

# WINTER NEWSLETTER

## BOARD RECRUITMENT

The NSCDN is recruiting dietitians who hold an active-practice license to join the Board of Directors. The Board's activities are conducted per the Dietitians Act, Dietitian Regulations, College Bylaws, and relevant NSCDN policies. Board training will be provided to new Board members.

Vacancies for the 2024/25 Board include:

- Chair-elect
- Treasurer
- Member at Large

If you have questions regarding these volunteer positions, please contact Amanda Connors at [registrar@nscdn.ca](mailto:registrar@nscdn.ca). The application for these opportunities is located [here](#). The deadline for application is **February 9, 2024**.

## ANNUAL LICENSE RENEWAL

The 2024-25 NSCDN license renewal period is now open. The deadline to submit a complete renewal application is **February 28, 2024**.

In preparation for renewal, dietitians should be aware of the following renewal requirements:

- A complete renewal package consists of
  - a Learning Log which includes:
    - two specific learning goals,
    - learning activities related to each goal (it is encouraged to aim for three or more learning activities per goal),
    - 'other' learning activities that are not related to either CCP goal (it is encouraged to aim for three or more 'other' learning activities),
    - a learning outcome statement for each learning activity that clearly demonstrates how learning impacted practice.
  - the successful completion of the Jurisprudence Quiz;
  - a completed renewal application;
  - a current insurance policy uploaded to Supporting Documents (or provided to NSCDN by the employer) that meets the Liability Insurance Policy requirements;
  - payment of the 2024-25 registration fee. E-transfer is the preferred method of payment. **E-transfers must be sent to the new email address, [financial@nscdn.ca](mailto:financial@nscdn.ca).**
- The Practical Training section of your NSCDN profile is a provincial requirement and must be completed.
- If a complete renewal has not been submitted by 11:59 pm on February 28, 2024, it is considered late and will be subject to a \$300 late fee.

Additional information can be found in the renewal instructions located [here](#). A renewal Q&A was published in the [Fall 2023 Newsletter](#). If you have questions, please contact the NSCDN at [registration@nscdn.ca](mailto:registration@nscdn.ca).

## PRESCRIBING AUTHORIZAION FOR DIETITIANS – UPDATE

The rollout of prescribing authorization for dietitians was anticipated for Spring 2024. Collaboration between the NSCDN and interested parties is ongoing. This collaboration aims to ensure all requirements are met, enabling dietitians to become recognized authorized prescribers in Nova Scotia. Through this process, all parties are enhancing their understanding of the required communication process between NSCDN and provincial databases and project development timelines. Although there is a delay in launching the prescribing authorization, dietitians may practice other authorized activities in the Nutrition Prescription Standards. Before engaging in any area of dietetic practice, a dietitian must hold the knowledge, skill, and competence related to that area of practice, and the activity must be within their employment scope of practice.

The launch date of prescribing authorization for dietitians will be communicated later when more information about timelines of the outstanding elements of this project is known. If you have questions about the Nutrition Prescription Standards or prescribing authorization, please contact Nicole MacPherson at [registration@nscdn.ca](mailto:registration@nscdn.ca).

For more information, please see the [Nutrition Prescription Standards](#) and the 2023 [Nutrition Prescription Webinar](#).

## BYLAW AMENDMENT

Upon the proclamation of the Dietitians Act in early 2023, the NSCDN Board approved the [College Bylaws](#). A recent review identified that an amendment to the College Bylaws is required regarding the following areas:

- Set quorum for the Annual General Meeting.
- Introduce the approval of the Annual General Meeting minutes by the NSCDN membership.

### The NSCDN proposes:

- The current Section 18.2 of the NSCDN Bylaws be amended to state, “Quorum at Annual and Special meetings will be the number of members who attend the meeting,” and
- The approval of the minutes will move from section 18.2 to section 18.3 and state “approval of the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.”

### Join the Conversation

Please provide feedback through the [online survey](#) by **February 9, 2024**. Thank you in advance for your participation.

### Next Steps

Once the feedback period is closed, the Board will review the feedback summary before deciding whether to approve the bylaw amendment. If the amendment is approved, the Bylaw document will be updated and posted on the NSCDN website.

## QUESTIONS?

If you have questions regarding the NSCDN, please visit the NSCDN website at [www.nscdn.ca](http://www.nscdn.ca) or email your question to [registration@nscdn.ca](mailto:registration@nscdn.ca)