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(भेषजी अधिनियम, 1948 के अंतर्गत स्थापित)

PHARMACY COUNCIL OF INDIA

(CONSTITUTED UNDER THE PHARMACY ACT, 1948)

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- to all State Govts./ UTs
- to all State Pharmacy Councils.



Sub: Consideration of issues regarding annual renewal of registration of pharmacist modification of guidelines etc.

Sir/Madam

1. The Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) is a statutory body working under the Ministry of Health and F.W., Government of India, New Delhi. It is constituted under the Pharmacy Act, 1948 and is responsible for regulation of -
 - pharmacy education for the purpose of registration as a pharmacist.
 - practice of profession of pharmacy in the country.
2. The regulation of pharmacy education for the purpose of registration as a pharmacist and practice of profession of pharmacy is governed by the Pharmacy Act, 1948 an Act passed by the Parliament.
3. Under this Act, the Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) is empowered to prescribe minimum standard of education required for qualification as a pharmacist.
4. Accordingly, the PCI has framed regulations under section 10 of the Act called Education Regulation, which prescribe the minimum qualification for registration as a pharmacist, duration of the course, subjects, examinations, practical training etc. of the "course" for registration as a pharmacists. Presently, the Education Regulations 1991 (E.R. 91) and Pharm.D Regulations, 2008 are in vogue. These Regulations are duly approved by the Ministry of Health and F.W. and published in the Gazette of India.

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5. Under the Pharmacy Act, 1948, only the following qualifications from an institution approved by the PCI u/s 12 of the Pharmacy Act are approved for the purpose of registration as a pharmacist to practice the profession –

Course	Duration (Years)	Admission Qualification
Diploma in Pharmacy (D.Pharm)	2 yrs. & 500 hrs. Practical training	- 10+2 science academic stream with Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics or Biology.
Bachelor of Pharmacy (B.Pharm)	4 yrs.	- 10+2 science academic stream with Physics, Chemistry Mathematics or Biology. OR - Diploma in Pharmacy from PCI approved institution.
Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D)	6 yrs.	- 10+2 science academic stream with Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics or Biology. OR - Diploma in Pharmacy from PCI approved institution.

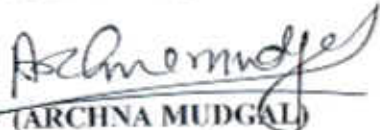
6. The registration is done u/s 32(2) of the Pharmacy Act. The qualification for registration is that a person should have either passed “degree in pharmacy” or “diploma in pharmacy” or “Pharm.D” from an institution approved by the PCI u/s 12 of the Pharmacy Act besides fulfilling other statutory conditions for registration u/s 32(2) of the Pharmacy Act, 1948.
7. Section 34 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 deals with the renewal of registration.
8. The Pharmacy Act, 1948 is posted on council’s website www.pci.nic.in
9. The 87th Central Council of the Pharmacy Council of India noted that some of the State Pharmacy Councils in its Rules have provided the facility of annual renewal deposit scheme to renew the registration thereby resulting in difficulty of knowledge about No. of pharmacists actually engaged in the practice of pharmacy. Since the rationality of this scheme is in question, it is desirable to be discontinued & to be consistent with the provisions of the Pharmacy Act. However, till such amendment in respective rules of the State Pharmacy Council is made, the attention be drawn to the guidelines issued by the PCI with regard to registration of Pharmacists & Continuing Education. It is decided to reiterate that State Pharmacy Council shall ensure that the pharmacist so being registered

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under its Annual Renewal Scheme shall appear in person at least once in 5 years & give evidence of his being in practice & having attended minimum 2 Continuing Education Programmes/refresher courses for renewal of registration.

In view above, it is requested to kindly intervene in the matter for strict compliance of the provisions of the Pharmacy Act, 1948.

Yours faithfully


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Registrar-cum-Secretary