

Dietitian and Nutritionist Regulation Council Australia (DNRC)

Terms of Reference

Composition

- Chairperson:** A dietetic member appointed by the Dietitians Australia Board for a three-year term.
- Vice Chairperson:** Appointed by the DNRC from the existing members.
- Members:** The DNRC will comprise of no more than nine (9) and no less than seven (7) members, being:
- (a) a maximum of six (6) and a minimum of five (5) dietitian or nutritionist members; and
 - (b) a maximum of three (3) and a minimum of two (2) external members.
- Staff support:** General Manager Regulatory Services (non-voting)
- Terms:** Dietitians Australia Board Members may not serve on the DNRC at the same time. The maximum number of consecutive terms of an individual is 3 x 3 years, after which a minimum break of three years is required.

Purpose

To protect the public by regulating the Australian nutrition and dietetics profession to ensure practitioner efficacy and safety to practice.

Functions of the Dietitian and Nutritionist Regulation Council

1. To set the strategic plan for regulatory functions of the Australian nutrition and dietetic profession
2. To define and regulate professional conduct and credentialing standards
3. Oversee complaints against credentialed dietitians and nutritionists
4. Govern accreditation standards and accreditation of training programs
5. Govern qualifications for entry into the profession

Communication

The Dietitian and Nutritionist Regulation Council will meet and liaise with the Dietitians Australia Board at least annually, and as required.

The Dietitian and Nutritionist Regulation Council will meet quarterly or more frequently as necessary and will communicate via a variety of mechanisms including electronically where they will share email addresses with the rest the group.

Responsibility and Reporting

1. The Dietitian and Nutritionist Regulation Council are required to act within the powers and functions as set out in the service agreement with Dietitians Australia and as described in the Dietitian and Nutritionist Regulation Council Terms of Reference.
2. The Dietitian and Nutritionist Regulation Council will report to the Dietitians Australia Board as determined under the service agreement.

Selection Criteria

Applications to the Dietitian and Nutritionist Regulation Council are required to submit a curriculum vitae and a statement addressing each of the following attributes:

Council member attributes:

- Displays integrity
- Thinks critically
- Applies expertise
- Communicates constructively
- Focusses strategically
- Collaborates in the interests of the profession

The Chairperson must also:

- Demonstrate leadership
- Engage externally
- Chair effectively

External members must also:

- Demonstrate strong community connection

All dietitian members must hold Accredited Practising Dietitian status.

Notes

The Dietitian and Nutritionist Regulation Council shall establish committees and working parties as it deems necessary or desirable for it to carry out its established functions. Committee secretariats and working party chairs must report regularly to the Council.