

**Agenda Item 7**

**Enclosure 5**

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## **REGISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**GRANDPARENTING – SLT LICENTIATES NOT MEMBERS  
OF THE RCSLT BETWEEN 30 SEPTEMBER 1995 AND  
30 SEPTEMBER 2000**

**From : the Executive**

**FOR DISCUSSION AND AGREEMENT**

The Licentiate was a qualification taught at a variety of universities years ago that led to a 'Diploma of Licentiatehip of the College of Speech & Language Therapists' rather than the now more widely recognised BSc degree. This qualification was always considered an approved qualification by the R.C.S.L.T. However, when they put forward the petition to the Privy Council to establish the Speech & Language Therapists Board under the (then) CPSM they neglected to list the Licentiate as an approved qualification.

Unfortunately, as these courses are no longer taught and there is no provision under the PSM Act to approve courses retrospectively, we as HPC are unable to recognise them as approved courses.

To attempt to circumvent the problem the registration committee of the SLT Board under CPSM established a 'window' between 30th September 1995 and 30th September 2000 – if any applicants were a FULL member of the RCSLT at any point during this period they could be considered acceptable for immediate registration. The logic being that if someone was keeping up-to-date with the profession and current practices they would be likely to be members of the professional body.

The problem we're now experiencing as the need for registration becomes more widely known and accepted is that there are a number of these applicants with Licentiatees who may have practised for several years (under the knowledge that their qualification was approved by the professional body) and for various, often valid, reasons didn't join or let their membership of the RCSLT lapse and are approaching HPC only to find that we don't consider them immediately registrable. They have to pay the grandparenting fee and be assessed as a grandparenting applicant. This situation will continue under the transitional arrangements.

This matter is put before the committee so that it is aware of the problem and of the current solution to it.