

Note: The State of California requires that Dietitians go through the national Commission on Dietetic Registration. There is no other California Licensure requirements.

1. **Educational Credentials Evaluation**- If you are a dietitian who graduated outside of the United States, the first step is to go to the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education website (www.eatright.org/cade/intfactsheet.html) and see if the Commission on Dietetic Registration has a reciprocity agreement with your foreign dietetic association or regulatory board. As of 2003 only associations in Canada, The Netherlands, The Philippines, Ireland and the United Kingdom have these reciprocity agreements. If your association is not on this list, you must have your educational credentials evaluated by an approved credential evaluation service. Request a detailed course-by-course evaluation. Some of the approved Credential Evaluation Services in 2003 are:

International Education Research Foundation- P.O. Box 3665, Culver City, CA 90231, Tel- (310) 258-9451. www.ierf.org

Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc- P.O. Box 514070, Milwaukee, WI 53203, Tel- (414) 289-3400. eval@ece.org

Association of International Credential Evaluators- P.O. Box 6756, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, Tel- (888) 263-2423. AICE@prodigy.net

2. **Dietetics Program Director Evaluation**- Once you have your credential evaluation report, you must contact the Program Director of an accredited and approved dietetics program. You can find a list of accredited and approved dietetics programs at www.eatright.org/cade. The Program Director will review the equivalency report of your previous academic preparation and advise you about any additional coursework necessary to meet the academic requirements for the verification statement. This verification statement is the proof that you have completed all of the academic requirements of the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education.
3. **Supervised Practice** - You must complete an accredited Dietetic Internship (DI) or Preprofessional Practice Program (AP4). Both of these programs consist of a minimum of 900 hours of supervised practice. The American Dietetic Association publishes a “*Directory of Dietetics Programs*” annually. This directory includes a list of supervised programs. It is possible to complete both any required academic coursework and supervised practice program at the same time through a Coordinated Program (CP). Once you complete your supervised practice, the Program Director of the supervised practice will submit the registration eligibility information directly to the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR). You will then receive an application for the *Registration Examination for Dietitians*.
4. **Registration Examination for Dietitians**- The examination is administered by computer and offered year round at multiple locations. The cost of the exam in 2003 was \$125. You have one year once you are notified of your eligibility to take the test. If you fail the exam, you must contact the Commission on Dietetic Registration to obtain a reauthorization to take the examination.

** If you do not meet the academic requirements as a Dietitian, you may want to inquire about the requirements for Dietetic Technicians. Dietetic Technicians also must complete a supervised practice and take an examination.

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