



**CDBC Update**  
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**Greetings!**

The Board and Quality Assurance Committee are very close to launching the CDBC's new **Continuing Competence Program (CCP)**. Project consultant, Catherine Morley, PhD, RD, FDC, is working with the Committee and graphic designer to finalize and format the Professional Development Guide (PDG). It will be printed and mailed to all registrants in late March or early April. Province-wide orientation and liaison sessions will occur during 2007. Participants in focus groups during 2006 that informed development of the CCP process and the PDG indicated they did not want a phase in process, rather they all wanted to begin the program as soon as possible. Consequently, **all registrants will begin the program on April 1, 2007.**

Registrants will be assigned to one of three cohorts based on their birth month. All registrants will submit annual Declarations of Participation in the CCP with their CDBC registration renewal then the first cohort will submit their reports in 2008, the second in 2009, and the third in 2010. Thereafter, registrants report every three years.

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The Board has approved **Interim Standards of Practice** for incorporation in the Self Assessment portion of the new CCP's Professional Development Guide. The Standards of Practice are posted on the website on the Legislation page as Schedule B of the CDBC bylaws. Registrants are invited to comment on the seven Standards and the Indicators during 2007. Feedback will be reviewed and incorporated into a final version for Board review by early 2008. Once approved, the seven Standards statements will be submitted to the government as a bylaw amendment.

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The **online 2007/08 Registration Renewal Form** will be available by mid-February through the website. Access information will be sent to each registrant in a personalized email. The registration renewal **deadline is March 31, 2007**. Renewing your registration by April 1 entitles you to continue practicing dietetics and use the protected title 'Dietitian'. Watch your email for more details!

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Congratulations to **Marlyn Davis, RD, and Peter Lam, RD!** They were re-elected by acclimation to the **CDBC Board** from the Vancouver Island and Fraser electoral

regions for two-year terms effective April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2009.

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**Essential Competencies for Dietetic Practice** developed by the Alliance of Canadian Dietetic Regulatory Bodies (the Alliance) have been **approved by the Board**. Approval across Canada is in progress. The Essential Competencies form the basis for the CDBC's Standards of Practice and will result in a new blueprint for the Canadian Dietetic Registration Examination. Thank you to the hundreds of Canadian RDs who participated in provincial focus groups and the national validation process. Your input was invaluable! Please contact the College if you'd like more details.

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The **new Alliance website is launched at [www.dieteticregulation.ca](http://www.dieteticregulation.ca)**. You'll find information on the Alliance's purpose and Strategic Priorities, the responsibilities of regulatory bodies in Canada, information about regulated professionals, a summary of the Mutual Recognition Agreement and contact information for all provincial dietetic regulatory bodies. Please visit our site!

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The upcoming **Board meeting** is scheduled for **Saturday, March 3** at College Place – 1765 West 8th Avenue. Observers are welcome! Please call the office for meeting times and agenda information.

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**Have you browsed the CDBC website lately?** Note the Personal Profile link to our database from the Home page and the Public Register listing all Registered Dietitians and their Reserved Acts. The Home and News pages are updated regularly. Browse on a regular basis – you may be surprised at the information available!

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**Questions or comments?** CDBC staff would like to hear from you. Please call **(604) 736-2016, our toll- free number within BC at 1 (877) 736-2016** or email us at: [info@collegeofdietitiansbc.org](mailto:info@collegeofdietitiansbc.org).

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