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North Carolina Board of Dietetics/Nutrition

Deadlines

Renewal Open:

January 1 – March 31

Late Renewal:

April 1 – May 31

License Lapse:

June 1

All License Needs:

Licensee Gateway:

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Late Renewal Open through May 31st – Late Fee Waived

Although the on-time renewal period is now closed, licensees whose licenses expired on March 31, 2021 and have not renewed, may still complete the renewal process. Like last year, **understanding that we all have been impacted in different ways due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board has decided to again waive the additional \$75.00 late fee for anyone who renews between April 1st and May 31st 2021.** Licensees who do not renew before May 31, 2021 will be Lapsed.

If you have forgotten the login credentials you set up last year, you may use the “Forgot Username” or “Forgot Password” buttons on the login page. Note: the reset instructions will be sent to the email address we have on file. If you no longer have access to your email on file with the Board, please email this office at: info@ncbdn.org with an update to your records before proceeding.

If you do not plan to renew your North Carolina license you must still Relinquish your license. Please note, if you have retired, and allowed your license to expire or lapse, you may notify [our office](#) that you have retired, and we will assist you with properly classifying your license. You may relinquish your license online, by logging in, **clicking on your “Expired” license**, and under the Options area, choosing and completing the **Relinquish** process. Note, Inactive status is no longer available to those licensees who have let their license Expire or Lapse.

NC Health Information Exchange/HealthConnex

The NC HealthConnex is a secured, standardized, electronic system that allows providers to share important patient health information. The goal of this system is to promote access, exchange, and analysis of health information. This system was created under Article 29B of the N.C. General Statutes, which was passed in 2015. Although not all requirements of this law are relevant to licensed dietitians/nutritionists and licensed nutritionists, under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-414.4(a1)(2), providers of Medicaid and State-funded health care services (i.e. the State Health Plan) must begin submitting demographic and clinical data by October 1, 2021.



According to the NC Department of Information Technology, connecting to the NC HealthConnex can take up to 12 months, depending upon a provider's electronic health record software. Thus, if you are a provider of services as outlined above, and have not taken action to "connect," you should do so. More information regarding the law, how to "connect," and extensions can be found [here](#). **Questions regarding NC HealthConnex should be sent to hiea@nc.gov.**

Open Board Member Position

A Licensed Nutritionist (LN) position on the Board will open as of June 30, 2021. Under NC General Statute 90-3539(b), licensed dietitian/nutritionist and licensed nutritionist members of the Board shall meet all of the following criteria:

- (1) Be citizens of the United States and residents of this State.
- (2) Have practiced in the field of dietetics or nutrition for at least three years.
- (3) Be licensed under this Article.

If you believe you meet the criteria noted above, and are interested in learning more about serving on the Board, please contact our Executive Director, Charla Burill at director@ncbdn.org.

Scam Alert Targeting Licensed Professionals

The Attorney General's office has released a Consumer Alert regarding scammers targeting licensed professionals. Scammers may claim that the license is either stolen or suspended and request money to reinstate the license. To view this alert, please visit the Attorney General's website at: <https://ncdoj.gov/consumer-alert-be-skeptical-of-professional-licensing-scams/>

Board Office Address Change

As the world was thrust into quarantine, many businesses and operations were forced to evolve. The NCBDN was no different. Thanks to several years of working to modernize the office's administration, the Board was well positioned to transition to a virtual environment during the required quarantine period, and continued operations without disruption. Thus, the change to a virtual office environment became permanent as of January 1, 2021. All services to licensees continue uninterrupted online through the [Licensee Gateway](#), as they have been since 2017. Staff will continue to conduct business and support through electronic functions. The board itself has seamlessly transitioned to virtual meetings, thus saving money, time, and carbon footprint. The **NEW MAILING ADDRESS** for the NCBDN is: **1135 Kildaire Farm Rd., Ste. 200, Cary, NC 27511**. For renewal purposes, should you choose to submit payment via check, please ensure you note this change in mailing address. The NCBDN phone numbers and email addresses remain unchanged.