



Dear GDA member,

April 15, 2005

**Are you a Registered Dietitian currently practicing dietetics in Georgia?
Are you a Licensed Dietitian as well?
If you CANNOT answer YES to both questions, please read below!**

**Some Dietitians have received a fine for practicing dietetics unlicensed in Georgia, don't be one of them.
The cost of licensure is \$ 75.00 / 2 years.**

GDA is sending this notice to you in order to ensure ALL Registered Dietitians are aware of the licensure law that exists in this state. *You must be a Licensed Registered Dietitian to practice dietetics in the state of Georgia.* Before informing you when you should be licensed, we would like to inform you of the following recent event:

- ❖ The Georgia Licensure Board has considered a request by GDA to an **amnesty period from May 1 – July 31, 2005.**
- ❖ Any unlicensed Registered Dietitian applying for licensure during this period who has been practicing nutrition will **NOT** be fined.
- ❖ This is a **one time** only event and does not apply to any fine received prior to this date.

We are very excited the Licensure Board has made this decision. We encourage you to apply for your License during the amnesty period if you are not currently licensed but are practicing nutrition. The following is an excerpt of the Georgia Law regarding Licensure for a Registered Dietitian (read carefully, be aware of “D” and “E”; you need to be licensed when you perform one or more of the following activities).

43-11A-3 (4)

4) 'Dietetic practice' or 'dietetics' means the integration and application for compensation of principles derived from the sciences of nutrition, biochemistry, food, physiology, management, and behavioral and social sciences to achieve and maintain client health through the provision of nutrition care services, which shall include:

- (A) Assessing the nutritional needs of individuals and groups based upon appropriate biochemical, anthropometric, physical, and dietary data to determine nutrient needs and recommend appropriate intake including enteral and parenteral nutrition;
- (B) Establishing priorities, goals, and objectives which meet nutritional needs and are consistent with available resources;
- (C) Providing dietetic nutrition counseling by advising and assisting individuals or groups on appropriate nutritional intake by integrating information from the nutritional assessment with information on food and other sources of nutrients and meal preparation consistent with cultural background and socioeconomic status;
- (D) Developing, implementing, and managing nutrition care delivery systems; and
- (E) Evaluating, making changes in, and maintaining standards of quality in food and nutrition care services.

Please go to www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/dietitians to further find: **Law and Rules ; Application and other forms ; Verification of Licensure ; Ask a question**

More questions? You may also call the licensure board at 478-207-1620.

Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.

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