

Audiologist Registration

Audiologists wishing to undertake audiometric assessments for the purposes of workers' compensation within Western Australia are required to be registered with WorkCover WA.

There are three (3) tiers of registration, which are outlined below.

Tier 1:- Restricted Provisional Registration

<u>Requirements:</u>	Full member of the Audiological Society of Australia. Enrolment in the initial supervision stage (Level 1) of the ASA (Graduate) Clinical Internship program.
<u>Testing Permitted:</u>	Air conduction tests for workers' compensation purposes under the supervision arrangements of the ASA (G)CI.

Tier 2:- Provisional Registration

<u>Requirements:</u>	Full member of the Audiological Society of Australia. Completion of Level 1 of the ASA (Graduate) Clinical Internship program.
<u>Testing Permitted:</u>	Air conduction tests and diagnostic assessments of workers who have met the criteria specified in Items 1, 2 or 3 of Waugh and Macrae's criteria for assessing hearing conservation audiograms. WorkCover WA expects that testing will be supervised in accordance with ASA (G)CI guidelines.

Tier 3:- Clinical Registration

<u>Requirements:</u>	Full member of the Audiological Society of Australia. Current Certificate of Clinical Practice.
<u>Testing Permitted:</u>	Air conduction, diagnostic and full clinical assessments for workers' compensation purposes, including the initial identification of a worker's percentage of hearing loss due to noise exposure in the workplace.

Who Can Register?

Registration is open to both recent graduates of the Masters Clinical Audiology course as well as experienced and established audiologists.

Maintaining Registration

Audiologists registered with WorkCover WA are required to maintain their full membership with the Audiological Society of Australia. Audiologists with Clinical Registration must also maintain their Certificate of Clinical Practice.

Registration Process

There are **six** (6) steps involved in registering as an audiologist with WorkCover WA:

- Step 1. Contact WorkCover WA's Noise Induced Hearing Loss section (phone: 9388-5661; mail: 2 Bedbrook Place, WA, Shenton Park, 6008; or, email: noise@workcover.wa.gov.au) and ask for an audiologist registration pack.
- Step 2. Fill in the forms forwarded to you.
- Step 3. Complete the audiologist registration examination. The examination is an 'open book exam' and has been designed to help audiologists learn about the legislative and procedural requirements associated with audiological assessments done for workers' compensation purposes. A pass mark of 75% for each section is required[#].
- Step 4. Complete the Noise Induced Hearing Loss online data entry training course. This is a 1.5 to 2 hour course that enables testers to enter the results of audiometric assessments into the WorkCover WA NIHL database (this is a pre-requisite for air conduction testing only, at this time).
- Step 5. Receive your examination feedback, online passwords and certificate of registration.
- Step 6. Have fun, and enjoy participating in the workers' compensation scheme!

[#] Please note, that in the event a mark of 75% or greater is not achieved for each section, applicants will be asked to participate in a supplementary exam. The purpose of this exam is to ensure that the applicant is conversant with the requirements of the legislation and the procedures before commencing testing.

Further Information

For further information about conducting audiometric assessments for the purposes of workers' compensation in Western Australia, please visit our website: www.workcover.wa.gov.au or contact WorkCover WA's Noise Induced Hearing Loss section on 9388 5661.