



CDPEI Fall 2023 Update

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CDPEI Updates

Welcome to New Members:

Welcome to new members who have joined CDPEI over the summer and fall 2023. Please see our [welcome letters](#) for general members on the members section of the website for more information about the college and its processes. There are now over 110 Registered Dietitians registered on PEI.

Council Members Update:

- Thank you to Roxanne Laughlin & Heather McIver for your service on the CPEI Council.
- CDPEI is happy to welcome Kristen Mann as a new member of the council. Further announcements for the remaining council seat will be shared once confirmed.

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) process through College of Dietitians of Ontario adapted by CDPEI:

Who is PLAR for? If you did not complete education and training which were approved by the College, the College will do an assessment to determine whether you have the minimum knowledge and skills to practice as a dietitian in Canada. The College considers the Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) process to be a more fair and valid assessment of your dietetic knowledge and skills because it directly assesses what you currently know and can do, and it is not affected by factors outside of your control, like incomplete course descriptions or poor translations which may not fully reflect the content of your education and training. In addition, the PLAR process provides a way for the College to recognize



knowledge and skills that you gained after your degree through continuing education and practice, something that is not achievable in a paper-based credential assessment. Please see further details on the CDPEI website under [International Registration](#)

Change to continuing education auditing:

CDPEI Council has approved a change in the auditing practice for continuing education records (CE). Starting in 2024, 20% of members will be chosen randomly for a CE audit per year. Previously every general registrant was audited annually. Auditing will continue to follow CE guidelines as per the Acts and Regulations. Audits will review registrants previous 3 years for a total of 30 hours of CE credits.

What does this mean for registrants?

- No changes to current practice for Registrants. Registrants will continue to submit an annual continuing education record at registration renewal.
- Continuing education requirements will continue as is - 30 hours of continuing education hours per 3 years as per Section 16.1 of Dietitian Regulations. Many registrants aim to meet this requirement by completing 10 CE hours per year.
- Registrants will no longer receive documented review of continuing education records annually. Alternatively, registrants will only receive documentation of review of professional development hours when audited.

Registration Renewal 2024:

Renewal documents including renewal letter, renewal form, and information regarding continuing education are now updated on the CDPEI website. All documents must be submitted as a hard copy by mail, no electronic submissions will be accepted, and all renewal packages must be submitted no later than February 28, 2024. Further details are outlined in the renewal letter in the [members section](#) of the CDPEI website. Renewal fee for 2024-2025 will be reviewed by Council and shared with members in January/February 2024.

Reminders:

Last year CDPEI added an equity, diversity, and inclusion component to continuing education standards as a required education component. Please keep an eye out for education opportunities to meet your continuing education requirements.

FAQ: Can I recommend specific brand name products?

A frequently asked question (FAQ) document was created reviewing CDPEI's guidelines for naming specific products following the CDPEI Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice. The FAQ has been uploaded to the [members section of the CDPEI website.](#)



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Website update

Recently Added:

Added extra language regarding restricted titles on [Registration Page](#) as per Section 17 of PEI Dietitians Regulations and Section 89 of Regulated Health professionals act: Only individuals registered with CDPEI may use the title Registered Dietitian, Nutritionist, or Dietetic Intern as stated in the Dietitians regulations. You may not practice as a Registered Dietitian, Nutritionist, or Dietetic Intern until your application for registration is approved by the College. No person, other than a member, shall use the designations listed above or any other title, name, description, abbreviation, or derivative in any language implying that a person is a member of a CDPEI.

Communication from CDPEI:

- Communication from CDPEI will be sent via email from registrar@peidietitians.ca or deputyregistrar@peidietitians.ca and posted on the [Members area of website](#). Please ensure the emails are marked as safe in your inbox to avoid losing communication with the spam filter.
- Please remember it is important to update CDPEI on changes in your employment and contact information.

Questions? Comments?

Please contact CDPEI staff if you have questions or comments about items on this update.
Email us at registrar@peidietitians.ca OR deputyregistrar@peidietitians.ca