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DTRE MISUSE

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RETAIN this form for your records and future reference.

DTRE Mis-Use:

Please refrain from the use of *DTRE*, *DTR Eligible* or *Dietetic Technician, Registered Eligible*.

Over the years, CDR has stated in newsletters, the Courier, and the ADA Times that DTRE is not a credential and should not be used. This information is also located on the CDR website. For the past several years students completing their supervised practice program must sign a DTRE Mis-Use form for their program director regarding this fabricated credential. In addition, each student is provided with a copy of the misuse document to retain in their file. Anyone can file a complaint with CDR on an individual using DTRE, DTR Eligible, Dietetic Technician, Registered Eligible or DTR if they are not registered as an DTR with CDR. This would include 'dtr' in their e-mail address prior to passing the exam for dietitians.

DTRE is the acronym and DTR Eligible or Dietetic Technician, Registered Eligible is the same only spelled out.

Please refrain from using *DTRE*, *DTR Eligible*, *Dietetic Technician, Registered Eligible* and 'dtr' in your e-mail.

We refer you to the CDR Web Site, www.cdrnet.org, to become familiar with terminology for registration eligible candidates. When the home page opens up click on Certifications and Licensure in the left hand column, then click on Registered Dietitian (RD), and then click on Registration Eligibility General Information for the following message. The CDR website direct link is: <http://www.cdrnet.org/certifications/rddtr/dteligible.htm>

What does the term *registration eligible* mean?

The term *registration eligible* is used by the Commission on Dietetic Registration to identify individuals who have met the didactic and supervised practice requirements to write the registration examination. The Commission will verify upon request that an individual has met registration eligibility requirements and the eligibility date. The term *DTRE* is not a professional designation/credential. The commission has noted with concern an increase in the use of the term *DTRE* to designate registration eligibility. Both employers and the public find the use of the term confusing.

Does the Commission recognize the professional designation *DTRE*?

No. The term is not a professional designation/credential. The Commission has noted with concern an increase in the use of the term *DTRE* to designate registration eligibility. Both employers and the public find the use of the term confusing.

Should you be using the term *DTRE*, please discontinue its use and replace it with "registration eligible. Individuals who use the term *DTRE* are frequently reported to CDR regarding their mis-use, and must be told to discontinue its use via a "cease and desist" order.

Thank you in advance for your assistance regarding this issue.