# TITLE 16 OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING CHAPTER 14 NUTRITION AND DIETETIC PRACTITIONERS

PART 5 EXAMINATIONS

**16.14.5.1 ISSUING AGENCY:** Nutrition and Dietetic Practice Board, P.O. Box 25101, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504.

[16.14.5.1 NMAC - Rp, 16 NMAC 14.5.1 NMAC, 8/1/2011]

**16.14.5.2 SCOPE:** All individuals applying for licensure to practice as a dietitian, nutritionist or nutrition associate in New Mexico.

[16.14.5.2 NMAC - Rp, 16 NMAC 14.5.2, 8/1/2011]

**16.14.5.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** Sections 61-7A-1 through 61-7A-15 NMSA 1978 (Laws of 1996).

[16.14.5.3 NMAC - Rp, 16 NMAC 14.5.3, 8/1/2011]

**16.14.5.4 DURATION:** Permanent.

[16.14.5.4 NMAC - Rp, 16 NMAC 14.5.4, 8/1/2011]

**16.14.5.5 EFFECTIVE DATE:** 8/1/2011, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section. [16.14.5.5 NMAC - Rp, 16 NMAC 14.5.5, 8/1/2011]

**16.14.5.6 OBJECTIVE:** To establish the regulations regarding examination policies and procedures for licensure. The categories of licensed nutritionist and licensed dietitian share a basic scope of practice and therefore will be tested on the same material.

[16.14.5.6 NMAC - Rp, 16 NMAC 14.5.6, 8/1/2011]

#### **16.14.5.7 DEFINITIONS:** [RESERVED]

[16.14.5.7 NMAC - Rp, 16 NMAC 14.5.7, 8/1/2011]

#### 16.14.5.8 REQUIRED EXAMINATION:

- **A.** For dietitians, the entry-level examination for registration as a dietitian developed and administered by CDR is required for licensure in New Mexico.
- **B.** For nutritionists, the entry-level examination for registration as a dietitian developed and administered by CDR is required for licensure in New Mexico.
- C. For nutrition associates, the examination for registration as a dietetic technician developed and administered by CDR is required for licensure in New Mexico. [16.14.5.8 NMAC Rp, 16 NMAC 14.5.8, 8/1/2011]
- **16.14.5.9 TEST ADMINISTRATION:** Examinations are offered by CDR in a computerized format on dates and locations determined by the applicant. Individuals applying for licensure as a nutritionist or nutrition associate must make application through the board to be eligible to take the CDR exam. Dietitians who require a provisional permit to practice in New Mexico prior to passing the CDR exam must apply for the exam through the board. The names of applicants who are deemed eligible by the board to take the examination will be forwarded to CDR and their testing agency. The application to take the examination will then be sent directly to the applicant. Payment for the examination is sent directly to the testing agency in accordance with the procedures outlined in the candidate handbook.

[16.14.5.9 NMAC - Rp, 16 NMAC 14.5.9, 8/1/2011; A, 6/6/2020]

**16.14.5.10 PASSING SCORE:** The passing score will be established by CDR based on the cut-score for the examination. A certified copy of the exam results submitted by the applicant will be accepted as proof of a passing

[16.14.5.10 NMAC - Rp, 16 NMAC 14.5.10, 8/1/2011]

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**16.14.5.11 RE-EXAMINATION POLICY:** Individuals who do not obtain a passing score on the examination may re-take the exam within the guidelines provided by CDR. However, applicants may not practice in New Mexico as a dietitian, nutritionist, or nutrition associate if they have failed the exam more than three times. [16.14.5.11 NMAC - Rp, 16 NMAC 14.5.11, 8/1/2011]

**16.14.5.12 MISSED EXAMINATION:** The board may excuse candidates who for circumstances beyond their control are unable to take or complete the exam within the provisional permit period. [16.14.5.12 NMAC - Rp, 16 NMAC 14.5.12, 8/1/2011]

## **HISTORY OF 16.14.5 NMAC:**

### **History of Repealed Material:**

16 NMAC 14.5, Examinations, filed 8/19/1996 - Repealed effective 8/1/2011.

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