

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

THE NSCDN

The Nova Scotia College of Dietitians and Nutritionists (NSCDN) is the regulatory body for the profession of dietetics in Nova Scotia. In the public interest, the NSCDN regulates dietitians and nutritionists to practice in a safe, ethical and competent manner.

Vision: Trust and excellence in regulation and practice

Mission: In the public interest, NSCDN regulates dietitians and nutritionists to practice in a safe, ethical and competent manner.

LIABILITY INSURANCE

Following an environmental assessment, legal consultation, and discussions with subject matter experts, the Board has approved a revision to the Liability Insurance Policy. These changes required a dietitian to hold:

- an individual professional liability insurance that is separate from their employer's liability insurance
- an occurrence-based or a claims-made professional liability insurance policy that includes an extended reporting period (ERP) of at least two (2) years.
- a professional liability insurance policy that includes legal expense endorsement.



The updated Liability Insurance Policy is located [HERE](#).

A Liability Insurance Policy Q & A is located [HERE](#).

This change is scheduled for implementation on April 1, 2025. Prior to their 2025 renewal, dietitians must have insurance that meets the specifications as outlines in the updated Liability Insurance Policy.

CONTINUING COMPETENCY PROGRAM

An update to the Continuing Competency Program (CCP) has been approved by the Board of Directors. Registrants will submit their CCP in the new format starting with the 2025 renewal. Resources are located on the NSCDN website. Registrants can add CCP information to the new database in the Fall of 2024. More information will be sent through email at that time. Below are links to important CCP documents:

[CCP Guide](#)
[Learning Plan Worksheet](#)

[Self-assessment](#)
[Examples of learning goal](#)

[Recorded CCP webinar](#)
[CCP Q&A](#)

CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK WITH VAURNABLE SECTOR

On April 1, 2024, the College implemented a requirement for a Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Check as part of the application for registration. **Current registrants will be required to provide a Vulnerable Sector Check every five years, beginning at renewal 2025.** The Check is considered valid if uploaded to your profile within four months of the date on the Check. The College will notify registrants when they are required to provide a new Vulnerable Sector Check. For more information on this requirement and how to obtain this documentation, please visit the [NSCDN website](#).

ONLINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM

The College is transitioning to a new online registration system. As we proceed through the implementation process, registrants can expect to receive relevant information through email in the coming weeks and months. Data will be transferred from our current system on September 4, 2024. Therefore, any information added to the registrant portal following September 3, 2024, will not be saved or transferred. If your address or employment has changed, please update your profile before September 4, 2024 or when the new system is implemented. An email will be sent to inform registrants when the new system is available for registrant login.

CODE OF ETHICS

The College Board recently approved a new professional Code of Ethics. We would like to thank all dietitians who provided feedback during the consultation period. The Code of Ethics for Dietitians in Nova Scotia is a statement of values, behaviours, and responsibilities that guide interactions and fair decision-making in any professional situation and work environment. The Code of Ethics was developed collaboratively and through partner consultation with six other provincial dietetic regulators. This document is located on the [NSCDN website](#).

NSCDN STAFFING UPDATE

The NSCDN is excited to welcome our new Practice Advisor, Jennifer Bowser, RD. Jennifer brings a wealth of clinical knowledge and an understanding of and interest in professional regulation. Please get in touch with Jennifer if you have questions related to practice. Jennifer can be reached by email at practice@nscdn.ca.



Nicole MacPherson has recently transitioned from NSCDN Registration Coordinator to NSCDN Deputy Registrar. Nicole oversees various College programs in her new role, including registration and licensing, renewal, the NSCDN database, and the Continuing Competency Program. Should you have any questions regarding these areas, please feel free to contact Nicole. Nicole can be reached by email at deputyregistrar@nscdn.ca.

WE'VE MOVED

The College office has relocated from 380 Bedford Highway to 1597 Bedford Highway in Bedford, NS. We are excited to join five other health regulatory bodies at our new premises. Additionally, please note that our phone number has been updated to (902) 223-5718. Our new office location is:

202-1597 Bedford Hwy
Bedford, NS B4A 1E7

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions regarding the NSCDN, please visit the NSCDN website at www.nscdn.ca or email your question to info@nscdn.ca.