

COLLEGE

Briefings

Winter 2019

New Registrant Database is now LIVE!

The College of Dietitians of Alberta has upgraded our registrant database and subsequent [Login for Regulated Members](#). We are using the same software as before (Alinity) but a newer version which is more user-friendly, responsive (designed to adapt to the device used to access the site) and has more features for regulated members.

The College encourages all regulated members to access the new database now (prior to renewal) to review the information contained within the portal, complete any necessary Profile Updates if the information is inaccurate, or to contact the College office if there are any errors on your profile.

The College encourages all regulated members to review the [Guide for Using the Registrant Database](#), which highlights key changes to the registrant database all regulated members should be aware of, when accessing the new database.

REGISTRATON RENEWAL 2020

Prior to Registration Renewal in March 2020, the College will provide all regulated members with another Guide for Registration Renewal which will assist those who will be either renewing their registrations for 2020/2021 or resigning their registrations in good standing. Stay tuned for more information!

To prepare for renewal, please refer to the information found on the College website under [Registration Renewal](#), [Continuing Competence Program](#) or [FAQ on Renewal and CCP](#).

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College Resources for Regulated Members

The College has completed a review and revision of the *Regulated Member Handbook*. The Handbook serves as a useful resource for new and existing regulated members as it summarizes legislative requirements for registration and important information. The updated *Regulated Member Handbook* is available on the College website under [For Dietitians – Regulated Member Resources](#).

The *Professional Practice Handbook for Dietitians* is currently undergoing review and revision. Regulated members will be notified when the updated Handbook is available on the College website.

Health Professions Act Handbook

Alberta Health has updated the *Health Professions Act Handbook*. The Handbook simplifies and summarizes the *Health Professions Act* for the benefit of employers, public members, regulated health professionals, Albertans and others. The College encourages all employers to review the Handbook.

The Handbook has been posted on the College website under [About Us – Regulatory Documents](#) and is available for anyone to access.

Save the Date: Webinar on Continuing Competence Program Updates

On Monday, January 13, 2020 from 12:00pm-1:00pm, the College will host an informational webinar on updates to the CCP Program for the 2020-2021 registration year. The webinar will highlight a change in the self-assessment indicators from the entry to practice *Integrated Competencies for Dietetic Education and Practice* to the new *Standards of Practice*.

On January 6, 2020, regulated members will receive a reminder email with information for accessing the webinar from the provider, on behalf of the College.

Please mark your calendars! If you are unable to view the webinar live, it will be archived on the College website for regulated members following the webinar.

Registration Requirement for Cross-Border Dietetic Practice

The College of Dietitians of Alberta has received questions regarding the registration requirements for cross-border dietetic practice.

Legislation of health care professions falls within the jurisdiction of the provinces. Each provincial dietetic regulator must conduct their own analysis of their legislation and determine whether registration is required for dietitians who provide cross-border dietetic services to clients in their respective provinces. Some provinces may require registration for interjurisdictional practice, while others may not. This is why dietitians may see regional differences for registration across the country.

In Alberta, the College's legislative authority is derived from the *Health Professions Act*, and the profession-specific legislation, the *Registered Dietitians and Registered Nutritionists Profession Regulation*. Within these Acts, the College has a clear mandate to protect the public and ensure that only regulated members use the protected titles and hold themselves out as a person authorized to practice dietetics in Alberta when providing services to people in Alberta. As per the *Health Professions Act*, the College requires registration for all dietitians who provide services to clients in Alberta, whether those dietitians are physically located in Alberta or not. This includes providing dietetic services to clients in Alberta through any virtual means (e.g. phone, online, etc.).

Dietitians registered in Alberta should check with the respective regulators where they are seeking to deliver dietetic services to ensure they are complying with their interjurisdictional registration requirements. The College has posted a guide for **Provincial Registration Requirements for Cross Border Dietetic Practice** on the College website under [For Dietitians – Regulated Member Resources](#). Please refer to this guide for further information.

Important Notice for Regulated Members:

The College reminds all Dietitians that as regulated professionals, you have a duty to update your profile **within 30 days** of any change in the information required for the College's Register. This includes changes to your legal name, contact information (phone and email), mailing address, and employment information. You may update your profile information online by logging onto the [Login for Regulated Members](#) to complete a Profile Update.

If any information found on the [Public Register](#) is inaccurate or incomplete, please contact the College office to request a correction.

Jurisprudence Learning Module Reminder

On April 9, 2019, the College emailed all members who were required to complete the Jurisprudence Learning Module during the current registration year. If you are required to complete the learning module, it will be indicated under the My Exams section of the [Registrant Database](#) (it will show Available beside a Jurisprudence Learning Module record).

Regulated members currently required to complete the learning module are encouraged to do so **as soon as possible**. More information on the Jurisprudence Learning Module can be found on the College website under [For Dietitians - Jurisprudence](#). If you have any questions, please [contact the College office](#).

Opportunity for Dietetic Interns

The College of Dietitians of Alberta has been informed of the following scholarship opportunity for dietetic interns. Preceptors are welcome to share this information with their interns.

Ignite Nutrition recognizes the commitment and potential dietetic students have in effectively communicating science. An annual scholarship was started to help dietetics students with financial need entering into the internship program. Please read more about the scholarship and application process here: <https://ignitenutrition.ca/the-ignite-nutrition-dietetics-internship-scholarship/>

Holiday Hours

The Council and staff of the College of Dietitians of Alberta wish all regulated members and their families a safe and happy holiday season.

The College office will be closed from December 23, 2019 to January 1, 2020. The office will reopen on January 2, 2020.