

November/December 2018 Monthly Update



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CDBC Website Survey

Please help us improve the CDBC website by completing this 5-minute online survey! As part of its 2018-2021 Strategic Plan, the CDBC has set a goal to be recognized as an accessible, reliable accurate resource for dietetic regulation. To achieve this goal, the College is working towards easy public access to regulation information by undergoing a website review. Please share your thoughts and suggestions on the CDBC website and how it can be improved.

Thank you in advance for your participation!

[Start Survey](#)



Reminder:

Election Nominations due December 15, 2018

All registrants received a formal Notice of Election on November 5, 2018. Three terms on the CDBC Board of Directors end March 31, 2019. Nominations are open in the following electoral regions for Director positions for the April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2021 term:

- Fraser Electoral Region (1);
- Interior/North Electoral Region (1);
- Vancouver Coastal Electoral Region (1).

Although the number of elected Board members is defined by electoral region, registrants are not elected to the Board to represent their own specific geographic area. All Board members have the same duties and responsibilities to fulfill, regardless of electoral region, in accordance with the [Health Professions Act](#).

Prior to accepting a nomination, interested registrants are strongly encouraged to review information on the [Nomination Form](#) to familiarize themselves with Directors' responsibilities and time commitments.

In order to be an effective Board member, prospective Directors need to ensure their interests and skills align

with the College's [mandate](#). CDBC Directors must act in the public's interest at all times and not with the goal of promoting dietitians, addressing employment or union issues, or pursuing personal issues or challenges with practice.

Strong communication skills and experience in governance, financial management and strategic planning are considered assets. A background in different areas and practice settings of the profession and experience on other Boards, Councils or Committees are also preferred. Nominees must not be in a real or perceived conflict of interest with the Board's work by sitting on Boards, Councils or Committees of stakeholder groups or business partners, and must not be a paid CDBC consultant.

Any Full Registrant may nominate one Full Registrant in good standing, for each vacant Director position in his/her electoral region. Full registrants nominating a candidate for election must also include the nominee's short biography or notify the nominee to forward a biography to the College. Guidelines are included on the [Nomination Form](#). Nominations must be received by email, letter mail or facsimile by December 15, 2018.

Evaluators Needed - Assessments for Internationally Educated Applicants



The CDBC is seeking dietitians willing to participate in practical skills assessments for internationally educated applicants who are pursuing registration with the College.

In order to be eligible to apply for registration with the CDBC, all internationally educated applicants must undergo an [assessment for substantial equivalence](#) to determine if their dietetic knowledge, skills, abilities and judgement are substantially equivalent to Canadian practice standards. This assessment includes an online evaluation of dietetic knowledge and a face-to-face appraisal of practical skills.

Evaluations of practical skills involve participating in panel interviews (evaluators are present either in-person or via internet), followed by panel member debriefing and interview scoring. Evaluations are conducted on an on-call basis. The time commitment required per evaluation is approximately 1.5 hours. Compensation is available for evaluators.

Potential practical skills evaluators must be full registrants of the CDBC. Experience as dietetic preceptors and/or supervisors is desirable. If you are interested in becoming an evaluator, please submit a statement of interest and current resume to the CDBC, by January 26, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact Chi Cejalvo (chi@collegeofdietitiansbc.org). Send your submissions to info@collegeofdietitiansbc.org.

Call for Registrants Interested in Participating on a CDBC Committee

The terms of some members on the College's Committees end March 31, 2019 and the Board will be determining reappointment and new appointments at their March 2019 meeting. Reappointments create Committee stability and expertise while new appointments allow for fresh energy and ideas. Both are considered by the Board when appointments are made.

Upcoming Committee potential vacancies:

Inquiry Committee: One full registrant

Registration Committee: One full registrant

Quality Assurance: Two full registrants

Minutes and information about the [Inquiry](#), [Quality Assurance](#) and [Registration](#) Committees can be viewed on the CDBC website.

If you're interested in applying for a Committee position and are a Full registrant, who has not yet worked with the College, please submit a current resume explaining why you are interested in participating on a College Committee and the strengths you would bring. Previous applicants who have not yet served on a Committee are encouraged to re-apply with updated resumes. Please submit by Friday, February 8, 2019 to info@collegeofdietitiansbc.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

Website Updates for November/December 2018

[Board Meeting Minutes – October 29, 2018](#)

Quality Assurance:

[Decision Tool for New Aspects of Dietetic Practice](#)

[Quality Assurance Program Framework](#)

[Virtual Dietetic Practice Guidelines](#)

[Policy Qac-09: Marketing, Sales and Conflict of Interest](#)

[Policy Qac-10: Virtual Dietetic Practice](#)

Registration Policies

[Policy Rc-02: Full Registration - Educated in Canada](#)

[Policy Rc-03: Full Registration - Substantial Equivalence](#)

[Policy Rc-06: Currency of Dietetic Knowledge, Skills, Abilities and Judgement](#)

[Policy Rc-08: Registrar's Limited Authority to Act for the Registration Committee](#)

[Policy Rc-15: Assessment for Substantial Equivalence](#)

[Policy Rc-21: Time Limitation on Open Applications](#)



Holidays Office Hours

The College will be ***closed for the holiday season from December 24, 2018 through January 1, 2019***. If you have an urgent matter to discuss during this time, such as a complaint or registration query, please contact Joanie Bouchard, Registrar, by email at jbouchard@collegeofdietitiansbc.org. For any other questions or concerns, please leave us a message at our regular contact information. We will follow-up as quickly as possible, upon our return.

Best wishes for a lovely Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!



You Asked About... New Cannabis Legislation

Q: Please comment on best practice for Dietitians who receive client requests about edible cannabis products.

A: On October 17, 2018, the Government of Canada enacted the [Cannabis Act](#), a legal framework for production, distribution, sale and possession of cannabis in Canada. Meanwhile, in British Columbia, the [Cannabis Control and Licensing Act](#) and Regulations were enacted to provide legal, controlled access to cannabis, while maintaining public protection around road safety and children and youth matters.

Dietitians intending to carry out nutrition care activities related to cannabis consumption in food should first familiarize themselves with federal and provincial legislation for medical and non-medical cannabis use. Dietitians should also determine if providing counselling about cannabis is within their individual scopes of practice.

To this end, the College developed a [Decision Tool for New Aspects of Dietetic Practice](#) to help Dietitians reflect on any new topic, such as cannabis and its use in food. For example, the Decision Tool may be used to determine how cannabis use in food may relate to dietetic practice, and if counseling on cannabis is within a dietitian's scope of dietetic practice and aligned with registrant responsibilities under the CDBC Bylaws, Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice. This Decision Tool was adapted, with permission and thanks, from the College of Dietitians of Ontario's resource on "[Keeping Pace with Innovations in Nutrition Care](#)". The CDBC also prepared a [Resource Kit](#) to support Dietitians and the public with evidence-based information on health effects and potential risks of cannabis consumption.

The College encourages Dietitians to consider emerging nutrition care approaches and trends with an evidence-informed lens and in consideration of the legislated dietetic scope of practice, bylaws, code of ethics and standards of practice.

Please contact the College staff if you have questions or comments about these opportunities.
Call 604.736.2016 or toll-free in BC to 1.877.736.2016, or email us at info@collegeofdietitiansbc.org
We look forward to hearing from you!

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