

PHARMACY COUNCIL OF INDIA

(Constituted under the Pharmacy Act, 1948)

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To

All State Governments / Union Territories -

1. Chief Secretaries 2. Principal Secretaries (Health) 3. Principal Secretaries
(Technical Education)

Subject: Moratorium for new D.Pharm and B.Pharm institutions from 2020-2021.

Sir/Madam

The Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) is a statutory body working under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. It is constituted under the Pharmacy Act, 1948 to regulate the pharmacy education and practice of profession in the country by prescribing the minimum standard of education required for qualification for registration as a pharmacist.

At present, the following courses in pharmacy are being approved by the PCI u/s 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948.

Name of the Course	Duration of the course (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.

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Name of the Course	Duration of the course (Years)	Admission Qualification
Bachelor of Pharmacy (Practice)	2 yrs.	- D.Pharm from PCI approved institution. - Registered pharmacist with 4 yrs. Pharmacy Practice experience in community or hospital.
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.
M.Pharm (Specialization)	2 yrs.	- B.Pharm

During the 106th Central Council meeting of the PCI held on 9th & 10th April, 2019, a concern was expressed about the mushrooming of pharmacy colleges in the country. The issue was threadbarely deliberated. It was noted that -

- There are approximately 1,985 D.Pharm and 1,439 B.Pharm institutes in the country. The annual intake of students in these institutes (both D.Pharm and B.Pharm) is 2,19,279.
- This available workforce is enough to meet the current pharmacist-to-population needs of the country.
- The rapid increase in the number of pharmacy colleges over the last decade may result in shortage of trained and qualified teaching faculty which may affect the quality of education imparted to students.
- The pass out students are not getting reasonably paid job opportunities in public as well as in private sector.

Considering the above facts, the House passed the following resolution unanimously:-

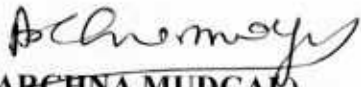
RESOLUTION

“Taking into consideration the availability of sufficient qualified pharmacist workforce, the House unanimously resolved to put a moratorium on the opening of new pharmacy colleges for running Diploma as well as Degree course in pharmacy for a period of five years beginning from the academic year 2020-2021. This moratorium shall not be applicable in the North Eastern region of the country where there is a shortage of pharmacy colleges.”

The said Resolution has been communicated to Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India on 17.7.2019 for information under intimation to All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and also posted on the Council's website.

This is for information and necessary action at your end.

Yours faithfully


(~~ARCHANA MUDGAL~~)
Registrar-cum-Secretary