

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §30-35-7

## **§30-35-7. Qualifications; licensure; examinations; waivers and fees.**

(a) An applicant for a license to engage in practice as a licensed dietitian shall submit to the board written evidence, verified by oath, that he or she:

- (1) Complies with the code of ethics adopted by the board;
- (2) Has completed a major course of study in human nutrition, dietetics, food systems management or the equivalent thereof and possesses a baccalaureate or post-baccalaureate degree; and
- (3) Has completed a planned continuous professional experience component in dietetic practice of not less than nine hundred hours under the supervision of a registered or licensed dietitian.

(b) Each applicant is required to pass a written examination demonstrating competence in the discipline of dietetics and nutrition. Each written examination may be supplemented by an oral examination. The board shall determine the times and places for examinations.

(c) When an applicant successfully passes an examination or examinations, the board shall issue to the applicant a license to engage in practice as a licensed dietitian. In the event an applicant has failed to pass examinations on three occasions, the applicant shall, in addition to the other requirements of this section, present to the board other evidence of his or her qualifications that the board prescribes.

(d) Upon application and submission of the applicable fee, the board may waive the examination requirements of this section and issue a license to practice as a licensed dietitian to an applicant who is registered by the commission on dietetic registration or who has been duly licensed as a nutritionist or dietitian under the laws of another state if the standards for licensing in that state are no less stringent than those required under the provisions of this article.

(e) Any person applying for a dietitian license shall submit a fee of \$50 or a reasonable fee established by legislative rule pursuant to section six, article one of this chapter with the application to the board, which shall be deposited to the credit of the fund provided in section five of this article.