

**DIETITIANS ADVISORY BOARD
LICENSING REPORT
January 16th, 2020**

LICENSED DIETITIAN

	TOTAL FY 2018	TOTAL FY 2019	1ST Quarter FY 2020
New Licenses Issued	641	548	196
Renewed Licenses Issued	2,230	2,842	728
Online Renewals	1,875	2,340	649
% Renewed Online	84%	82%	89%
Total Population	5,962	6,134	6,212

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Enforcement Division Staff Report

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Criminal History Evaluation Letter Procedures:

Texas law allows a person interested in obtaining an occupational license the opportunity for advance determination of eligibility from the agency that issues the license. TDLR follows the law with our criminal history evaluation letter, or CHEL, process. The person interested in a license submits a special CHEL application along with a completed criminal history questionnaire for each offense for which the person has been convicted or placed on deferred adjudication or similar disposition. A TDLR enforcement prosecutor examines the application and associated documents, along with the person's official criminal history record, and applies the relevant law to determine whether the person would be eligible for the license. The prosecutor sends the CHEL to the person, which advises the person whether he or she is eligible for the license. The person may then use that information in deciding whether to enroll in specialized training or schools for the education needed to obtain a license. The law allows an agency up to 90 days to complete the evaluation and send the CHEL, but TDLR's goal is to complete the process in 30 days. TDLR honors the decision indicated in the CHEL unless we learn of additional relevant information that we did not have available at the time of the evaluation process. And finally, even if TDLR determines a person is ineligible, the person may still apply for the license and submit additional information, at which time we would again examine the person's record. The applicant could even request an administrative hearing to contest the denial.

The Department has reviewed six Criminal History Evaluation Letters for this program, one in Fiscal Year 2017, two in Fiscal year 2018, two in Fiscal Year 2019, and one in Fiscal Year 2020. All evaluations resulted in the potential applicant being notified that their criminal history would not prohibit them from obtaining a license.

Key Statistics

Shown below are key statistics for the Dietitians program and for all TDLR programs combined through November of Fiscal Year 2020.

<u>Statistic</u>	<u>DTN</u>	<u>TDLR</u>
• Number of cases opened:	2	2,655
• Number of cases resolved:	2	2,570
• Number of Final Orders:	0	470
• Total amount of penalties assessed:	0	\$874,531
• Total amount of penalties collected:	0	\$403,443

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<u>Statistic</u>	<u>DTN</u>	<u>TDLR</u>
• Number of cases opened:	8	10,902
• Number of cases resolved:	10	10,113
• Number of Final Orders:	0	1,887
• Total amount of penalties assessed:	0	\$3,394,345
• Total amount of penalties collected:	0	\$1,731,554

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<u>Statistic</u>	<u>DTN</u>	<u>TDLR</u>
• Number of cases opened:	7	10,585
• Number of cases resolved:	6	9,833
• Number of Final Orders:	1	2,037
• Total amount of penalties assessed:	\$1,500.00	\$3,209,055
• Total amount of penalties collected:	\$0	\$1,528,594

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PERSONNEL UPDATES

STATISTICS AND TRENDS

Dietitians take a National Examination; those examination numbers are not available. The number of Jurisprudence Examinations completed and the Continuing Education Audits for Dietitians are shown below.

<u>JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION</u>																	
(AS OF DECEMBER 20TH, 2019)																	
FY-20	SEP	OCT	NOV	Q1	DEC	JAN	FEB	Q2	MAR	APR	MAY	Q3	JUN	JUL	AUG	Q4	TOT
	154	133	159	446	78	-	-	78	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	0	524
FY-19	SEP	OCT	NOV	Q1	DEC	JAN	FEB	Q2	MAR	APR	MAY	Q3	JUN	JUL	AUG	Q4	TOT
	152	285	286	723	233	289	224	746	217	209	198	624	252	242	238	732	2,825
FY-18	SEP	OCT	NOV	Q1	DEC	JAN	FEB	Q2	MAR	APR	MAY	Q3	JUN	JUL	AUG	Q4	TOT
	192	211	230	633	167	206	218	591	211	172	201	584	171	154	108	433	2,241

<u>CONTINUING EDUCATION AUDIT</u>																	
(THROUGH FEBRUARY 2020)																	
FY-20	SEP	OCT	NOV	Q1	DEC	JAN	FEB	Q2	MAR	APR	MAY	Q3	JUN	JUL	AUG	Q4	TOT
	25	25	50	100	0	0	37	37	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	0	137
FY-19	SEP	OCT	NOV	Q1	DEC	JAN	FEB	Q2	MAR	APR	MAY	Q3	JUN	JUL	AUG	Q4	TOT
	0	0	0	0	50	75	50	175	10	0	25	35	25	37	25	87	297
FY-18	SEP	OCT	NOV	Q1	DEC	JAN	FEB	Q2	MAR	APR	MAY	Q3	JUN	JUL	AUG	Q4	TOT
	0	0	0	0	0	20	20	40	15	15	0	15	0	0	0	0	55

Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation
Regulatory Program Management Division
Medical and Health Professions Section Staff Report
Dietitians Advisory Board Meeting
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Update and Discussion Regarding Dietitians Program Activities and Projects

- Medical and Health Professions Section staff have been assisting Customer Service with email responses to applicants and licensees.
- Regulatory Program Management staff continue to work on Bill Implementation Teams (BIT) to integrate legislative changes from the 86th Texas Legislature. The bill teams will also be updating webpages, forms, applications, and other program material, as needed, to reflect statutory changes.
- TDLR Guidance Statement on Senate Bill 1264.

Public Outreach

- Regulatory Program Management staff will host a booth and provide a presentation at the 2020 Texas Academy Annual Conference & Exhibition in Georgetown, April 2-4, 2020.

Medical & Health Professions Section Update and Projects

- Medical and Health Professions Section staff continues to publish the *TDLR Health Monitor* newsletter. The most recent edition was published in January 2020 and can be found on the program webpage or the main TDLR page under Agency Newsletters. The newsletter is a wonderful way of getting valuable information to regulated individuals. Please contact Mary Hoffman if there is a topic you would like for us to consider including in a future issue.
- SB 202 Implementation Report on program transfer and integration was published in December 2019. A link to the report can be found on the TDLR webpage under Agency Reports.