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To

✓ The Principal Secretary (Health/Technical Education)  
All State Governments / Union Territories

Sub: Comments of the State Governments / Union Territories on the proposed amendment in regulation 4 of the "The Education Regulations, 2020 for Diploma Course in Pharmacy" (ER-20).

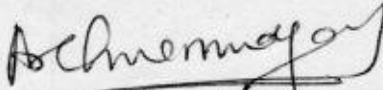
Sir/Madam,

With reference to the subject cited above, it is informed that -

1. The Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) is a statutory body working under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, New Delhi. It is constituted under the Pharmacy Act, 1948 to regulate the profession and practice of pharmacy in the country.
2. With due approval of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, the PCI has notified the Education Regulations, 2020 for Diploma course in Pharmacy in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary No. 435, Part - III, Section- 4, dt. 16.10.2020. These Regulations are available on the Council's website www.pci.nic.in
3. The 111th Central Council of the PCI in its meeting held in April, 2020 decided that in order to bring quality assurance in pharmacy education, there should be age restrictions for admission to pharmacy courses. In view of it, please find enclosed herewith the proposed amendment in regulation 4 of the Education Regulations, 2020 for Diploma course in Pharmacy as **Appendix-1**.

The Council would, appreciate to have considered comments of the State Governments / Union Territories on the enclosed proposed amendment within 3 months of issuance of this letter as required under sub-section (3) of section 10 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 to enable the Pharmacy Council of India to take further action in the matter.

Yours faithfully

  
(ARCHANA MUDGAL)  
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## Appendix- I

### The proposed amendment in regulation 4 of the Education Regulations, 2020 for Diploma Course in Pharmacy

<b>Principal Regulation</b>	<b>Proposed Amendment</b>
<p data-bbox="240 613 790 875">4. <b>Diploma in Pharmacy (Part-I and Part-II)</b> - Minimum qualification for admission to Diploma in Pharmacy-A pass in 10+2 examination (science academic stream) with Physics, Chemistry and Biology or Mathematics.</p> <p data-bbox="280 920 309 949">or</p> <p data-bbox="284 981 794 1099">Any other qualification approved by the Pharmacy Council of India as equivalent to the above examination.</p> <p data-bbox="288 1128 805 1429">Provided that there shall be reservation of seats for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes candidates in accordance with the instructions issued by the Central Government /State Governments /Union territory administrations as the case may be from time to time.</p>	<p data-bbox="815 600 1353 860">4. <b>Diploma in Pharmacy (Part-I and Part-II)</b> - Minimum qualification for admission to Diploma in Pharmacy-A pass in 10+2 examination (science academic stream) with Physics, Chemistry and Biology or Mathematics.</p> <p data-bbox="855 904 884 934">or</p> <p data-bbox="858 965 1369 1084">Any other qualification approved by the Pharmacy Council of India as equivalent to the above examination.</p> <p data-bbox="863 1113 1378 1301"><b>Provided that the candidate has passed 10+2 (science academic stream) in the last 5 years at the time of taking admission to Diploma in Pharmacy Course.</b></p> <p data-bbox="874 1330 1385 1630">Provided that there shall be reservation of seats for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes candidates in accordance with the instructions issued by the Central Government /State Governments /Union territory administrations as the case may be from time to time.</p>