

Comparison of situations in different european countries and indication of the official text¹ level²

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1. Content of education ³
2. Text defining its length UK Health Professions Council defines minimum standards for pre-registration and post-registration training and this is the body that awards accreditation. The specific content of training courses is not laid down by the law, it just has to meet the minimum standards defined by HPC. Each training establishment (university) has autonomy to determine how they will deliver the required elements and this is examined by HPC within their cycle of re-accreditation inspection visits.
3. Level of education authorizing professional practice ⁴ Pre-registration degree (undergraduate or postgraduate)
4. Professional title ⁵ Speech and Language Therapist (SLT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Legal protection of professional title⁶: Registration with UK Health Professions Council
5. Legal protection of professional practice ⁷ Yes. The HPC is the body that undertakes the role of investigating cases of professional misconduct or fitness to practice and it is they who have the power to suspend or remove an SLT from the professional register.
6. Status ⁸ Allied Health Professional (AHP)
7. Supervising body ⁹ UK Health Professions Council (HPC)
8. Acts and missions ¹⁰ Yes

¹ texts translated in english should be attached in a seperate document

² the text level depends on the coutry regulation for example Law, superior to Decree, itself superior to Bylaw, itself superior to Circular...

³ please note the text reference if available ; if not available, do not write anything

⁴ when official text exists, please note exact title

⁵ logopedist , speech-therapist...

⁶ If there is a regulation on the use of the title of logopedist or speech-therapist by any person not in possession of the diploma (please quote the type of text, lax, decree, bylaw, any other , according to the country)

⁷ If there is a regulation forbiding any person without a diploma to carry out clinical practice normally reserved to SLT/logopedist

⁸ medical, paramedical, technician...

⁹ Health, Education, other...

a. evaluation : HPC Standards of Professional Practice, plus Royal College of Speech & Language Therapists (RCSLT) Communicating Quality 3 (2006) which specifies recommendations for assessment.
b. therapy : HPC Standards of Professional Practice, plus Royal College of Speech & Language Therapists (RCSLT) Communicating Quality 3 (2006) which specifies recommendations for intervention.
c. missions : HPC Standards of Professional Practice, plus Royal College of Speech & Language Therapists (RCSLT) Communicating Quality 3 (2006) which specifies recommendations for care aims and service delivery.
9.Obligation of means ¹¹ : HPC Standards of Professional Practice, plus Royal College of Speech & Language Therapists (RCSLT) Communicating Quality 3 (2006) which specifies recommendations for service delivery across all clinical/client groups. HPC additionally require all registered SLT practitioners to maintain a record of their continuing professional development which is subject to audit.

¹⁰ Answer 'yes' if there is a text defining all the acts (lines a and b) and missions (line c – prevention, teaching in the field of the profession, illiteracy, research). Give details for each line.

¹¹ If the country regulation expects that the professional must make use of particular means in order to fulfil his task.