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REGULATED HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT DIETITIANS REGULATIONS

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**REGULATED HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT
CHAPTER R-10.1**

DIETITIANS REGULATIONS

Pursuant to sections 2 and 96 of the *Regulated Health Professions Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. R-10.1, Council made the following regulations:

PART 1 - INTERPRETATION

1. Definitions

In these regulations

- (a) “**Act**” means the *Regulated Health Professions Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. R-10.1;
- (b) “**Council**” means the Council of the College of Dietitians continued under section 3;
- (c) “**dietetic intern**” means a member registered in the register of dietetic interns;
- (d) “**dietetics**” means the health profession in which a person applies particular knowledge, skills and judgment in providing dietetic services to another person, including
 - (i) the assessment of nutritional needs and the design, implementation and evaluation of nutritional care plans and therapeutic diets,
 - (ii) the science of food and human nutrition, and
 - (iii) the dissemination of information about food and human nutrition to attain, maintain and promote the health of individuals, groups and the community;
- (e) “**dietitian**” means a member registered in the register of dietitians;
- (f) “**dietitian candidate**” means a member registered in the register of dietitian candidates;
- (g) “**refresher program**” means a refresher program in dietetics consisting of a formal curriculum, a set of individualized assignments of studies and experiences, a set of continuing education credits, a practicum or a combination of these elements;
- (h) “**register of dietetic interns**” means the sub-register of the register for dietetics, established under clause 2(3)(c);
- (i) “**register of dietitian candidates**” means the sub-register of the register for dietetics, established under clause 2(3)(b);
- (j) “**register of dietitians**” means the sub-register of the register for dietetics, established under clause 2(3)(a). (*EC149/18*)

PART 2 - DESIGNATION

2. Designation of dietetics

- (1) Dietetics is designated as a regulated health profession.

Title protection only

- (2) Dietetics is prescribed for the purpose of subsection 2(4) of the Act.

Sub-registers

- (3) The register for dietetics is divided into the following sub-registers:
- (a) the register of dietitians, consisting of the following parts:
 - (i) general registration,
 - (ii) special registration;
 - (b) the register of dietitian candidates;
 - (c) the register of dietetic interns. *(EC149/18)*

3. Continuation of Board as College

The Prince Edward Island Dietitians Registration Board established as a body corporate under the *Dietitians Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. D-10.1, is continued as the College of Dietitians of Prince Edward Island, the college for dietetics. *(EC149/18)*

PART 3 – DIETITIANS AND DIETITIAN CANDIDATES

Dietitians

Registration

4. General registration

An applicant for registration in the general part of the register of dietitians shall

- (a) for the purpose of clause 12(2)(c) of the Act, have the education qualifications required in section 11;
- (b) for the purpose of clause 12(2)(d) of the Act, have successfully completed the examinations set out in section 12;
- (c) for the purpose of clause 12(2)(e) of the Act, have successfully completed the internship training set out in section 13;
- (d) for the purpose of clause 12(2)(f) of the Act, demonstrate currency of professional knowledge and skills in accordance with section 14; and
- (e) for the purpose of clause 12(2)(j) of the Act, hold or be covered by professional liability insurance or protection as required in subsection 15(1). *(EC149/18)*

5. Special registration

- (1) Where the Council directs the registrar to register an applicant pursuant to subsection 13(3) of the Act, the registrar shall register the applicant in the special registration part of the register of dietitians.



No renewal or reinstatement

- (2) Registration in the special registration part is for a limited time and purpose and is therefore not subject to renewal or reinstatement. (EC149/18)

Renewal of Registration

6. Renewal of general registration

- (1) An applicant for renewal of registration in the general registration part of the register of dietitians shall
- (a) for the purpose of subclause 22(2)(a)(i) of the Act, fulfil the requirements for continuing education and competency set out in subsection 16(1);
 - (b) for the purpose of subclause 22(2)(a)(ii) of the Act, demonstrate currency of professional knowledge and skills in accordance with section 14; and
 - (c) for the purpose of subclause 22(2)(a)(v) of the Act, hold or be covered by professional liability insurance or protection as required in subsection 15(1).

Failure to meet continuing education and competency requirements

- (2) Where an applicant under subsection (1) fails to meet the requirements for continuing education and competency, the Council may require the applicant to do one or both of the following within a specified time period:
- (a) successfully complete a continuing education program approved by the Council;
 - (b) pass an examination administered or approved by the Council.

Failure to demonstrate currency

- (3) Where an applicant under subsection (1) fails to demonstrate currency of professional knowledge and skills, the Council may require the applicant to successfully complete a refresher program approved by the Council, within a specified time period. (EC149/18)

Reinstatement of Registration

7. Reinstatement period

For the purpose of subsection 24(1) of the Act, the maximum period of time is three years. (EC149/18)

8. Reinstatement of general registration

- (1) An applicant for reinstatement of registration in the general registration part of the register of dietitians shall
- (a) for the purpose of clause 24(4)(c) of the Act, demonstrate currency of professional knowledge and skills in accordance with section 14; and
 - (b) for the purpose of clause 24(4)(f) of the Act, hold or be covered by professional liability insurance or protection as required in subsection 15(1).

Failure to demonstrate currency

- (2) Where an applicant under subsection (1) fails to demonstrate currency of professional knowledge and skills, the Council may require the applicant to successfully complete a refresher program approved by the Council, within a specified time period. (EC149/18)

Dietitian Candidates

Registration

9. Registration

- (1) An applicant for registration in the register of dietitian candidates shall
- (a) for the purpose of clause 12(2)(c) of the Act, have the education qualifications required in section 11;
 - (b) for the purpose of clause 12(2)(e) of the Act, have successfully completed the internship training set out in section 13;
 - (c) for the purpose of clause 12(2)(f) of the Act, demonstrate currency of professional knowledge and skills in accordance with section 14; and
 - (d) for the purpose of clause 12(2)(j) of the Act, hold or be covered by professional liability insurance or protection as required in subsection 15(1).

Failure to demonstrate currency

- (2) Where an applicant under subsection (1) fails to demonstrate currency of professional knowledge and skills, the Council may require the applicant to successfully complete a refresher program approved by the Council, within a specified time period.

Subject to supervision

- (3) A dietitian candidate shall be supervised in practising dietetics by a dietitian registered in the general registration part of the register of dietitians, approved by the Council.

Not subject to reinstatement

- (4) Registration in the register of dietitian candidates is for the purpose of enabling a dietitian candidate to obtain practice experience pending completion of the examinations set out in section 12 for registration as a dietitian, and is therefore not subject to reinstatement.
(EC149/18)

Renewal of Registration

10. Renewal of registration

- (1) An applicant for renewal of registration in the register of dietitian candidates shall
- (a) for the purpose of clause 12(2)(f) of the Act, demonstrate currency of professional knowledge and skills in accordance with section 14; and
 - (b) for the purpose of clause 12(2)(j) of the Act, hold or be covered by professional liability insurance or protection as required in subsection 15(1).

Failure to demonstrate currency

- (2) Where an applicant under subsection (1) fails to demonstrate currency of professional knowledge and skills, the Council may require the applicant to successfully complete a refresher program approved by the Council, within a specified time period. (EC149/18)



Prescribed Requirements

11. Education

In this Part, for the purpose of clause 12(2)(c) of the Act, the required education qualification is either

- (a) a bachelor's degree specializing in dietetics or human nutrition obtained at an institution accredited by the Partnership for Dietetic Education and Practice or approved by the Council; or
- (b) qualifications that the Partnership of Dietetic Education and Practice or the Council considers substantially equivalent to a degree described in clause (a). *(EC149/18)*

12. Examinations

For the purpose of clause 12(2)(d) of the Act, the required examinations are

- (a) a provincial examination established or adopted by the Council to assess knowledge and understanding of the jurisprudence, ethical standards and standards of practice governing the practice of dietetics in the province; and
- (b) the Canadian Dietetic Registration Examination or other competency examination approved by the Council. *(EC149/18)*

13. Internship

For the purpose of clause 12(2)(e) of the Act, the required internship training is an internship program accredited by the Partnership for Dietetic Education and Practice or approved by the Council. *(EC149/18)*

14. Currency requirements

For the purpose of clause 12(2)(f), subclause 22(2)(a)(ii) and clause 24(4)(c) of the Act, an applicant shall meet one of the following requirements to demonstrate currency of professional knowledge and skills:

- (a) successful completion of the educational requirements set out in section 11 not more than three years prior to the date of the application;
- (b) active practice of dietetics without any restrictions for at least 500 hours during the three years immediately preceding the date of the application;
- (c) successful completion of a refresher program satisfactory to the registrar, within the three years immediately preceding the date of the application. *(EC149/18)*

15. Insurance requirements

- (1) For the purpose of subsection 12(2)(j), subclause 22(2)(a)(v) and clauses 24(4)(f) and 25(3)(c) of the Act, and in accordance with these regulations, an applicant under this Part, a dietitian, as required by the Act and regulations or the Council, or a dietitian candidate, as the case may be, shall hold or be covered by professional liability insurance under a policy that

- (a) is issued in the name of the applicant or member or clearly covers the applicant or member;
- (b) applies to any practice setting in Prince Edward Island;
- (c) provides coverage of not less than \$2,000,000 per claim or occurrence and an aggregate limit of not less than \$2,000,000, excluding legal or court costs;

- (d) covers liability for any professional service the applicant will provide or the member provides practising dietetics; and
- (e) provides an extended reporting period of at least three years in the case of a claims-based policy or a minimum retroactive date of five years in the case of an occurrence-based policy.

Proof of insurance

- (2) An applicant or member referred to in subsection (1), shall provide or ensure the registrar is provided with the most current certificate of professional liability insurance issued by the insurer that confirms the applicant or member is insured under a policy that meets the requirements of subsection (1). *(EC149/18)*

16. Continuing education and competency

- (1) For the purpose of subclause 22(2)(a)(i) of the Act, the requirements for continuing education and competency are
 - (a) the successful completion of at least 30 hours of continuing education that meets the standards and requirements established by the Council in accordance with section 60 of the Act in each three-year period defined by the Council, subject to proration; and
 - (b) participation in any methods or programs established by the Council in accordance with section 60.1 of the Act to assess the competency of dietitians, as required by the Council.

Record

- (2) A dietitian shall
 - (a) keep a record in a form satisfactory to the registrar of the activities that the dietitian undertakes for the purpose of this section; and
 - (b) provide copies of the record referred to in clause (a) on the request of and in accordance with the directions of the registrar. *(EC149/18)*

Designations and Reserved Activities

17. Designations of a dietitian

For the purpose of subsection 89(1) of the Act,

- (a) the designations of a dietitian include the following titles, abbreviations and initials:
 - (i) dietitian,
 - (ii) nutritionist,
 - (iii) registered dietitian or R.D.;
- (b) the designations of a dietitian candidate include the following titles, abbreviations and initials:
 - (i) dietitian candidate,
 - (ii) registered dietitian candidate or R.D. Candidate. *(EC149/18)*

18. Reserved activity

Subject to any terms or conditions imposed on a member's registration, dietitians and dietitian candidates are authorized to perform the reserved activity of performing a procedure



on tissue below the dermis for the purpose of taking a blood sample by skin pricking to monitor capillary blood readings. (EC149/18)

PART 4 - DIETETIC INTERNS

Registration

19. Intern registration

- (1) An applicant for registration in the register of dietetic interns shall
 - (a) for the purpose of clause 12(2)(c) of the Act, be enrolled in or have completed, at an institution accredited by the Partnership for Dietetic Education and Practice or approved by the Council, a bachelor's degree specializing in dietetics or human nutrition; and
 - (b) for the purpose of clause 12(2)(e) of the Act, be enrolled in an internship program accredited by the Partnership for Dietetic Education and Practice or approved by the Council.

No prescribed requirements

- (2) For greater certainty, there are no prescribed requirements pursuant to clauses 12(2)(d), (f) or (j) of the Act for registration in the register of dietetic interns.

Subject to supervision

- (3) A dietetic intern shall be supervised in practising dietetics by a dietitian registered in the general registration part of the register of dietitians, approved by the Council.

Not subject to reinstatement

- (4) Registration in the register of dietetic interns is not subject to reinstatement. (EC149/18)

Renewal of Registration

20. Renewal of intern registration

- (1) For the purpose of subclause 22(2)(a)(v.1) of the Act, an applicant for renewal of registration in the register of dietetic interns shall
 - (a) be enrolled in or have completed, at an institution accredited by the Partnership for Dietetic Education and Practice or approved by the Council, a bachelor's degree specializing in dietetics or human nutrition; and
 - (b) be enrolled in an internship program accredited by the Partnership for Dietetic Education and Practice or approved by the Council.

No prescribed requirements

- (2) For greater certainty, there are no prescribed requirements pursuant to subclauses 22(2)(a)(i), (ii) or (v) of the Act for renewal of registration in the register of dietetic interns. (EC149/18)

Designations and Reserved Activities

21. Designation of an intern

For the purpose of subsection 89(1) of the Act, the designations of a dietetic intern include the title “dietetic intern”. (EC149/18)

22. Reserved activity

Subject to any terms or conditions imposed on the dietetic intern’s registration, a dietetic intern is authorized to perform the reserved activity of performing a procedure on tissue below the dermis for the purpose of taking a blood sample by skin pricking to monitor capillary blood readings. (EC149/18)

PART 5 - GENERAL

23. Name of corporation

- (1) For the purpose of clause 15(1)(d) of the Act, the name of a corporation applying for a permit to carry on the business of providing the professional services of a dietitian, dietitian candidate or dietetic intern shall be, in the opinion of the registrar, in good taste, dignified and professional.

Change of name

- (2) Before changing its name, a health profession corporation shall obtain written confirmation from the registrar that the proposed name meets the requirements of subsection (1). (EC149/18)

24. Revocation

The following regulations are revoked:

- (a) the *Dietitians Act* Registration Regulations (EC454/95);
- (b) the *Dietitians Act* Standards and Discipline Regulations (EC830/95). (EC149/18)

