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Re: Use of Term #RD2BE

Dear members,

It has come to the attention of the New Brunswick Association of Dietitians (Association) that some individuals are using the title/hashtag/term "RD2BE" on social media.

In the province of New Brunswick, the abbreviation "RD" is protected in *An Act Respecting the New Brunswick Association of Dietitians*. The term "RD" may only be used by those individuals that have met the requirements and that are registered with the Association as a Registered Dietitian. That is, only those that are registered with the Association as a Registered Dietitian may use the title "RD" in any form.

When used by non-registrants (including dietetic interns) with adjectives such as "aspiring", "future" or "2BE", the title is misleading to the public as it implies that the individual has knowledge and expertise that has not been acquired.

Our Association has legal protection over the use of the term "RD" and will protect against fraudulent use or misrepresentation.

If you have any questions or concerns about this, please contact the office of the Association of Dietitians of New Brunswick directly.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director and Registrar