
SUBJECT:
DEFINITION OF TERMS POLICY



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PURPOSE

The Definition of Terms function as a resource for registered dietitian nutritionists (RDNs), nutrition and dietetics technicians, registered (NDTRs) and other individuals and groups. As a reference document, the definitions serve as standardized language for consistent application in practice settings and Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) and Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (Academy) publications. The terms and definitions are used in a variety of ways including organization requirements, public policy development, regulations related to professional licensure, and as needed by academia, research, professional publications, employers, industry, and practitioners and members.

The Definition of Terms is a cumulative anthology of definitions. The definitions are broad based, have implications for use across the nutrition and dietetics profession, and are consistent with the regulatory and legal needs of the profession. The terms have cited references and are cross referenced with other sound resources.

OVERVIEW

The CDR Quality Management Committee (QMC) receives, processes, and reviews all requests for revisions and additions to the Definition of Terms document. The QMC convenes the Definition of Terms Task Force (DoT TF), as necessary. Definitions are retired as appropriate. The QMC and DoT TF share their recommendations with applicable CDR and Academy organizational units, committees, or groups, including the sender prior to final approval by the QMC.

The need for revision, continuing additions or deletions to the Definition of Terms is inherent. The QMC and the DoT TF has as one of its strategies to “develop new terms and definitions, review and revise terms and definitions as indicated per Scope and/or Standards of Practice documents and maintain the Definition of Terms List.” The full Definition of Terms List is reviewed every 5 years with individual term changes addressed in intervening years.

COMPOSITION AND FUNCTION

The TF chair is a current or past CDR Commissioner or member of the QMC. Members of the TF are both current and past CDR Commissioners, members of the QMC, as well as additional subject matter experts. The DoT TF processes, facilitates review, and revises all terms in the Definition of Terms List prior to the QMC review and approval.

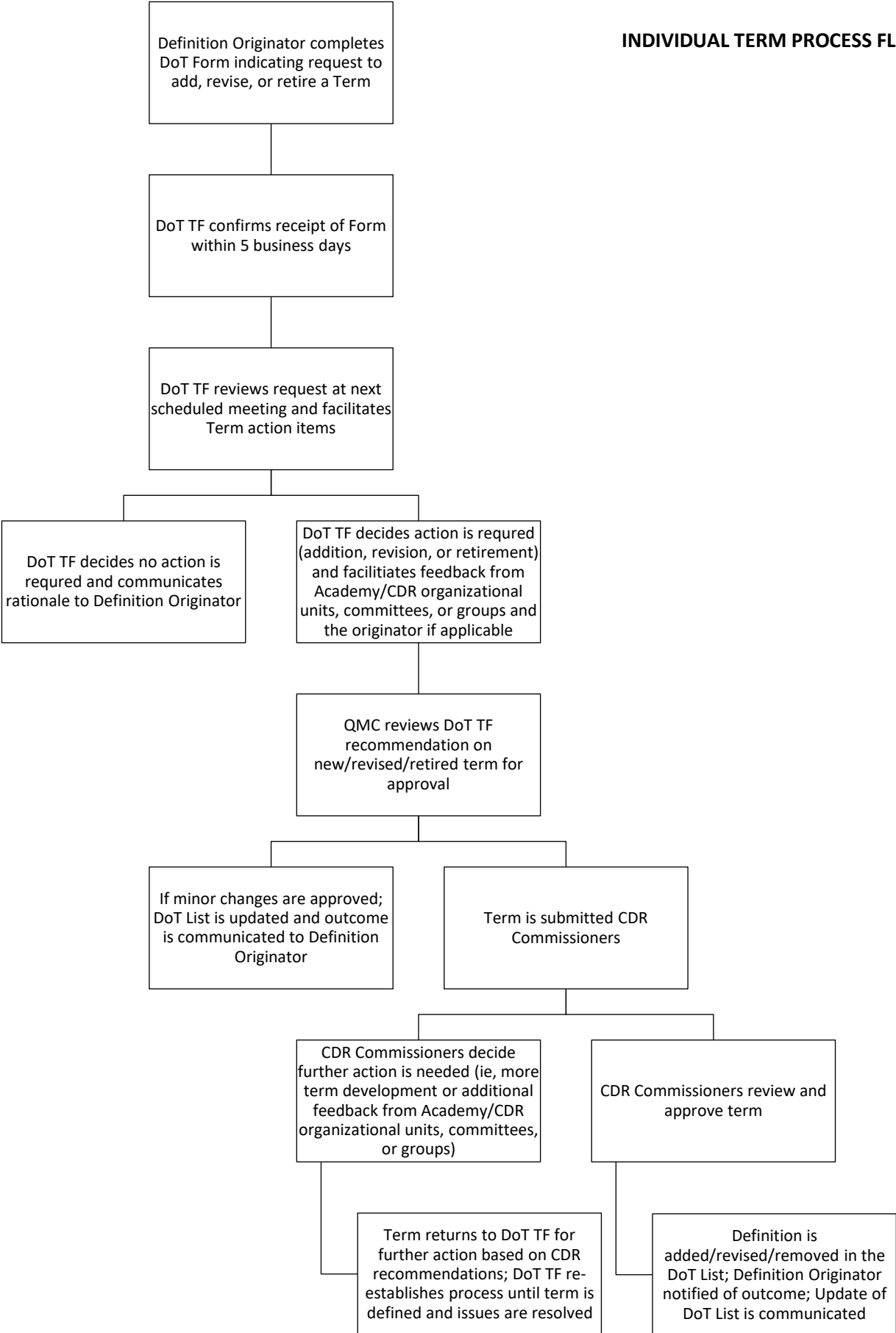
PROCEDURE

1. Requests to add, revise or retire terms in the Definition of Terms document are submitted by completing the applicable form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DefinitionForm>. Requests may be made by CDR/Academy committees or panels, organizational units (Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics [ACEND], Nutrition and Dietetic Educators and Preceptors [NDEP], Academy of

Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation), Dietetic Practice Groups, Member Interest Groups, Academy staff, external groups, and the DoT TF.

2. The procedure for adding, revising, and retiring definitions is outlined in the Individual Term Process Flow Diagram below.
3. The DoT TF conducts a comprehensive review of the DoT List every five years or as needed. The TF collaborates with CDR/Academy organizational units and committees/panels as needed for reviewing, updating, or retiring terms with approval by the QMC, and final approval by the CDR Commissioners. Individual terms are added, revised, or retired as needed in the intervening years.

INDIVIDUAL TERM PROCESS FLOW DIAGRAM



DEFINITION OF TERMS 5-YEAR REVIEW PROCESS FLOW DIAGRAM

