



**CDBC Update
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Dear Fern,

The **2007/08 online Registration Renewal Form** is the final testing stage. Registrants will receive a **personalized email the first week of March** which will include a link to the Renewal Form and login instructions. During renewal you'll be asked to review and update your personal information, renew your registration and register with Reserved Acts. **Birthdates are now a "required field."** Your birth month is needed to assign you to a Continuing Competency Program cohort group and your birth year is required for demographic purposes, for long-range human resource planning. The deadline for registration renewal is midnight **March 31, 2007**. Renewing your registration by April 1 entitles you to continue practicing dietetics and to use the protected title 'Dietitian' until March 31, 2008.

The **Continuing Competence Program (CCP)** is on its way! **All registrants will begin the program on April 1, 2007.** Based on registrant input to eleven focus groups held throughout BC in 2006, the Quality Assurance Committee and project consultant, Catherine Morley, PhD, RD, FDC, have developed the Professional Development Guide (PDG) which outlines requirements for registrant participation in the program. The program involves self assessment relative to the Standards of Practice (Interim) and personal professional development planning and reporting. All forms are provided as well as samples of completed forms from different areas of practice. Registrants will receive their copy of the PDG by post; forms will be downloadable from the CDBC website.

Are you planning on **registering with Reserved Acts?** The Registration Committee and Board have recently approved an Interpretive Guideline on the Reserved Acts that is intended to clarify the practice of each of the four Reserved Acts. Several practice examples are provided to help you determine if you need to be registered with one or more Reserved Acts. The document may be viewed or downloaded from the Legislation Page of the website.

The **Essential Competencies for Dietetic Practice** developed by the Alliance of Canadian Dietetic Regulatory Bodies (the Alliance) will be released this spring. A new blueprint for the Canadian Dietetic Registration Examination (CDRE) based on the

Essential Competencies is being developed by the Alliance. The Alliance hopes to have the updated **CDRE** in place by 2008. Thank you again to the hundreds of Canadian RDs who participated in provincial focus groups and the national validation process. Your input was invaluable!

The next **meeting of the Board** is being held on Saturday, **March 3** at College Place – 1765 West 8th Avenue. Observers are welcome! Please call the office for meeting times and agenda information.

Are you fluent in French? At times, the CDBC has the need to translate French language documents into English and we'd like to have a bilingual registrant available for occasional contract work. Please contact the College office if you're interested.

The CDBC website is updated regularly. The Public Register lists all Registered Dietitians, registration numbers and Reserved Acts, the Legislation Page includes College policies (such as the Standards for the Insertion of Feeding Tubes) and the News Page contains information about Board and committee initiatives and past issues of College Newsletters and Monthly Updates. Your feedback helps us create a website that meets your needs. Please call us with your comments.

The **new Alliance website is now available at www.dieteticregulation.ca**. Please visit our site for information on the Alliance's purpose and Strategic Priorities, the responsibilities of regulatory bodies in Canada, information about regulated professionals, a summary of the Mutual Recognition Agreement and contact information for all provincial dietetic regulatory bodies.

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