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Definitions

1 In this Regulation,

- (a) “College” means the College of Dietitians of Alberta;
- (b) repealed AR 43/2023 s2;
- (c) “Council” means the Council of the College;
- (d) “equivalent jurisdiction” means a jurisdiction recognized by the Council in accordance with section 4;

- (e) “Registrar” means the Registrar of the College;
- (f) “Registration Committee” means the Registration Committee of the College;
- (g) “registration examination” means a registration examination approved by the Council.
- (h) repealed AR 43/2023 s2.

AR 79/2002 s1;43/2023

Regulated member register

2 The regulated members register established by the Council under section 33(1)(a) of the Act has the following categories:

- (a) general register;
- (b) temporary register;
- (c) courtesy register.

Registration**General register**

3(1) An applicant for registration as a regulated member on the general register must

- (a) have
 - (i) graduated with a Baccalaureate degree in foods and nutrition from a program approved by the Council,
 - (ii) successfully completed a dietetic internship or a practicum from a program approved by the Council, and
 - (iii) successfully completed the registration examination,or
- (b) have
 - (i) graduated with a Masters or Doctoral degree from a program approved by the Council,
 - (ii) successfully met the competency standards required for graduate students approved by the Council, and
 - (iii) successfully completed the registration examination.

(2) An applicant for registration under subsection (1) must have completed the requirements set out in subsection (1) within 3 years of the date the Registrar receives a complete application.

(3) An applicant who does not meet the requirements of subsection (2) must successfully complete the requirements for academic and experiential upgrading as directed by the Registrar or the Registration Committee.

Equivalent jurisdiction

4 A person currently registered in another jurisdiction recognized by the Council under section 28(2)(b) of the Act as having substantially equivalent registration requirements is eligible for registration on the general register if the person's registration is in good standing in the other jurisdiction and the person is not a temporary or non-regulated member in that jurisdiction.

Equivalent competence

5(1) An applicant who does not meet the requirements under section 3 or 4 but whose qualifications have been determined by the Registrar or Registration Committee to be substantially equivalent to the registration requirements set out in section 3 is eligible for registration on the general register.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the Registrar or the Registration Committee may require the applicant to undertake one or more of the following:

- (a) prior learning assessments;
- (b) language fluency assessments;
- (c) learning modules;
- (d) practicums;
- (e) practical experience assessments;
- (f) competence assessments;
- (g) examinations;
- (h) any other assessment or program requested by the Registrar or Registration Committee.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), the Registrar or the Registration Committee may employ testing services, national dietetic standards organizations, assessment experts and other persons to assist in determining qualifications.

Temporary register

6(1) An applicant is eligible for registration as a regulated member on the temporary register if the applicant meets the requirements of section 3 except for having evidence of successfully completing the registration examination and if the applicant

- (a) has applied to write the registration examination, or
- (b) has written the registration examination but has not yet received the results.

(2) A registration on the temporary register expires 8 weeks after

- (a) the date the registrant wrote the registration examination referred to in subsection (1)(b), or
- (b) the date of the registration examination referred to in subsection (1)(a).

(3) Despite subsection (2), a registrant on the temporary register may apply for an extension to a date that is 8 weeks after the next registration examination is scheduled to be held if

- (a) the registrant was unable to successfully complete the registration examination referred to in subsection (1)(a) or (b) for reasons satisfactory to the Registrar or the Registration Committee, and
- (b) the registrant has applied to write the next scheduled examination.

(4) If a regulated member on the temporary register successfully completes the registration examination referred to in subsection (1)(a) or (b), the Registrar must remove the regulated member's name from the temporary register and enter it on the general register.

(5) A person who is registered on the temporary register may practice only while supervised, in a manner satisfactory to the Registrar or the Registration Committee, by a regulated member on the general register.

Courtesy register

7(1) A person who is registered as a dietitian or nutritionist in good standing in another jurisdiction who requires registration in Alberta on a temporary basis for a specified purpose approved by the Registrar and who satisfies the Registrar of the person's competence to provide the services related to the specified purposes is eligible for registration on the courtesy register.

(2) The term of the registration of a person registered in the courtesy register is for 6 months or less, as specified by the Registrar.

(3) A person who is registered on the courtesy register must remain registered in the jurisdiction in which the person was registered at the time of the person's application for registration on the courtesy register.

8 Repealed AR 43/2023 s3.

9 to 11 Repealed AR 43/2023 s4.

Practice Permit Renewal Requirements

12 Repealed AR 43/2023 s6.

Renewal requirements

13 In addition to meeting the requirements established under section 40 of the Act, a regulated member applying for renewal of the member's practice permit must provide one or more of the following as requested by the Registrar or Registration Committee:

- (a) information related to whether the regulated member has been found guilty of a criminal offence in Canada or an offence of a similar nature in a jurisdiction outside Canada since the member's last practice permit;
- (b) evidence of being a Canadian citizen or being lawfully permitted to work in Canada.

AR 79/2002 s13;43/2023

14 to 16 Repealed AR 43/2023 s8.

Titles and Initials

Protected titles and initials

17(1) A regulated member on the general register or on the courtesy register may use the following protected titles and initials:

- (a) registered dietitian;
- (b) dietitian;
- (c) registered nutritionist;
- (d) R.D;
- (e) nutritionist.

(2) A regulated member on the temporary register may use the protected title dietitian.

(3) If the practice permit or registration of a regulated member has been suspended, the member shall not use any of the protected titles or initials of the profession during the suspension.

AR 79/2002 s17;43/2023

18 to 21 Repealed AR 43/2023 s10.

22 to 25 Repealed AR 43/2023 s11.

26 and 27 Repealed AR 43/2023 s12.

Transitional Provisions, Repeals, and Coming into Force

Transitional

28 On the coming into force of this Regulation,

- (a) a registered dietitian described in section 6 of Schedule 23 to the Act is deemed to be registered on the general register, and
- (b) a registered dietitian (candidate) described in section 6 of Schedule 23 to the Act is deemed to be registered on the temporary register.

Repeal

29 The *General Regulation* (AR 349/85) is repealed.

Coming into force

30 This Regulation comes into force on the coming into force of Schedule 23 to the *Health Professions Act*.



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