



NLCD Newsletter-Winter 2024

Renewals 2024-2025

The online system opened for renewals on December 1, 2023, for the upcoming fiscal year April 1, 2024-March 31, 2025. The deadline to complete the renewal application was January 31, 2024. If you completed the application process after this date, there was a \$100 late fee. When completing the renewal of registration application, you were required to submit two learning goals. On April 1 the online portal will be available to enter your continuing education information. Keep in mind that you have until November 30, 2024, to complete and add the learning activities and learning summaries information to the online portal. Please review the [NLCD continuing education program handbook](#) for information on how to complete the new continuing education program which is now a goals-based program. This handbook and other resources are on the member's side of the website, which uses a generic username and password for all dietitians.

Username: DietitianNL
Password: NLCD2015

Strategic Plan

NLCD released its [strategic plan](#) in December 2023 which is posted on the NLCD website. The strategic plan has three goals which cover continuing competence, governance and communication.

Code of Ethics Survey

Collaborative work of dietetic regulators in British Columbia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Newfoundland and Labrador.

Since May 2021, the NLCD has been collaborating with a group of representatives from five (5) other Canadian dietetic regulators to develop a code of ethics consistent with today's issues and requirements in dietetic practice. The NLCD asked for feedback from registrants. The response rate was 6% and the feedback was shared with the larger national group.

A big thank you to those who took the time to provide feedback.

Virtual practice registration

The NLCD board voted on December 4, 2023, to require dietitians that practice interjurisdictionally to be registered with NLCD. This means that dietitians who see client/s in NL virtually are required to be registered with NLCD. This information has been shared with the dietetic regulatory colleges in Canada and the information is on the [NLCD website](#).

For dietitians in this province who may be seeing clients virtually in other provinces please contact the dietetic regulatory college in that province as registration is required in most provinces to see clients in another province.

Social Media and Conflict of Interest

Recently, attention regarding social media publications by dietitians in Canada related to endorsements and sponsorship have made [news headlines](#). The NLCD encourages dietitians to pause and think before they make a post to any of the media platforms. Online publications often become permanent, even if you attempt to remove the post/comment/video.

Section 7.0 of The Code of Ethics provides ethical guidelines and best practice for dietitians when advertising and dealing with conflicts of interest. Standards of Practice 1 (Advertising a-e), 10 (Evidence Informed Practice a-e) and 13 (Professional Practice Obligations-e) outline the expectations for actions on advertising, endorsement and testimonials.

Please review the Social Media Guidelines to understand expectations of the NLCD on social media use.

Policies

The NLCD Board recently approved policies. These can be found on the members' side of the website.

Policy revised:

1. Renewal of registration policy-Continuing Education Program Requirements

New Policies:

1. Registration policy-Virtual cross border registration
2. Registration policy-Registration of an applicant

Do you have a practice question?

Send along any of your dietetic practice questions to the Registrar: registrar@nlcd.ca