

HB 951: Dietetics and Nutrition

This law revised the Dietetics and Nutrition Practice Act and authorizes qualified individuals to use specific titles and designations, including Certified Nutrition Specialist and Diplomate of the American Clinical Board of Nutrition. The law requires the Board of Medicine to waive the licensure examination requirement for an applicant who is certified by the Certification Board for Nutrition Specialists or who is a Diplomate of the American Clinical Board of Nutrition. Finally, this bill authorizes licensed dietitians/nutritionists to independently order a therapeutic diet if otherwise authorized to order such a diet in Florida. This bill is effective July 1, 2015.

The primary impact to licensure applicants is the waiver of the Commission on Dietetic Registration examination for a certified nutrition specialist who is certified by the Certification Board for Nutrition Specialists or a Diplomate of the American Clinical Board of Nutrition. Individuals who hold these credentials may apply for licensure online at <https://appsmqa.doh.state.fl.us/DOHInitialApp/login.aspx>

Application by Examination with Waiver: This application method is for an individual who is a certified nutrition specialist certified by the Certification Board for Nutrition Specialists or a Diplomate of the American Clinical Board of Nutrition.

Fees

Application Fee	\$80.00 (non-refundable)
Initial License Fee	\$80.00
Unlicensed Activity Fee	\$5.00
Total Fee (without a temporary permit):	\$165.00
Temporary Permit Fee	\$50.00
Total Fee (with a temporary permit):	\$215.00

Required documents:

- Completed licensure application
- 900 hours of supervised experience
- Official Transcript
- Verification of Certification from the:
 - Certification Board of Nutrition Specialist or
 - American Clinical Board of Nutrition
- Prevention of Medical Errors continuing education course
- Verification of any healthcare related licensure in any state, jurisdiction or country