

Introduction

CDR Mission:

The Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) will exist to serve the public by establishing and enforcing standards for certification, recertification and the Code of Ethics and by issuing credentials to individuals who meet these standards. CDR has sole and independent authority in all matters pertaining to certification, including but not limited to standard setting, establishment of fees, finances, and administration.

This *Guide* provides all the information and tools to successfully complete your recertification cycle. All the forms and worksheets are located in this *Guide*.

In this process, you are responsible for:

1. completing the *Professional Development Portfolio* process,
2. maintaining your own records and documentation, and
3. submitting all required information to CDR by the deadlines as documented by postmark.

Who thinks this is a good idea?

In the report, "Health Professions Education: A Bridge to Quality," the Institute of Medicine Committee on the Health Professions of the Board on Health Care Services (2003) states:

"To change professional performance and practice, health professionals need to select a portfolio of continuing education activities based on reflection upon the gap between what they know now and what they need to know...An example of such an approach is [the recertification system of the Commission on Dietetic Registration]..."



For more information on the background and benefits of the Professional Development Portfolio process, forms, a PDP tutorial, and additional resources that can assist you, visit the CDR Web site at www.cdernet.org or contact CDR directly at 1-800-877-1600, ext. 5500.

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