

RDNE and RDE Misuse

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Over the years, CDR has stated that RDNE and RDE are not credentials and should not be used. This information is located on the CDR website. Students completing their supervised practice program must sign a RDNE and RDE Misuse form for their program director regarding these fabricated credentials. 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 RDNE, RDE, RDN Eligible, RD Eligible, Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Eligible, Registered Dietitian Eligible, RDN or RD if they are not registered as an RDN or RD with CDR. *This would include ‘rdn’ or ‘rd’ in their email address prior to passing the exam for dietitians.*

RDNE and RDE are the acronyms and RDN Eligible, RD Eligible, Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Eligible or Registered Dietitian Eligible are the same only spelled out.

Please Note: Do not use RDNE, RDE, RDN Eligible, RD Eligible, Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Eligible, Registered Dietitian Eligible, ‘rdn’ or ‘rd’ in your email.

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 “Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) or Registered Dietitian (RD)” and then click on Registration Eligibility General Information. The CDR website direct link is: <http://www.cdrnet.org/certifications/registration-eligibility-general-information-rde>

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 terms *RDNE* and *RDE* are not professional designations/credentials. The commission has noted with concern an increase in the use of the terms *RDNE* and *RDE* to designate registration eligibility. Both employers and the public find the use of the term confusing.

Does the Commission recognize the professional designations *RDNE* or *RDE*?

No. These terms are not professional designations/credentials.

Should you be using the term *RDNE* or *RDE*, please discontinue use and replace it with “registration eligible.” Individuals who use the terms *RDNE* or *RDE* are frequently reported to CDR regarding their misuse, and must be told to discontinue its use via a “cease and desist” order.