

**SCHEME FOR OBTAINING PERMISSION OF  
PHARMACY COUNCIL OF INDIA TO START PHARM.D. OR PHARM.D. AND PHARM.D.  
(POST BACCALUERATE) PROGRAMME**

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**All applications under this scheme be submitted to the Secretary, Pharmacy Council of India, before the prescribed date mentioned in the schedule**

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**1. Eligibility Criteria:**

The following organizations shall be eligible to apply in the SIF for permission to start the Pharm.D., programme/s namely:

- a. A State Government / Union Territory
- b. A University
- c. A Registered Society under the Societies Registration Act

**2. Qualifying Criteria:**

Conditions to be fulfilled by person, institution, society or University to qualify to apply to PCI for permission to start Pharm.D. programme/s:

- a. The consent of Affiliation for the proposed Pharm.D. programme/s by the applicant from a University.
- b. No admission shall be made by the applicant to the proposed Pharm.D. programme/s without prior permission of the PCI.
- c. The applicant shall provide necessary additional infrastructural facilities as prescribed by the PCI under "Appendix – B" of Pharm.D. regulations for the starting of Pharm.D. programme/s. Opening of the Pharm.D. programme/s in a hired or rented building shall not be permitted.
- d. The applicant should have been approved under section 12 of the Pharmacy Act 1948 for the conduct of B.Pharm course.
- e. The applicant shall provide 300 bed hospital facility as prescribed under regulation 2) of "Appendix – B" of Pharm.D. regulations.

### 3. Form and Procedure:

- a. The applicant, subject to the fulfillment of above eligibility and qualifying criteria and also the requirements specified under the Pharm.D. regulations shall submit application in prescribed Standard Inspection Format (SIF) only, in triplicate to start the Pharm.D. programme/s to the Pharmacy Council of India.
- b. The SIF shall be submitted by the applicant either by Courier, Registered Post or in person to the Secretary, Pharmacy Council of India, New Delhi, along with a non-refundable application fee of Rs.2.00 lakhs in the form of Demand Draft in favour of „Pharmacy Council of India“ payable at New Delhi. The said fee covers registration of application, technical scrutiny, contingent expenditure and two inspections.

Beyond two inspections, the normal inspection fee prescribed by council will apply as prescribed under para 4 of this scheme.

- c. The schedule for receipt of applications for the starting of Pharm.D programme and processing of applications by the Pharmacy Council of India is given in the para 6 of this scheme.
- d. The applications received by the Pharmacy Council of India will be registered in the council office for scrutiny. Registration of application will only signify the acceptance of the application for scrutiny. Incomplete applications will be rejected summarily without refund of application fee. The applicant may apply a fresh within the stipulated time alongwith the non-refundable application fee.
- e. The Council will scrutinize the application in the first instance in terms of the feasibility of starting the proposed programme/s at the said institution. While evaluating the application, the council may seek clarification or additional information from the applicant as deemed necessary and carry out physical inspection to verify the information supplied by the applicant.
- f. After examining the application and after conducting necessary physical inspections, the Council office shall submit to the Central Council factual report stating that:
  - i. The applicant fulfils the eligibility and qualifying criteria.
  - ii. The applicant has the necessary managerial and financial capabilities to establish the Pharm.D. programme.
  - iii. The applicant has a feasible and time bound programme for recruitment of faculty and staff as prescribed in the Pharm.D. regulations and that the necessary posts stand created.

- iv. The applicant has appointed staff for 1st year of Pharm.D., & 4th year of Pharm.D. (Post bacculearte) programme.
  - v. The applicant has not admitted students without prior permission of PCI.
  - vi. Deficiencies of any kind shall be pointed out indicating whether these are remediable or not.
- g. The Central Council may then permit/approve/reject the application for conduct of Pharm.D., Programme/s and accordingly issue letter in a time bound manner specifying annual targets to be achieved by the applicant during the following years, if permission/approval is granted.
- h. The recommendation of the Central Council shall be final.
- i. The permission to establish the Pharm.D., Programme will be given initially for a period of one year and will be renewed on yearly basis subject to verification of the achievements of annual targets. It is the responsibility of the institution to apply to the Pharmacy Council of India for purpose of renewal six month prior to the expiry of the initial permission. This process of renewal of permission will continue till such time the establishment of all infrastructural facilities and staff requirements prescribed in the Pharm.D. regulation are completed and approval under section 12 of the Pharmacy Act 1948 for the conduct of Pharm.D programme is granted to the institution.
- j. The Council may then extend the approval of Pharm.D., Programme under section 12 of Pharmacy Act 1948 conducted by the institution for a period 1/3/5 years as the case may be for which the institution shall apply to the Pharmacy Council of India six months prior to the expiry of approval held.
- k. The Council may obtain any other information from the institution as it deems necessary.

#### 4. Fee Structure:

The fee structure prescribed for Pharm.D programme is as under -

| <b>Detail</b>   | <b>Amount</b> |
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| 1.Starting of Pharm.D programme (including fees for 2 inspections) to be submitted with the application | Rs.2,00,000   |
| 2.Yearwise approval and inspection fee  | Rs.1,00,000   |
| 3.Approval under section 12 ( including fees for two inspections)                                       | Rs.2.00,000   |
| 4.Verification of compliance if any   | Rs.1,00,000   |
| 5.Annual affiliation fee after approval under section 12  | Rs. 50,000    |

## 5. Reapplication :

Wherever the Central Council has rejected the application of the applicant for the conduct of Pharm.D. programme/s the applicant may apply a fresh for the conduct of Pharm.D. programme/s in the ensuing year following the dates of submission etc., mentioned in the schedule under para 6 of this scheme.

## 6. Schedule for submission of application and processing:

| Sl. No. | Stage of processing         | last date   |
|---------|-----------------------------|---|
| a.      | Receipt of application      | 1 <sup>st</sup> August to 31 <sup>st</sup> August of the previous year. |
| b.      | Completion of inspection    | 15 <sup>th</sup> December   |
| c.      | Approval of central council | 31 <sup>st</sup> March  |
| d.      | EC/CC decision on website   | 30 <sup>th</sup> April  |

