

# COLLEGE

## *Briefings*

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### College's Reconciliation Journey - Update

The College Council continues to move forward with their reconciliation journey. Over the summer, regulated members received a reconciliation survey and an outstanding 40% of members responded to the survey, giving Council tremendous feedback. We followed the survey up with focus groups. Close to 160 College members put their names forward to participate in the focus groups, which were conducted in October. From these focus groups, Council has a significant amount of feedback from which to work on developing resources for members in relation to reconciliation. For a summary of the survey and focus groups results, please see the following info graphic.

<https://my.visme.co/view/x434dvdn-cda-reconciliation>

### Find a Dietitian Directory

The College of Dietitians of Alberta (the College) has developed a [Find a Dietitian Directory](#), made available to the public through our website, which contains a list of only Private Practice regulated health professionals who have provided consent to the College to display their contact information. This directory is not a comprehensive list of regulated members in Alberta; that would be the [Public Register](#) which is mandatory under health legislation. The Find a Dietitian Directory is optional, requiring the consent of dietitians who have a private practice employment record with the College to display contact information.

The College sent an email on October 18<sup>th</sup> to dietitians who might meet the eligibility criteria. If you wish to have your contact information displayed on the Find a Dietitian Directory, you must meet the following criteria:

- You are an active practice regulated member
- You have an active private practice employment record
- You provided general consent in the Consent section of the Profile
- Contact details will be exposed based on your consent for each detail type (phone, email address and employment mailing address).

The College has developed a step-by-step Guide to Find a Dietitian Directory for private practice dietitians to refer to when providing consent, which can be found on the College website under [For Dietitians – Regulated Member Resources](#) – Login for Regulated Members Resources.

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Omerzu, Executive Assistant by email at [excasst@collegeofdietitians.ab.ca](mailto:excasst@collegeofdietitians.ab.ca) or by phone at 780-448-0059.

### **Bill 46 Divestment of Association Activities**

The Alberta Government is currently working with colleges to implement *Bill 46: Health Statutes Amendment Act*. These changes are intended to update health legislation. One change is that regulatory colleges must divest themselves of any association type functions. For the College of Dietitians of Alberta, this means we will no longer offer job postings or continuing education listings. The College awards and bursary program has also ceased as these activities have been identified as association functions. Overall, the College did not provide many services or functions that would be considered association functions, therefore, members should not notice much change in College activities.

### **Continuing Competence Program (CCP)**

Under the *Health Professions Act*, all regulated health colleges are required to have a Continuing Competence Program (CCP) in place. It is the legislated mandate of the College to ensure regulated members maintain their professional competence related to practice. It is the professional responsibility of every regulated member to ensure that they are completing their CCP each year and are maintaining complete and accurate records.

In December, you should be finalizing your learning goals and activities and considering the impact your learning and achievement of your goals has had on your practice. You still have until the end of February to complete the last of your activities to wrap up your learning, and to apply what you have learned to your practice.

You can access your online CCP by clicking on [Login for Regulated Members](#) and going to My Learning. Resources and Information for the College's CCP can be found on the College website under [For Dietitians – Registration Renewal – Continuing Competence Program](#).

If you have any questions about CCP, please do not hesitate to contact Shannon Mackenzie, Director of Professional Practice by email at [ppc@collegeofdietitians.ab.ca](mailto:ppc@collegeofdietitians.ab.ca) or by phone at 403-669-7435.

### **COVID-19 Pandemic Resources**

Throughout the pandemic, the College has continued to provide resources and information to regulated members through email and posts on our website. You are encouraged to review the resources online, which recently include:

- Providing Dietetic Services Under COVID-19 Public Health Actions (amended 9/20/2021)

All resources and information from the College can be found on the College website on the [Home](#) page, under [Regulated Member Resources](#) as well as within [News & Events](#).

### **November 2021 Canadian Dietetic Registration Examination (CDRE) Follow-up**

For all Temporary regulated members who recently wrote the November 22-23, 2021 sitting of the Canadian Dietetic Registration Examination (CDRE), the College anticipates receiving the results in early January 2022.

As you await the results from the CDRE, candidates should:

- Ensure that your contact information is current by accessing the [Login for Regulated Members](#) and reviewing your Profile.
- If you convoked after receiving registration on the Temporary Register, the College office will require a set of official transcripts showing the degree received. Please request a set of official transcripts be mailed to the College office.
- As a Temporary Registrant, you must continue to maintain regular contact with your Temporary Supervisor.

If you have any questions regarding the CDRE or registration with the College, please contact Lisa Omerzu, Executive Assistant & Registration Coordinator at the [College office](#).

### **Contacting the College Office**

**Holiday Hours:** The College office will be closed from December 24, 2021 to January 3, 2022. The College office will re-open Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

The College of Dietitians of Alberta (CDA) continues to operate a virtual office until further notice.

- The College remains accessible by phone or email each weekday (Monday-Friday) from 9:00am to 4:00pm. If we are unable to assist you when you call the main office number

780-448-0059, please leave a message, or send an email. We will address all questions or requests as soon as we can. We thank you for your patience.

- The College office location in downtown Edmonton is open **by appointment only** as necessary.
- Please contact Lisa Omerzu to discuss options for mail/delivery.

For General Inquiries & Registration Questions, please contact Lisa Omerzu, Executive Assistant & Registration Coordinator at [execasst@collegeofdietitians.ab.ca](mailto:execasst@collegeofdietitians.ab.ca)

For Practice Questions & Continuing Competence Questions, please contact Shannon Mackenzie, Director of Professional Practice at [ppc@collegeofdietitians.ab.ca](mailto:ppc@collegeofdietitians.ab.ca)

For Complaints & Concerns, please contact Doug Cook, Executive Director & Registrar at [registrar@collegeofdietitians.ab.ca](mailto:registrar@collegeofdietitians.ab.ca)

### **Making sure you receive CDA emails**

The College office primarily communicates with regulated members through email and through information provided on the College website. To ensure that you are receiving all important communications from the College office in a timely manner, please ensure that you have added **CDA Administration (office@collegeofdietitians.ab.ca)** to your safe sender list or address book.

You may be able to complete this process on your own through your email account or, should you have an email address tied to an organization, you may need to contact your I.T. department to ask them to put the College email on your "whitelist", "safe" or permitted email sender list.

#### **What is a "Whitelist" or "Safe Senders List"?**

Adding our sending domain (collegeofdietitians.ab.ca) to your list of accepted email senders (often referred to as a "whitelist", "safe list", or "list of privileged senders") will ensure that you receive College communications from all College email addresses.

Failure to receive emails from the College does not excuse missed deadlines or requirements for maintaining your registration.

### **Ensuring your Profile is Current**

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](#) or [Find a Dietitian Directory](#) is inaccurate or incomplete, please [contact the College office](#) to request a correction.

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