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#### **2016-17 Registration Renewal Available Tuesday, March 1, 2016**

Registration renewal will be available online on the CDBC website. CDBC Registrants will receive an **email notification once the online link has been activated**. The link to renewal will be available **until midnight March 31, 2016**.



Renewal tips:

- If you plan on practising **Restricted Activities** on April 1, 2016:
  - submit [Appendices 1 and 2](#) **by March 14, 2016**.
  - check all three boxes on Appendix 2 (page 1, above the verifier's signature); remember to review the form your verifier has signed before submitting it - Appendix 2 must be completed in full to avoid delays in Restricted Activities registration, and
  - the \$35.00 fee per Restricted Activity is added to the renewal fee and included in the total when renewing online; when the renewal link is no longer available restricted activity requests must be made by submitting proof of competence forms and contacting the office for payment and processing.
- Please allow up to **30 minutes** to complete the online renewal process as you are required to update your contact information, employment information, read the declarations, electronically "sign" them and complete the payment information.
- Cheque and credit card payments are accepted. Payments made by cheque must be received by CDBC by March 31, 2016 and may be postdated to March 31, 2016.

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#### **2016 Continuing Competence Program (CCP) Group - Submissions Are Overdue**

This is a reminder to Full Registrants in the 2016 CCP Group who have not yet submitted their Professional Development Plan. Please log into the [online CCP](#) and complete your Self-assessment and Professional Development Plan as soon as possible. You must successfully **complete the CCP requirement to renew your registration by March 31, 2016**.

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**Reminder: 2016 Jurisprudence Examination for Dietitians (JED)**





Registrants in the 2016 JED group - If you have received a reminder and have not yet completed the Jurisprudence Examination, please click [here](#). Remember, you must successfully **pass the JED to renew your registration by March 31, 2016.**

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### Review of Your Legal Declaration and Liability

Every year during registration renewal, registrants must review and electronically "sign" legal declarations. Remember - these **declarations are legal documents** and registrants are liable for any false declarations. Please take time to read them carefully as they **relate to your ethical responsibilities**. You are declaring that you will:

- practice according to [BC legislation](#) which includes the CDBC Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics,
- meet the [Continuing Competence Program](#) requirements,
- submit a [Criminal Record Re-check](#) form and complete the [Jurisprudence Examination](#) (on a 5-year cycle), and
- meet [liability insurance](#) requirements (an amount of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence).

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### Registration Receipts

Your annual registration card and tax receipt can be accessed **through your online CDBC profile**. You can print your 2015/16 tax receipt, and past receipts, at any time. Please log into your online CDBC profile: [Registrant Login](#) and click on "Registration Receipts" to download and print the documents required. (Note: 2016/17 Tax receipts will be available on-line as of April 1, 2016).

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### Call for Volunteer RD Mentors

As part of the mandate of public protection, the CDBC assesses internationally educated applicants for eligibility to register with the College. As per section 44(2)(b) of the [CDBC Bylaws](#), international applicants undergo a competency based evaluation to determine if their education and practice experience is substantially equivalent to current Canadian dietetic education and training standards. If gaps in dietetic knowledge and skills are identified, an international applicant **must complete academic and/or practical upgrading to "bridge" these gaps** in order to be eligible to register with the CDBC and write the Canadian Dietetic Registration Examination.



The CDBC is **seeking volunteer RD mentors willing to provide suitable placement opportunities** for international applicants who require practical upgrading in dietetics. Placements require mentoring and supervision by a Dietitian. The goal is to enable applicants to become safe and competent in specified dietetic practice areas by the end of placements. Evaluation of applicant performance and verification of successful placement completion (forms provided) are also required. The type of practice area and number of placement hours needed varies with each applicant. Hours can be completed according to a schedule that is convenient for the receiving facility (i.e. full-time or part-time) and placement hosts may request a greater time commitment from applicants in order to make the placement mutually beneficial.

Typically, international applicants who require practical upgrading are mature adults who have practiced dietetics in their home countries. They are highly motivated, multilingual, eager to join the BC dietetic workforce and have the potential to offer **valuable volunteer support to programs**.

If you would like to mentor an international applicant at your organization, please contact the CDBC at [info@collegeofdietitiansbc.org](mailto:info@collegeofdietitiansbc.org).

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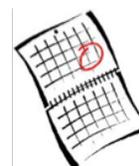
### Join the Webinar on Unregulated Nutrition Practitioners in BC - April 6, 2016

On Wednesday, April 6, 2016, from **10:30 am to noon**, the BC Ministry of Health (Office of the Provincial Dietitian), Dietitians of Canada and the CDBC will co-host a webinar on the topic of unregulated nutrition practitioners in BC. The purpose of this webinar is to connect with RDs across the province and provide an overview of the collective actions being taken in this area. Get up-to-date information and contribute to the provincial conversation on April 6. **Further details will be provided in a separate email invitation.**

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### Save the Date! CDBC 2015-16 Annual General Meeting

The CDBC Annual General Meeting will take place **Thursday, June 2, 2016 from 2:00 to 4:00pm** at the CDBC office. Registrants will receive an email invitation in the spring. Dietitians will be able to attend in-person or via webcast again this year. **Please note the date and time in your calendars.** Detailed information will be provided in upcoming Monthly Updates. We look forward to seeing you!



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### Notice - Recognition Agreement with the Dietitians Association of Australia is Under Review

In 2012, nine of the ten provincial dietetic regulatory bodies of Canada, referred to as the [Alliance of Canadian Dietetic Regulatory Bodies](#), entered into a Mutual Recognition Voluntary Relationship Charter with the [Dietitians Association of Australia](#) (DAA), to equally recognise dietitians who are registered in Australia and Canada. The Charter applies to Dietitians with full Accredited Practising Dietitian (APD) status in Australia and Full or General registration (RD) status in Canada. The Charter **expired in 2014 and is currently under review by the Alliance**. As directed by the CDBC Board of Directors and until further notice, any DAA registrant who wants to register with the CDBC will be assessed as an [Internationally Educated Dietitian](#) in accordance with the [CDBC Bylaws](#) section 44(2)(b). This notice is effective as of February 25, 2016. Expiration of the Charter will have minimal effect on Canadian RDs wanting to register with the DAA.

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### Website Updates

[CDBC Website](#) updates include:

- [Inquiry Committee - February 11, 2016 Meeting Minutes](#)
- [Quality Assurance Committee - February 1, 2016 Meeting Minutes](#)
- [Registration Committee - January 29, 2016 Meeting Minutes](#)



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### You Asked About... Enteral formulas not approved in Canada

**Q:** My client insists on using an enteral formula not approved or available in Canada. What does the College recommend I do?

**A:** As background, enteral (EN) formulations are not considered drugs. Instead, they are classified as "Foods for Special Dietary Use" under the Canada [Food and Drugs Act](#). The composition and labelling of Foods for Special Dietary Use are regulated under Division 24 of the [Food and Drug Regulations](#) and include: formulated liquid diets, meal replacements, carbohydrate-reduced foods, sodium reduced foods, etc. Regulations for Foods for Special Dietary Use are enforced by the [Canadian Food Inspection Agency \(CFIA\)](#) of the Government of Canada. Depending on the composition of a product, there are occasions where Health Canada may also be involved in the regulation of Foods for Special Dietary Use.

Enteral and parenteral feeding are Restricted Activities under the [Dietitians Regulation](#) and present significant risk of harm to the public. To ensure safety, EN formulations must meet the requirements for Canadian food regulation. EN formulations that do not meet the regulatory requirements for federal food regulation are not appropriate for use and should not be recommended. To do so would be considered unsafe dietetic practice.



If a client chooses to use an EN formulation that has not been vetted by Government Canada (e.g. purchasing products from the US and using them at home), the Dietitian should advise the client that the product is inappropriate and recommend a suitable EN formulation. It is important that the Dietitian document the consultation thoroughly.

In a situation where the Dietitian has recommended a formula that meets the required regulations but the client insists on using an unregulated product for a variety of reasons, the RD may work with the client to determine the amount and rate of feed of the unregulated EN product. This complies with Principle 5 of [the CDBC Code of Ethics](#) where "A Registered Dietitian demonstrates respect, dignity and privacy at all times when interacting with clients at by: respecting the client's right to make choices." The RD must document all encounters thoroughly and continue to recommend appropriate EN formulations. Additionally, the RD should consult with the employer and its insurance provider for liability coverage to make sure these interventions are supported.

Note: If a RD is not comfortable supporting a client using unregulated EN products, the RD has a right to refuse to provide treatment as per [policy Qac-06: Right to Refuse Treatment](#). However, in doing so, the RD also has a duty to refer the client to another qualified health professional who is comfortable in taking over the client's care.

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#### **Questions? Comments?**

Please contact the College staff if you have questions about items in this Monthly Update or if you'd like to schedule a CDBC liaison session with Fern Hubbard, College Registrar. Call 604.736.2016 or toll-free in BC to 1.877.736.2016, or email us at [info@collegeofdietitiansbc.org](mailto:info@collegeofdietitiansbc.org). We look forward to hearing from you!