

Mount, Mallory

From: Board of Licensing Dietitians, WV <wvbold@wv.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 10:49 PM
To: Mount, Mallory
Cc: Susan.Arnold; Rutherford, Kelly; kandainc; Gould, Mary Kathryn; Andrews, Peg
Subject: Fwd: Letter of support for proposed changes to the State Code re: Dietetic Licensure

Hi guys,

We also received a letter from them stating their support and their reason why.

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From: Board of Licensing Dietitians, WV <wvbold@wv.gov>
Date: Tue, Apr 11, 2023 at 10:46 PM
Subject: Re: Letter of support for proposed changes to the State Code re: Dietetic Licensure
To: Linda St. Clair <lsstclair@gmail.com>

Thank you for your support! it is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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On Tue, Apr 4, 2023 at 9:33 AM Linda St. Clair <lsstclair@gmail.com> wrote:

The West Virginia Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (WVAND) unanimously supports the proposed changes to West Virginia Code, Chapter 30, Article 35 – Board of Licensed Dietitians. Please see the attached letter of support. We are also sending a paper copy through the US Postal Service.

Sincerely,

Linda St. Clair, MS, RDN, LD, CDCES

President, WVAND

Sent from Mail for Windows



March 31, 2023

WV Board of Licensed Dietitians
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Dear Sir/Madam,

The West Virginia Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (WVAND) Board of Directors writes in strong support of the proposed changes to the West Virginia State Code for the Board of Licensed Dietitians. As licensed dietitians, we recognize that these changes will financially benefit new applicants who apply for a license between January 1st and June 30th, as well as provide an additional continuing education opportunity for all licensed dietitians.

The proposed changes to Rule 5: §31-5-10 - Required Continuing Education for West Virginia Licensed Dietitians is especially needed to update and clarify the existing Code. We believe our members will benefit from continuing professional education provided by the West Virginia Board of Licensed Dietitians through greater awareness of the benefits of licensure for professional growth and public protection.

In conclusion, the proposed changes will strengthen dietetic licensure in West Virginia and, in turn, benefit all licensed dietitians.

Sincerely,

Linda St. Clair, MS, RDN, LD, CDCES
President, West Virginia Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

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From: Board of Licensing Dietitians, WV <wvbold@wv.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 9:41 AM
To: Mount, Mallory; Gould, Mary Kathryn; kandainc; Susan.Arnold; Rutherford, Kelly
Cc: Andrews, Peg
Subject: Fwd: WVBOLD - 2 Rules Open for Public Comment

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Hey everyone,

We have emails coming in on commenting on the new rules being implicated.

Sincerely,

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From: Linda Lane <nutrilane@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, Mar 24, 2023 at 1:56 PM
Subject: Re: WVBOLD - 2 Rules Open for Public Comment
To: <wvbold@wv.gov>

What are the contents of this mandated course. We already have 75 over 5 years and those of us with multiple licenses have over 100 ceus in a 3 year period

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

On Friday, March 24, 2023, 12:33 PM, WVBOLD <no-reply@wvsto.com> wrote:

Hello WV Licensed Dietitians,

I would like to let you know that your board has been working on 2 rule updates. Here is a summary of the changes:

Rule 1: Licensure and Renewal Requirements

- Rule 1 was amended to add a prorated fee for those who are applying for a new active license between January 1st and June 30th.
- <https://apps.sos.wv.gov/adlaw/csr/readfile.aspx?DocId=56003&Format=PDF>

Rule 5: Continuing Professional Education Requirements

- Rule 5 had a lot of amendments as a lot of the information is no longer relevant or applicable.
- In addition, information was added to help provide you with continuing education and share information/training about our organization and other nutrition information.
- Here is a summary from the rule:

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10.2. Effective July 1, 2025, all new licensure applicants (for provisional applicants and new licensure applicants) will complete a WVBOLD mandated education session (1 hour) before receiving their license.

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These rules are open for public comment through April 14th at 11:59pm. You can find more details, and how to comment, at the links above.

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Also be on the lookout for an email on April 1st as that's when our license renewal period begins.

-WVBOLD

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From: Mount, Mallory
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 2:07 PM
To: nutrilane@yahoo.com
Subject: WVBOLD Response

Hi Linda,

Thanks for submitting your comment to WVBOLD. I wanted to reach out and clarify the contents of the mandated course. We are planning to provide 1 hour CEU's regarding licensure or other topics applicable to licensure (etc. MNT topics). This will be a free CEU that will be included in the 75 hours for CDR/20 hours for BOLD (every 2 years), not in addition to. We are hoping that this will help us share important information about licensure and BOLD to our licensees.

Hope this helps,

Mallory

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Mount, Mallory

From: Mount, Mallory
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 2:07 PM
To: Jessica Walden
Subject: FW: WVBOLD - 2 Rules Open for Public Comment

Thanks, Jessica!

From: Board of Licensing Dietitians, WV <wvbld@wv.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 9:43 AM
To: Susan.Arnold <Susan.Arnold@mail.wvu.edu>; Gould, Mary Kathryn <gouldm@marshall.edu>; Mount, Mallory <evans99@marshall.edu>; Rutherford, Kelly <davis139@marshall.edu>; kandainc <kandainc@aol.com>
Cc: Andrews, Peg <peg.andrews@vandaliahealth.org>
Subject: Fwd: WVBOLD - 2 Rules Open for Public Comment

I will be forwarding all of the emails to everyone. Please let me know if I have missed anyone!

Sincerely,

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From: Jessica Walden <waldenfamilymomma@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Mar 25, 2023 at 10:38 AM
Subject: Re: WVBOLD - 2 Rules Open for Public Comment
To: <wvbld@wv.gov>

Mallory,

I'm happy to read of the changes and of your role in leading our profession in the state!

Jessica Walden

304.634.0325 call or text

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From: Board of Licensing Dietitians, WV <wvbold@wv.gov>
Date: Thu, Apr 20, 2023 at 11:47 PM
Subject: Re: Public Comment re: mandated CEU
To: John Mihopoulos <jmihopoulos@gmail.com>

Hello John,

Thank you for you input! We appreciate your opinion and will put this into consideration.

Sincerely,

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On Sat, Mar 25, 2023 at 2:20 PM John Mihopoulos <jmihopoulos@gmail.com> wrote:
To the WV BOLD;

In reviewing the rationale for adding a mandated 1 hour CEU it states to "strengthen licensure". How are you going to measure that? Add a yearly test as well?

Does "strengthen licensure" have any meaning? If it does it is probably very subjective.

I am VERY AGAINST this addition.

I am licensed in Ohio as well, where there is mandated 1 hour of "Ethics". Just another hoop to jump through in order to make someone who came up with the idea feel important. Does sitting through an "Ethics" CEU make any difference to someone who has a tendency to not be ethical? If there is no light of God on the inside of someone to steer them in the right direction, a one hour ethics CEU is not going to change them.

Likewise, whatever "mandated" CEU's you have in mind is not going to "strengthen licensure", it will just be another bothersome hurdle to place before all the RD's in the state. Do you really think that by adding more requirements/laws this is beneficial? Kinda sounds like the federal gov.: more rules, more restrictions, control, control, control. This just reinforces my stance against state licensure (I won't go on a tangent about that).

I'm sure I speak for more than myself when I say I do not need you to dictate what I need to learn. PLEASE lighten up and stop drinking the Kool Aid

Thanks for the opportunity to submit a comment.

John Mihopulos