



Can You Afford NOT to be a Certified Dietitian/Nutritionist?

What does certification mean in NYS?

- The current status of Certification for Dietitian/Nutritionist in NYS provides for protection of the title of Certified Dietitian-Nutritionist.
- To be a Certified Dietitian/Nutritionist in New York State you must meet certain educational standards, experience, and examination requirements.
- The title or credential 'CDN' does not replace the "RD" title or status.
- Certified Dietitians/Nutritionists must display a current New York registration certificate. The certificate lists the professional's name, address, and dates of the registration period. CDNs must re-register every three years to practice in New York.

What is the difference between an RD and a CDN?

- A Registered Dietitian or RD is a national standard regulated and monitored by the national association, the American Dietetic Association.
- The status of a Certified Dietitian/Nutritionist or CDN is regulated by New York State. The Board of Regents and the New York State Education Department regulate and oversee the preparation, licensure, and practice of numerous professions in NYS.

How do I check the CDN status for myself or another member?

- The Office of Professions provides an online search function which permits the public to obtain the certification or licensure status by entering the profession and name or license number of an individual. Follow the link below for Office of the Professions website. <http://www.op.nysed.gov/opsearches.htm> or by calling [1-518-474-3817](tel:1-518-474-3817) (press prompt #4, then #1).
- If you require written proof of licensure you can file the [Request for Written Confirmation of NYS Licensure](#) (PDF). This request requires the submission of a fee and will be mailed to a third party.

WHY BECOME A CERTIFIED DIETITIAN/NUTRITIONIST?

EASE OF LICENSURE

When licensure becomes law, having a valid CDN will be the quick and seamless way towards obtaining your license.

ADVOCACY

If we increase the number of RD's that pursue their CDN in NYS, the more leverage we will have in public policy negotiations, advancing the profession in several aspects.

EMPLOYMENT

Many employers are now requiring the CDN and RD credentials!

CREDIBILITY

RD's value high credentials and promote consumer confidence.

AFFORDABILITY

Low cost for a three year period - .31 per day!