

Alliance of Canadian Dietetic Regulatory Bodies



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Alberta (CDA)

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Manitoba (CDM)

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College of Dietitians of
Ontario (CDO)

Québec
Ordre des
Diététistes-nutritionniste du
Québec (ODNQ)

New Brunswick
New Brunswick Association
of Dietitians (NBAD/ADNB)

Prince Edward Island
College of Dietitians of PEI
(CDPEI)

Nova Scotia
Nova Scotia College of
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(NSCDN)

**Newfoundland &
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College of Dietitians (NLCD)

National Dietetics Exam to Undergo Expert Review

As a critical step in the journey towards becoming a Registered Dietitian, the Canadian Dietetic Registration Examination (CDRE) is fundamental to dietetics regulation in most provinces across Canada. For more than 25 years, the CDRE has been a reliable indicator of preparedness for the profession. It has ensured that students enter the dietetics profession with the ability and confidence to competently practise dietetics, driven by the knowledge that CDRE success signifies the high quality of their academic education and practical training.

Recently, however, concerns have been raised due to variability of pass rates by first-time writers of the CDRE across Canada, as compared to historical exam pass rates.

This is why the Alliance of Canadian Dietetic Regulatory Bodies (Alliance), as the national group of dietetic regulatory bodies across Canada, is undertaking a review of the exam process and outcomes. The Alliance has engaged a third-party psychometric expert to review the exam, which is expected to be completed by spring 2025. This evidence-based approach is important to supporting entry into the profession while ensuring the CDRE continues to serve as a reliable indicator of competencies and skills. The Alliance will provide an update on the findings and recommendations once the review has concluded.

The Alliance works together, taking a cohesive national approach in supporting the regulatory mandate of each provincial jurisdiction to protect the public interest. As administrators of the CDRE, the Alliance is committed to ensuring the ongoing integrity of the Canadian Dietetic Registration Examination and the public's access to competent, safe and ethical dietetic services.

Questions and comments can be directed to the Alliance at info@dieteticregulators.ca