

COMMISSION ON DIETETIC REGISTRATION

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RDE MISUSE

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RETAIN this form for your records and future reference.

RDE Mis-Use:

Please refrain from the use of *RDE*, *RD Eligible* or *Registered Dietitian Eligible*.

Over the years, CDR has stated in newsletters, Courier, and the ADA Times that RDE 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 RDE 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 RDE, RD Eligible, Registered Dietitian Eligible or RD if they are not registered as an RD with CDR. This would include 'rd' in their e-mail address prior to passing the exam for dietitians.

RDE is the acronym and RD Eligible or Registered Dietitian Eligible is the same only spelled out.

Please refrain from using *RDE*, *RD Eligible*, *Registered Dietitian Eligible* and 'rd' in your e-mail.

Please refer 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 for this information is: <http://www.cdrnet.org/certifications/rddtr/eligibility.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 *RDE* is not a professional designation/credential. The commission has noted with concern an increase in the use of the term *RDE* to designate registration eligibility. Both employers and the public find the use of the term confusing.

Does the Commission recognize the professional designation *RDE*?

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

Should you be using the term *RDE*, please discontinue its use and replace it with "registration eligible. Individuals who use the term *RDE* 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.