



Registered Dietitian Board Advisory May 2020	
	<p>The RD Board of the Indian Dietetic Association (IDA) continues to closely monitor the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) situation. With advisory guidance from the Government of India, state, local governments and international bodies like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization, we recognize that the health and safety of our dietitians & Interns remain a top priority. We are taking every precautionary measure to prevent any additional spread of COVID-19. The following are some of the instructions for our members.</p>
	1 Registered Dietitian Examination 2021
	<p>We understand that this is a challenging time and are committed to ensuring as little disruption as possible. Hence the RD Board has decided that the Registered Dietitian Examination 2021 will be held as scheduled on February 13, 2021</p>
	2 Regarding Interrupted Internship
	<p>As we enter unprecedented times we recognise that some student interns have an interrupted internship, however we wish that they complete their internship through learning and knowledge enhancement</p>
	<p>This temporary modification in the internship criteria applies only to all students / interns who were to complete their internship</p>



	anytime between March 22, 2020 and June 30, 2020
	Trainers are instructed to give assignments and task for the intern which is equivalent to the amount of incomplete competency
	<p>When using alternate experiences, trainers will need to use professional judgment to determine what would be a reasonable amount of time to complete an activity when assigning supervised practice hours to alternate experiences.</p> <p>This may be based on any number of methods including, but not limited to, judgment based on the complexity of the activity, average reported time by previous students / interns, estimated time of how long the activity would take by the intern in real practice. Alternate supervised practice with activities such as webinars & case studies. The use of technology is a good answer to providing services whilst social distancing and self-isolation is essential</p>
	Trainers and interns will have to keep record of intern assignment to be submitted. The RD Board may ask for the same at any given time
	Incomplete Standardization project could be completed by the interns at home. The same to be video recorded and evaluated by the trainer
	The RD aspirants would have to submit to the Board, the assignments completed ; at the time of application for exam



	<p>Assignments that trainers can give to the interns could include online courses: online webinars, case study presentations, media infographics, patient education information, PowerPoint presentation of MNT: community online education for the public. Compiling of synopsis of guideline statements of various published recent guidelines for various medical conditions in lieu of the missed competency eg Critical Care international guidelines, etc.</p>
	<p>If rotation is missed then the intern is expected to do complete Review paper for MNT & Pathophysiology of cases of rotation missed.</p>
	<p>The intensity of volume will be determined by the trainer</p>
	<p>Intern has to email all the documents to the RD Board failing to do so may impact eligibility to appear for the exam</p>
	<p>3 RD case Presentation</p>
	<p>All RD interns would need to make at least one or more case study presentation to the RD Board via a webinar. Local and regional dietitians can be invited for the same. The RD Representatives of the Chapter would have to organise the webinar and inform and invite the RD Board via email</p>
	<p>All other remaining presentations can be conducted online at the chapter level</p>



	Best case presentation will be benchmarked for National presentation
4	Internship not commenced
	All Interns who have still not started internship may contact their recognised hospitals for new dates of internship
5	Instruction for Trainers
	All trainers from recognised hospitals, please note that the RD Board will be conducting special online training for the Trainers under ' Train The Trainer ' (TTT) programmes , which will be registered and attendance will be recorded . Attendance will impact ' Eligible Trainer ' status
6	Instruction For RD Representatives
	RD representative are instructed to organise the RD presentation online. Marking for the same can be done and submitted to the chief dietician of the RD recognised hospital
	All aspirants (fresh as well as experienced) intending to appear for 2021 exam will have to make at least one case study presentation as a webinar to the RD Board. Regional dietitians from the Chapters would be invited to attend these presentation starting June 2020 . Failing to present would impact the acceptance of the application. You may contact your RD representative for further information



7	Instruction for New Hospital recognition
	<p>We recognize that some of the hospitals have been waiting for recognition status for some time now and we regret the delay. Since Physical audits may not be possible in this unprecedented times, the RD Board instructs the Convenors to take a call on the physical audits as and when the local government authorities allow and the hospitals are willing ! Intimation of all Physical audits needs to be sent to the board by the convenor, prior to carrying out the audits</p>
	<p>The RD Board wishes to thank you all for the efforts you are putting in and supporting us</p>
	<p><i>For any Specific areas not mentioned in this advisory please write to rdboardindia@gmail.com</i></p>