



Internationally Educated Dietitian Assessment and Registration Process for the Newfoundland and Labrador College of Dietitians (NLCD)

Assessment Process

1. If the applicant worked or was registered as a dietitian in their home country contact the regulatory body (NLCD) for information on the next steps of the assessment process (information could change).
2. The applicant must be eligible to write the Prior Learning Assessment Recognition (PLAR) and there are set criteria. This is determined by an external organization. There is an application process and documentation is required to determine eligibility. The applicant will need to be able to demonstrate core courses completed in dietetics and the minimum proficiency in English. Documentation required includes the WES assessment report, official transcripts, evidence of practical training, proof of language proficiency, name change, and translation of documents if not in English. If the applicant meets the eligibility criteria, they can move to the next step in the assessment process.

Application fee: \$185

3. If eligible to write the PLAR the applicant can then move to the assessment phase of their dietetic education and practicum. This assessment is completed by an external agency to determine if the applicant has the minimum knowledge and skills to practice as a dietitian in Canada. There are several steps in the Prior Learning Assessment Recognition (PLAR) which include the KCAT and the PBA. The KCAT is the next step, and this is a computer-based multiple-choice exam designed to assess your knowledge as compared to the foundational knowledge and academic performance indicators in the national competencies. The KCAT is written two times a year.

KCAT fee: \$425

If successful in passing the KACT you will move on to the PBA, which is a written and oral assessment designed to assess the competence of internationally educated applicants compared to the practicum-related performance indicators in the national competencies. This is written twice a year.

PBA fee: \$2500

4. If successful in passing the PBA then you contact the regulatory body to apply for registration with the regulatory college (NLCD).

Registration with NLCD

1. The applicant can contact the regulatory body to apply for registration and to request information on the registration process (as the information can change).
2. Submit an application, required documentation, and fees.
Application fee: \$100
Registration fee: \$450 (full year) & \$225 (half year)

Documentation required:

- Documentation confirming passing both the KCAT and PBA
 - WES assessment report
 - official transcripts
 - evidence of practical training
 - proof of language proficiency
 - photocopy of Government issued identification
 - criminal record check and vulnerable sector check
 - current professional liability insurance
 - Name change documentation
3. If the applicant meets the registration requirements, they are granted temporary membership. The applicant must write and pass the Canadian Dietetic Registration Exam (CDRE) to continue to be registered with NLCD.
The CDRE is written two times a year.
CDRE fee: \$600
 4. If the temporary membership passes the CDRE they are granted active membership. There is an annual renewal of licensure. Fee is \$450