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Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation

**BOARD OF LICENSING OF DIETETIC PRACTICE**

2025-2026 Regulatory Agenda

AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT NUMBER: **02-344**

AGENCY NAME:Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional & Occupational Regulation, **Board of Licensing of Dietetic Practice**

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA:** None.

**EXPECTED 2025-2026 RULEMAKING ACTIVITY:**

Expected rulemaking will be to implement legislation governing licensure by endorsement and provisional licensure and telehealth services. A review for conformance with statutes and current rules will be conducted and updated as may be necessary, including an update to discontinue the use of the terms “handicap,” “handicapped” and “hearing impaired” pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 2557, sub-§2.

**CHAPTER 1**: **Definitions**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 9904(2); 32 M.R.S. § 9902

PURPOSE: This chapter defines certain specialized terms used in the board’s rules.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Consumers, applicants for licensure and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 2**: **Advisory Rulings**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 M.R.S. §9001 (4)

PURPOSE: This chapter defines the process for obtaining advisory rulings with regard to the interpretation of these rules.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure and existing licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 3**: **Qualifications for Licensing of Dietetic Practice**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 9904(2); 32 M.R.S. § 9907 (1)(2);

32 M.R.S. § 9914

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise its rules regarding licensure in dietetic practice, including educational requirements, examination requirements, application and licensing procedures.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Consumers, applicants for licensure and existing licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 4**: **Qualifications for Licensure by Endorsement**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Title 10, Section 8003-H; 32 M.R.S. § 9907-A

PURPOSE: This chapter establishes a process to issue a license by endorsement and to grant provisional licenses to applicants from other jurisdictions.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Consumers and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 5: LICENSE RENEWAL AND CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS: REINSTATEMENT**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. 9904(2); 32 M.R.S. 9910 (3), M.R.S. 9909 (1)(2)

PURPOSE: This chapter sets forth the requirements for renewing licenses issued by the board and references the statutory requirements for reinstatement of a license that has expired for more than 90 days.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Consumers and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 6: CODE OF ETHICS**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. 9904(2)

PURPOSE: This chapter adopts a code of ethics for licensed dieticians and dietetic technicians using the resource of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Consumers and licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: N/A**

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. § 9916

PURPOSE: To adopt rules to establish standards of practice and appropriate restrictions for the various types and forms of telehealth services.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A