

## **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – EXTERNAL/INDEPENDENT MEMBER**

### **DIETITIAN AND NUTRITIONIST REGULATION COUNCIL (DNRC)**

#### **Dietitians Australia**

#### **Purpose**

Dietitians Australia is seeking Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified professionals to serve as an External/Independent Member of the Dietitian and Nutritionist Regulation Council (DNRC).

The DNRC is responsible for protecting the public by regulating the Australian dietetics profession and ensuring practitioner competence, safety, and ethical practice. It provides independent oversight of key regulatory functions, including practitioner accreditation, professional standards, complaints management, and course credentialling.

This appointment is intended to bring independent expertise and objective insight to strengthen regulatory governance, support high standards of professional practice, and maintain public confidence in the Accredited Practising Dietitian (APD) program.

#### **Eligibility**

Applicants must:

- Not be a member of Dietitians Australia
- Not be a practising dietitian
- Be able to contribute independent expertise relevant to regulatory governance
- Demonstrate experience in regulatory practice or a closely aligned field

#### **Role Overview**

As an External Member of the DNRC, you will contribute to the Council's independent regulatory functions and provide oversight across:

- practitioner accreditation and skills recognition
- course credentialling and accreditation standards
- professional conduct, complaints management, and disciplinary processes
- regulatory policy development and continuous quality improvement
- monitoring of national and international regulatory developments

The DNRC operates with delegated authority to oversee regulatory activities and make recommendations to the Board on regulatory matters, while maintaining independence in regulatory decision-making.

#### **Capability Requirement**

This appointment provides an opportunity to ensure the DNRC maintains an appropriate balance of independent expertise and regulatory capability.

Given the Council's central role in professional regulation, the successful applicant will strengthen the DNRC's ability to:

- uphold robust accreditation and professional standards frameworks
- oversee complaints and conduct processes
- ensure regulatory compliance and continuous improvement
- support effective, transparent, and accountable decision-making in the public interest

## **Core Capabilities**

Applicants should demonstrate:

- Strong experience in governance and compliance within regulatory or professional standards environments
- Knowledge of accreditation, credentialing, or professional regulatory systems
- Experience in complaints handling, disciplinary processes, or professional conduct oversight
- Understanding of risk management within regulatory contexts
- Demonstrated critical thinking and sound decision-making capability in complex environments

## **Desirable Experience**

Highly regarded experience includes:

- Health practitioner regulation or involvement in regulated professions
- Governance in regulatory or quasi-regulatory environments
- Consumer protection or public interest advocacy
- Legal, regulatory, or policy expertise relevant to professional regulation
- Experience with higher education accreditation, course approval, or quality standards frameworks
- Engagement with government, regulatory authorities, or professional bodies

## **Personal Attributes**

Applicants should demonstrate:

- Independence and objectivity in judgement and decision-making
- A strong commitment to acting in the public interest
- High ethical standards and integrity
- Strategic thinking and the ability to analyse complex regulatory issues
- The ability to contribute constructively in a collaborative committee environment

## **Commitment**

Members are expected to:

- Attend at least six meetings per year
- Participate in additional meetings or consultations as required
- Attend a full-day annual planning meeting
- Prepare for meetings through review of regulatory and governance materials

Meetings are generally conducted virtually.

## **Remuneration**

An honorarium will be provided in recognition of the professional expertise contributed.

## **Term of Appointment**

Appointments are typically for a three-year term, with the possibility of renewal or early termination at the Board's discretion.

## **How to Apply**

Applications should include:

- A brief statement of interest (maximum two pages) addressing the selection criteria
- A current curriculum vitae

**Closing date: 15 May 2026**

For further information about Dietitians Australia, please visit: <https://dietitiansaustralia.org.au/>

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