

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Pharmacy Council of India is a statutory body constituted under the Pharmacy Act 1948, a Central Act passed by the Parliament to regulate the profession and practice of pharmacy in the country.

It is understood by the Pharmacy council of India that certain pharmacy institutions are intending to start additional pharmacy programmes / increasing admissions over and above the sanctioned intake by PCI / start 2nd/additional shift in the existing Pharmacy institutions. The Pharmacy Council of India mandated to maintain standard of pharmacy education in the country has noted with concern the same and it is brought to the notice of all concerned that PCI does not approve running of pharmacy course(s) in the 2nd shift/additional shift for the purpose of registration as a pharmacist to practice under the Pharmacy Act, 1948.

In view of above, it is hereby brought to the notice of all concerned that -

- a) The Pharmacy Council of India does not approve
 - (i) admissions made over and above the sanctioned intake by PCI.
 - (ii) conduct of pharmacy courses in 2nd shift/additional shift.
- b) Such courses and examinations, if conducted by any institution, shall not be considered for approval under section 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 for the purpose registration as a pharmacist under the Pharmacy Act.
- c) The students passing out from such 2nd shift/additional shift course shall not be eligible for registration under the said Act which is mandatory to practice the pharmacy profession in the country.
- d) the admissions made over and above the sanctioned intake by pharmacy council of India will not be eligible for registration as a pharmacist under the Pharmacy Act to practice the profession.
- e) All students aspiring to pursue any course in Pharmacy for the purpose of registration as a Pharmacist under the Pharmacy Act, 1948 should first ensure that the particular institution which they intend to join has been recognised/approved by the Pharmacy Council of India for the conduct of the course of study/approved u/s 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 and verify the admission number. The lists of such institutions is displayed on the official website of the Council. (www.pci.nic.in).
- f) Please note that the entire consequence for running unapproved course/ 2nd/additional shift and making excess admissions shall rest on the institution & Pharmacy Council of India in no way shall be responsible for the same.

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