I qualified as an SLT in the UK and want to work overseas. How do I do this?

If you wish to work in Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand or the USA, you may be eligible to apply to become a member of the SLT professional body within the relevant country via the Mutual Recognition of Credentials Agreement (MRA), as long as you meet the requirements for a letter of good standing, which forms part of this process.

Each country also has further requirements for membership and you should contact the relevant professional body to check on their latest requirements.

See the below list of relevant MRA organisations, in order to view the requirements of the organisation of the country that you are intending to move to:

- American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)
- Irish Association of Speech & Language Therapists (IALST)
- New Zealand Speech-language Therapists’ Association (NZSTA)
- Speech-Language & Audiology Canada (SAC)
- Speech Pathology Australia (SPA)

Most SLT qualifications that are obtained in an EU country are transferable throughout Europe, with only minor further requirements. If you wish to work in an EU country, you should check with the professional body in the relevant country to ensure that you are able to fulfil any further requirements they may have.

You can find the contact details for all professional bodies across the world on the HCPC website.