

NDTRE or DTRE MISUSE

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RETAIN this form for your records and future reference.

Over the years, CDR has stated that NDTRE and DTRE are not credentials 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 NDTRE and DTR 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 NDTRE, DTRE, NDTR Eligible, DTR Eligible, Nutrition and Dietetics Technician, Registered Eligible, Dietetic Technician, Registered, NDTR or DTR if they are not registered as a NDTR or DTR with CDR. This would include the use of 'ndtr' or 'dtr' in their e-mail address prior to passing the registration examination for dietetic technicians.

NDTRE and DTRE are the acronyms and NDTR Eligible, DTR Eligible, Nutrition and Dietetics Technician, Registered Eligible or Dietetic Technician, Registered are the same, only spelled out.

Please Note: Do not use NDTRE, DTRE, NDTR Eligible, DTRE Eligible, Nutrition and Dietetics Technician, Registered Eligible, Dietetic Technician, Registered, 'ndtr' nor "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 the gold RDN, RD, NDTR, and DTR Credentials button on the left hand side of the screen, then click on Nutrition and Dietetics Technician, Registered (NDTR) and Dietetic Technician Registered (DTR), and then click on Registration Eligibility General Information for the following message. The CDR website direct link is:

<http://www.cdrnet.org/certifications/registration-eligibility-general-information-dtre>.

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 associate or didactic degree and supervised practice requirements to write the dietetic technician examination. The Commission will verify upon request that an individual has met registration eligibility requirements and the eligibility date.

Does the Commission recognize the professional designation *NDTRE or DTRE*?

No. These terms are not professional designations/credentials. The Commission has noted with concern an increase in the use of the term NDTRE or DTRE to designate registration eligibility. Both employers and the public find the use of these terms confusing.

Should you be using the term NDTRE or DTRE, please discontinue this use and replace it with "registration eligible." Individuals who use the term NDTRE or 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.