

HOW TO LOCATE A QUALIFIED AUDIOLOGIST

All Members of the Audiological Society of Australia (ASA) are University Graduates bound by a Professional Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice and have access to postgraduate education programs. Look for the letters MAudSA (CCP) after the audiologist's name to ensure that you are consulting a qualified audiologist who has completed the ASA Certificate of Clinical Practice (CCP).

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AUDIOLOGY

What is an Audiologist?



Your Hearing Health Professionals



WHAT IS AN **AUDIOLOGIST?**

Audiologists are specialists who assess how people hear, and who use various technologies and therapies to help people with hearing and balance problems.

Audiologists are university graduates with extensive and ongoing postgraduate training in hearing sciences and human communication.

Audiologists provide clinical services in hospitals and community health centres, hearing aid clinics, private practice, university clinics, and in some medical practices.

Many Audiologists are involved in research, helping to develop new hearing aids and cochlear implants, hearing health therapies, and testing procedures.

Some Audiologists work in industry, providing hearing conservation programs to protect and educate workers at risk from noise injury. Audiologists may also advise on compensation for noise related work injury.

Audiologists are the only hearing health practitioners who provide services to people of all ages, from babies to older adults. Audiologists also provide advice to other practitioners and organisations about hearing care.

The Audiological Society of Australia (ASA) is the national body that represents Audiologists and sets the Standards of Practice for Audiologists.

WHAT IS AN **AUDIOLOGIST'S QUALIFICATION?**

Bachelor's Degree	3-4 years	Prerequisite
Masters' Degree in Audiology	2 years	Required
Graduate Clinical Internship	1 year (EFT)	Required
Professional Development	Ongoing	Required
PhD	2-4 years	Optional

WHO HAS THE RIGHT TO USE **MAudSA(CCP)?**

The Audiological Society of Australia awards the Certificate of Clinical Practice (CCP) to Audiologists who have attained Full membership of the ASA and who have completed a Clinical Internship. Audiologists who meet these requirements and who participate in a Continuing Professional Development program monitored by the ASA are entitled to use the letters MAudSA(CCP). They have demonstrated that they have up-to-date clinical knowledge and skills.

WHAT **SPECIALIST SERVICES** ARE PROVIDED BY AUDIOLOGISTS?

- Advice to organisations and to other professionals, about hearing care
- Assessment for sensory aids, cochlear implants and other surgically implanted devices
- Assessment and therapy for people with tinnitus (noises in the ear or head)
- Counselling, and plans, to assist communication when hearing loss is present
- Complex assessments of:
 - auditory neural pathways
 - balance system of the ears
 - central auditory processing
 - hearing when other disabilities are present
- Full hearing assessments for babies and children
- Specialist hearing aid practice with children and people with complex hearing problems
- Specialist rehabilitation programs for people with complex hearing problems
- Assessment of workplace hearing injury



WHAT **STANDARD SERVICES** ARE PROVIDED BY AUDIOLOGISTS?

- Hearing aid fitting
- Standard audiometry tests
- Provision of hearing protection devices
- Noise measurement
- Workplace hearing screening
- Preliminary hearing checks
- Rehabilitation

WHY IS AN **MAudSA(CCP) AUDIOLOGIST YOUR HEARING PROFESSIONAL?**

MAudSA(CCP) Audiologists are hearing practitioners who:

- Are trained in highly specialist aspects of hearing assessment and care.
- Have an ongoing program of continuing education and certification required as part of their professional membership. MAudSA(CCP) Audiologists must demonstrate their professional education attainments every two years.
- Are dedicated to maintaining high level professional skills and knowledge, so that they can provide the best possible hearing health care.
- Have university training in both technical and interpersonal aspects of providing high quality hearing care and advice.
- Are bound by a Professional Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice.

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