

Standard 13. Professional Practice Obligations

Standard

Registered Dietitians protect the public by providing **professional services** in compliance with applicable legislative and regulatory requirements.

Indicators

To demonstrate this standard, Registered Dietitians will:

- a) Accept as their primary professional obligation, to protect and serve the public interest according to SCD Code of Ethics.
- b) Hold a valid license and practice in compliance with applicable legislative and regulatory requirements.
- c) Maintain a level of personal and professional conduct that upholds the integrity and dignity of the profession and sustains public confidence.
- d) Comply with **duty to report** requirements in accordance with applicable legislation, regulations, and/or organization/employer policies.
- e) Report abuse, incapacity, incompetence or unprofessional conduct to the appropriate authority, in accordance with applicable legislation, regulations, and/or organization/employer policies.
- f) Take responsibility and be accountable to practice within their personal level of competence.
- g) Provide supervision, mentoring, and direction to those under their supervision (e.g., students, nutrition practicum students, staff, volunteers).
- h) Accurately represent their professional qualifications, experience, knowledge, and skills.
- i) Voluntarily withdraw themselves from professional practice when circumstances exist that impair their professional judgment, impact competence, or that may cause harm to **clients**.
- j) Ensure they have the appropriate practice permit/license to deliver services by **virtual dietetic practice**.
- k) Use provincially protected titles.

Practice Outcome

Clients can expect Registered Dietitians to provide professional services in compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements.

Related Standards

- Competence
- Conflict of Interest
- Consent
- Privacy/Confidentiality
- Safety and Risk Management

Resources

- Integrated Competencies for Dietetic Education and Practice v.3 Available at: <https://www.saskdietitians.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Integrated-Competencies-For-Dietetic-Education-And-Practice-ICDEPV-3-August-4-2020.pdf>

Saskatchewan Resources

- Saskatchewan College of Dietitians. (2005). *Code of Ethics*. Available at: <https://www.saskdietitians.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/SCD-Code-of-Ethics-2005.pdf>
- Saskatchewan College of Dietitians. (2017). *Jurisprudence Workbook*. Available at: <https://www.saskdietitians.org/scd-standards-for-safe-competent-ethical-conduct/>
- Saskatchewan College of Dietitians (2018). Guidelines on Virtual Dietetic Practice available at: <https://www.saskdietitians.org/scd-standards-for-safe-competent-ethical-conduct/>