- 2. The applicant files an application and provides evidence of current registration as a registered dietitian by the CDR.
- C. Applications shall be typewritten or printed in ink, signed by the applicant and accompanied by the appropriate fee and by such evidence, statements, or documents as specified or required by the Board. All applications, statements, and documents submitted shall become the property of the Board.
- D. The Board adopts the passing score on the examination as the passing score required by the CDR.
- E. Licensure for Uniformed Service Members and Spouses
  - 1. As used in this subsection:
    - a. "automatic licensure" means the granting of occupational licensure without an individual's having met occupational licensure requirements provided under the Arkansas Code or by other provisions in these Rules.
    - b. "uniformed service member" means an active or reserve component member of the United States Air Force, United States Army, United States Coast Guard, United States Marine Corps, United States Navy, United States Space Force, or National Guard; an active component member of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps; or an active or reserve component member of the United States Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service."
    - c. "uniformed service veteran" means a former member of the United States
      Uniformed Services discharged under circumstances other than
      dishonorable.
  - 2. The Board shall grant automatic licensure to an individual who is the holder in good standing of a license with a similar scope of practice issued by another state, territory, or district of the U.S. or is currently registered by the CDR as a registered dietitian and is:
    - a. A uniformed service member stationed in the State of Arkansas;
    - b.A uniformed service veteran who resides in or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; or
    - c. The spouse of:

- 1. A person under E.2.a or b above;
- A uniformed service member who is assigned a tour of duty that excludes the uniformed service member's spouse from accompanying the uniformed service member and the spouse relocates to this state; or
- 3. A uniformed service member who is killed or succumbs to his or her injuries or illness in the line of duty if the spouse establishes residency in the state.
- 3. The Board shall grant such automatic licensure upon receipt of all the below:
  - a. Payment of the initial licensure fee;
  - b. Evidence that the individual holds a substantially equivalent license in another state; and
  - c. Evidence that the applicant is a qualified applicant under Section E.2 above.
- 4. Relevant and applicable uniformed service, education, training, national certification, or service-issued credential shall be accepted toward initial licensure.
- 5. The expiration date of a license for a deployed uniform service member or spouse will be extended for one hundred and eighty (180) days following the date of the uniformed service member's return from deployment.
- 6. A full exemption from continuing education requirements will be allowed for a deployed uniform service member or spouse until one hundred and eighty (180) days following the date of the uniformed service member's return from deployment.
- F. Waiver request for disqualifying criminal offense
  - 1. If an individual has been convicted of an offense listed in A.C.A. § 17-3-102(a) or (e), the Board may waive disqualification of a potential applicant or revocation of a license based on the conviction if a request for a waiver is made by:
    - a. An affected applicant for a license; or
    - b.An individual holding a license subject to revocation.

- 2. The Board may grant a waiver upon consideration of the following, without limitation:
  - a. The age at which the offense was committed;
  - b. The circumstances surrounding the offense;
  - c. The length of time since the offense was committed;
  - d.Subsequent work history since the offense was committed;
  - e. Employment references since the offense was committed;
  - f. Character references since the offense was committed;
  - g.Relevance of the offense to the occupational license; and
  - h.Other evidence demonstrating that licensure of the applicant does not pose a threat to the health or safety of the public.
- 3. A request for a waiver, if made by an applicant, must be in writing and accompany the completed application and fees.
- 4. The Board will respond with a decision in writing and will state the reasons for the decision.
- 5. An appeal of a determination under this section will be subject to the Administrative Procedures Act §25-15-201 *et seq*.
- G. The Board shall grant a license to an applicant who fulfills the Arkansas requirements for licensure and is a person who holds a Federal Form I-766 United States Citizenship and Immigration Services-issued Employment Authorization Document, known popularly as a "work permit."

## SECTION VIII. PROVISIONAL LICENSES

A Provisional License shall permit the holder to practice only under the direct supervision of a dietitian licensed in this State.

- A. The Board may issue a Provisional License to any dietitian who meets the following requirements:
  - 1. The applicant has filed an application with the Board, and
  - 2. Submitted evidence of successful completion of the education requirements in Section VII.
- B. A Provisional License shall expire eighteen (18) months from the date of issuance.