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Dietetic Technician Practice in Ohio

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Objectives

- Provide you with an opportunity to develop a working knowledge of the Dietetic Practice Act (Chapter 4759, ORC) and how it relates to your practice as a dietetic technician
- Review requirements for meeting the exemption for dietetic technicians
- Understand the relationship between dietetic technicians and your supervising dietitian

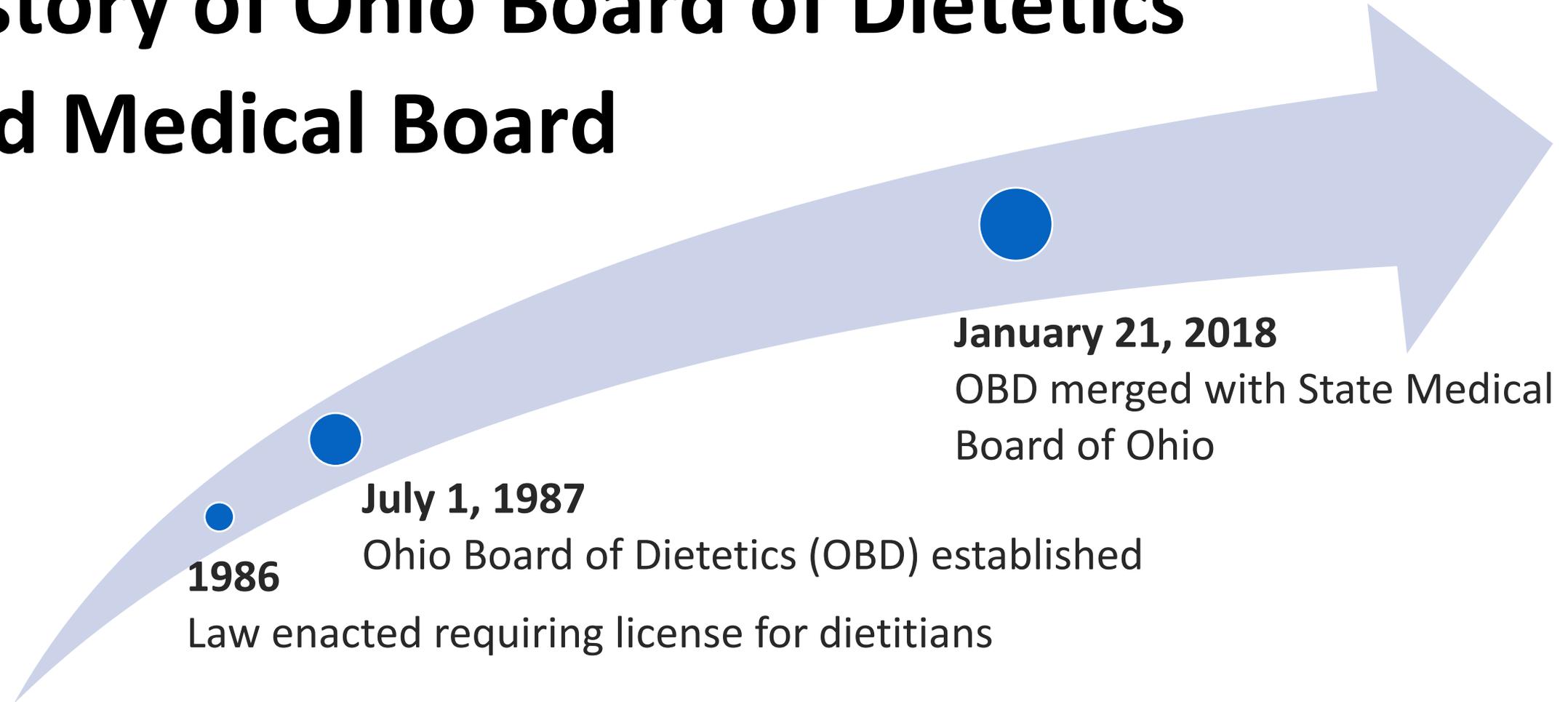


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EXPLORE, DISCOVER, ACT

History of Ohio Board of Dietetics and Medical Board



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Scope of Practice

Section 4759.01, Ohio Revised Code

Nutritional
assessment

Nutritional
education and
counseling

Setting of
nutrition care
standards



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Title Protection

Section 4759.02, Ohio Revised Code

Dietitian

Nutritionist,
Nutrition Counselor



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Title Protection

Section 4759.02, ORC helps to define pertinent terms:

- No person should practice dietetics unless licensed
- No person should use the title “dietitian” or use any other title, designation, words, letters, abbreviation or insignia or combination of such to indicate they are practicing dietetics
- A person may only use the title “registered dietitian” and the abbreviation R.D. if they are registered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration



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Exemptions from Licensure

- A student enrolled in an academic program and under supervision of licensed or registered dietitian
- A person participating in the pre-professional experience by division (A)(5) of section 4759.06, ORC
- A person holds a limited permit
- A person providing general non-medical nutrition information as defined in 4759-2-01 (M)
- A person providing assistance to a licensed dietitian in areas not requiring licensure – Guideline D



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Exemptions Pertinent to Dietetic Technicians

Dietetic Technician

Section 4759.10 (B) – Guideline G

- Graduate of an associate degree program approved by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics or the State Medical Board of Ohio
- Working as a dietetic technician under the supervision of a dietitian licensed under section 4759.06 of the Revised Code, or
- Registered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration, except that the person is subject to division (B) of section 4759.02 of the Revised Code if he uses a title other than “Dietetic Technician”



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Baccalaureate Degree Graduate

Section 4759.10 (E) – Guideline G

- Completed a program meeting the academic standards set by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics for dietitians
- Received a baccalaureate or higher degree from a school, college or university approved by a regional accreditation agency recognized by the council on post-secondary accreditation
- Works under the supervision of a licensed dietitian or registered dietitian, and does not violate division (B) of section 4759.02 of the Revised Code



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Responsibilities of Supervisor

Guideline A

- Verify credentials, establish competency (including on-going continuing education)
- Establish performance criteria
- Provide supervisee with guidelines for recommendations
- Provide supervisee with guidelines of assigned clinical practice
- Maintain written documentation of supervision
- Practice in a manner that is safe for the public



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Responsibilities of Supervisor

The supervising dietitian is responsible for the assignment of practice:

- Exempt person can engage in the practice of dietetics through the licensed dietitian
- It is the responsibility of the dietitian to assess competency and assign tasks accordingly – (Guideline I)
- Exempt persons can develop additional expertise and be assigned any component of practice



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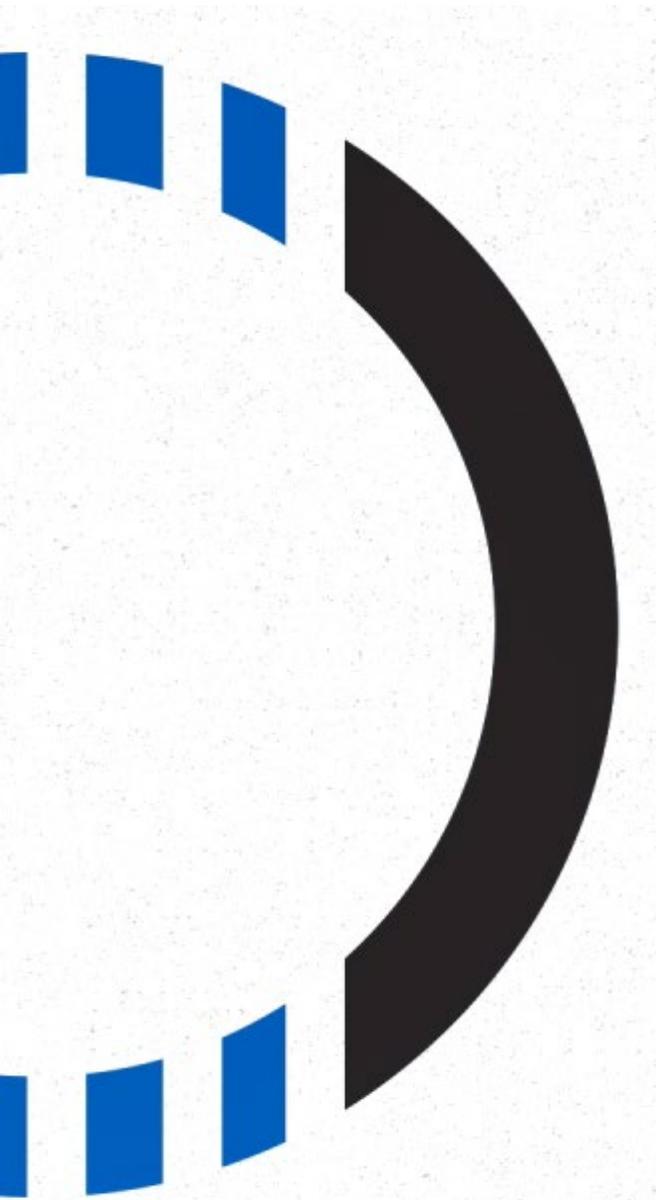
DT, DTR & NA



Dietitian Supervisor

Your relationship with the dietitian supervisor is very important!

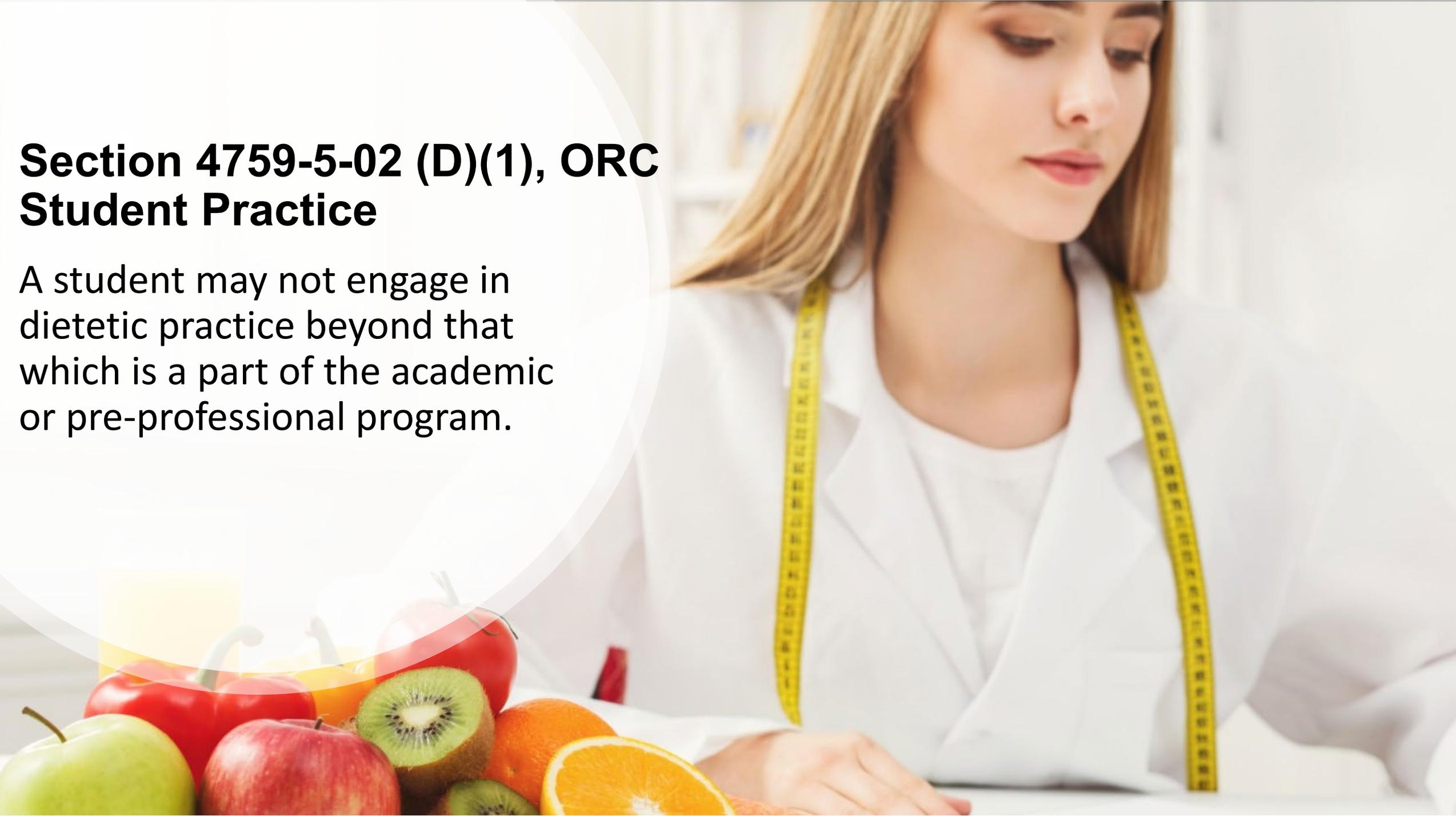
- The dietitian is responsible for NCP and cannot delegate it - but can assign tasks within the NCP to competent DT, DTR or NA
- See Guideline H



Other Exemptions – How They Relate to Technicians

Section 4759-5-02 (D)(1), ORC Student Practice

A student may not engage in dietetic practice beyond that which is a part of the academic or pre-professional program.



Exemptions

- (A) Other licensed health care professionals
- (C) Persons in armed forces, VA, public health services or U.S. Government
- (D) Persons employed by government agencies, non-profits, schools, or approved by the board performing nutrition education only
- (F) Persons working for Ohio-licensed health professionals under a plan of treatment.
 - Also see Rule 4759-5-03, OAC.
- (G) Free dissemination of literature in Ohio

Exemptions

- (H) Sale, promotion, or explanation of food, food materials, dietary supplements
 - Can't violate consumer protection law 1345
- (I) Persons selling dietary supplements may make statements consistent with the dietary supplements label or labeling (consistent with DSHEA)
- (J) Persons involved in presenting a general program of weight control approved by licensed dietitian, R.D., or Ohio-licensed physician
 - Can't use titles tending to indicate the practice of dietetics



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