

What are the differences between a Regulatory Body (College) and a Professional Member Association?

	College (Self-Regulation)	Association
Mandate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regulate in the public interest to ensure competent and ethical practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Represent and support member interests
Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provincial legislation (The Speech-Language and Audiology Act, 1992) Government grants right of self-regulation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May establish itself as a corporation
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compulsory to practice the profession 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Optional
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish, monitor and enforce: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Code of Ethics Bylaws (in accordance with legislation) Public complaint and member discipline processes Entry to Practice standards Continuing Competency and Quality Assurance programs Licenses to practice Continuing Education Programs Accountability to Government and Members Practice Standards and guidelines Enhance quality of practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides membership services and support as determined by member needs Promote, advocate and lobby for the professional and personal interest of members Represent the profession to government, employers, and other agencies Support the development of social programs for members Promote research and studies Organize and participate in media events and campaigns Advertise professional products, resources and professional conferences Facilitate online discussion forums and other means of exchanging information and professional networking
Member Advantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protection of Title Greater autonomy and control Financial advantage Access to government to negotiate for more authority 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to publications Professional support Social/professional networking Raise awareness of profession Member Advocacy