Conditional Registration. The QE is an objective assessment of the equivalency of the professional knowledge and skills expected of practitioners in Singapore. It is a test of clinical reasoning and practical skills of the practitioners and ensures that the knowledge that the applicants had obtained during their professional training has met our local standards.

3 The AHPC has noted feedback received after referring SLT applicants to take the QE and one of them was for the QE candidates to be more prepared before attempting the QE. To provide an opportunity for the candidates to gain more experience and skills, the AHPC has developed a Temporary Registration framework specifically for SLTs.

4 However, even with this new framework in place, the AHPC would like to encourage employers to hire employees whose qualifications can be found on the list of recognised qualifications. This allows the applications for registration to be processed in a more expeditious manner.

DETAILS ON THE TEMPORARY REGISTRATION FRAMEWORK (SLT)

5 SLT registrants who are granted Temporary Registration under this framework must attempt and pass the SLT QE during his/her period of Temporary Registration.

6 Please note that SLT applicants may apply for Temporary Registration only once. His/her period of registration with the AHPC will be capped at 12 months. The registrants are also not allowed to change employers during their Temporary Registration.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

7 To be eligible for Temporary Registration as a SLT, the applicant should meet the following criteria:

Qualification

8 Applicants whose qualifications cannot be found on the AHPC's list of recognised qualifications for SLT but hold qualifications from the following countries and meet the additional criteria will be eligible for Temporary Registration:

Country	Additional Requirements
United Kingdom	Qualification must be accredited by Health & Care Professions Council (HCPC)
Australia	Qualification must be accredited by Speech Pathology Australia (SPA)
India	Applicant must hold at least a Masters in Speech-Language Therapy
Philippines	Only applicants who hold Bachelor of Science in Speech Pathology from University of Philippines

English Language Proficiency (ELP) Requirements

9 Only applicants who hold qualifications from India and Philippines, as reflected in the preceding section, will be required to demonstrate their ELP at the point of submitting their registration. The applicant's ELP scores must be submitted at the point of registration. The acceptable ELP scores can be found in the AHPC's website at the following link:

http://www.healthprofessionals.gov.sg/content/hprof/ahpc/en/leftnav/becoming_professionals/criteria-for-registration.html

Organisation's Supervisory Framework

10 The organisation must meet the following requirements in order to employ a SLT under the Temporary Registration framework:

- a) Meet AHPC's Readiness Review to employ SLTs;
- b) Have 2 full time supervisory grade staff who are under Full Registration at any one time and practising at the same practice place;

- c) Assigned supervisors should not have exceeded the supervisor-supervisee ratio;
- d) Supervisor must provide 8 hours of supervision per week throughout the Temporary registration period; and
- e) Supervisee must provide 40 case reports during the first 2 months of his/her supervised practice and 5 case reports per month for the subsequent 10 months.

CONVERSION TO FULL REGISTRATION

11 SLT registrants on Temporary Registration may convert to Conditional Registration after passing the QE. They are required to submit a copy of their results to the AHPC along with an online application for Conditional Registration and their Supervisor Assessment Reports and case reports (up until submission of the application for registration conversion). A scanned copy of the result slip can be emailed to admin@ahpc.gov.sg. Alternatively, a physical copy of the result slip can be sent to:

Allied Health Professions Council
81 Kim Keat Road
NKF Centre, #10-00
Singapore 328836

12 After successfully completing their period of Conditional Registration, registrants may subsequently apply for conversion to Full Registration with the AHPC.

HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY REGISTRATION (SLT)

13 If you meet the requirements for the Temporary Registration framework for SLT, you may submit your application online by going to AHPC's website (www.ahpc.gov.sg) and clicking on the button on the left column of the page labelled "Pre-Application for Allied Health Professionals Registration". Alternatively you may also access the application page directly at the following link:

<https://prs.moh.gov.sg/prs/internet/reg/pa/initPreApp.action?hpe=AHPC>

14 A user manual for overseas graduates on how to submit your application for registration is available for download at the "Forms & Downloads" page of the AHPC website.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

15 Please visit the AHPC website at www.ahpc.gov.sg for more information on the Temporary Registration framework for SLTs. You may also write to enquiries@ahpc.gov.sg if you require further clarifications after you have reviewed the information available on our website.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suraya Talip', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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