

COLLEGE OF DIETITIANS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Complaint Outcome Report #15-13 - Ethics

Complaint

On March 8, 2016, it came to the College's attention that a new graduate was practicing dietetics without registration. The situation came to light when the applicant phoned the CDBC to submit an address change and learned of a misunderstanding with the approved Temporary Registration date, effective April 1, 2016. The new graduate had thought that Temporary Registration was effective the day notice of approval was received, on February 19. The applicant started working in dietetic food administration on February 22, 2016. Registration with the CDBC and with Restricted Activity 'A' were required for the position. The new graduate reported not using the title "Dietitian" at the workplace between February 22 and March 7, 2016 but reported telling the employer that CDBC registration was confirmed on February 19.

Inspection Process

In accordance with section 33(4) of the *Health Professions Act* (HPA), the Committee, on its "own motion", may investigate a registrant regarding a contravention of the Act, regulations or bylaws. Practicing dietetics and practicing a Restricted Activity without registration contravenes the HPA and the Dietitians Regulation.

Resolution of Complaint

The Inquiry Committee met on May 17, 2016 to review all documentation related to the complaint. The Registrar provided information from the registrant regarding practicing dietetics without registration between February 22 and March 7, 2016 and practicing Restricted Activity 'A'. On its "own motion", the Committee determined that the registrant had contravened section 13(2) of the *Health Professions Act* and section 4 of the Dietitians Regulation.

In accordance with sections 33(6)(c) and 36(1)(a) of the HPA, the registrant signed an Undertaking not to repeat practicing without registration. The Undertaking and cover letter will be stored in the registrant's permanent file.

Fern Hubbard
Registrar