



New This Year – Liability Insurance Declarations

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**Your annual renewal is due every year by October 15.
The portal to the online renewal form is open on the Members' Home Page from August 15 to October 15.**

NEW THIS YEAR – DECLARATIONS ABOUT LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE

As of April 1, 2011, professional liability insurance is mandatory for all members who are practising dietetics. During the 2011 renewal period, the College will use two methods to verify that Registered Dietitians have liability insurance:

1. You will be required to make a declaration on your membership renewal form that you are insured from April 1, 2011 or from the date that you began practising dietetics in Ontario, in keeping with the by-law requirements.

2. 20% of members will be randomly selected to submit a proof of insurance, either a certificate of insurance or employment letter stating that they are insured in keeping with the by-law requirements. The insurance coverage period must be indicated.

More details about the insurance coverage requirement; how to obtain coverage; and frequently asked questions are available on the College website at [> News](http://www.cdo.on.ca)

Updated Application Fees

Thank you to members who responded to the survey regarding the proposed amendments to By-Law No. 2 – Fees. 735 (23%) members responded, as follows:

- Proposed increase to the general application fee: 38% agreed; 58% disagreed; 5% undecided.
- Proposed changes to fees for other assessments: 40 % agreed; 52% disagreed; 8% undecided.

The proposed changes to the application fees were meant to ensure that the fees charged to applicants and members were fair across categories of applicants as well as between the applicants and members of the college. Of those who disagreed, a large number supported the rationale of fairness, but were concerned that the increase was too large all at

once. Many members also expressed that they would be comfortable having the general membership pay a larger proportion of the costs of applications than was proposed. While most members appeared to have read the consultation document, it was clear from the comments that some members thought the College was proposing changes to the annual renewal fee, which is not the case.

After considering the feedback and comments, Council approved the proposed application fees effective January 1, 2011. Council felt it was fair that the application fees would cover 75% of the direct costs for applications and that the general membership would cover the remaining 25% of the direct costs and all of the overhead costs.