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1. The Principal Secretary (Health/Technical Education)
All State Governments /Union Territories
2. All Examining Authorities (Universities and Boards)
3. All the Pharmacy Institutions.

Sub: For 2022-2023 approval cycle - submission of statutory documents for consideration of approval u/s 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948.

Sr/Madam

1. The Pharmacy Council of India is a statutory body working under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. It is constituted under the Pharmacy Act, 1948 and is entrusted with the responsibility of approval of pharmacy courses for the purpose of registration as a pharmacist to practice the profession.

As empowered u/s 10 of the Pharmacy Act, the PCI has framed the statutory Regulations for various pharmacy courses with the approval of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India and notified them in the Gazette.

3. At present, the following Regulations are in vogue -

- a) The Education Regulations, 2020 for Diploma Course in Pharmacy.
- b) The Bachelor of Pharmacy (B.Pharm) Course Regulations, 2014.
- c) The Master of Pharmacy (M.Pharm) Course Regulations, 2014.
- d) Pharm.D. Regulations, 2008.
- e) Bachelor of Pharmacy (Practice) Regulations, 2014.
- f) Minimum Qualification for Teachers in Pharmacy Institutions Regulations, 2014.
- g) Pharmacy Practice Regulations, 2015.

These Regulations are available on Council's website www.pci.nic.in

4. For the purpose of consideration of approval of pharmacy courses, the PCI has framed the "Schemes" for each course which are available on Council's website under the tab "Procedure/Forms". As per the said schemes, the following statutory documents are mandatory for -

- a) introduction of any new pharmacy course in the existing institution.
- b) starting of new pharmacy institution in the States / Union Territories which are exempted from Council's moratorium. (For moratorium, please refer to Council's circular dt.17.7.2019 and 9.9.2019 as available on Council's website. The Council has imposed moratorium on opening of new Diploma and Degree institutions from 2020-2021 academic session for a period of 5 years).

5. The documents to be submitted mandatorily at the time of application for consideration are -

a) **For B.Pharm course**

- i) Consent of affiliation of Examining Authority.
- ii) NOC of the State Government.

In case, the State Government has done away with the issuance of NOC of the State Government for starting of pharmacy course, in that case institution shall upload the said communication from the State Government as a documentary evidence.

b) **For D.Pharm / Pharm.D & Pharm.D (Post Baccalaureate) / new M.Pharm course and introduction of new M.Pharm specialization / B.Pharm (Practice) course**

- Consent of affiliation of the Examining Authority.
- MOU with 300 bedded hospital (applicable for Pharm.D course) in the prescribed format.

6. As per judgement dt.13.12.2012 passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Parshavanath Charitable Trust, the regulatory bodies concerned with grant of approval has to complete the approval process by 10th of April and appeal process by 30th of April every year.

7. The PCI is planning to open the portal for online submission of applications for 2022-2023 approval cycle in due course of time.

8. In view of above -

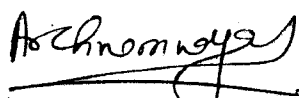
a) all the State Governments and Examining Authorities are requested to complete the process of issuance of following documents to pharmacy institutions for 2022-2023 academic session so as to comply with the deadline fixed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court -

- i) NOC of the State Government.
- ii) Consent of affiliation of the Examining Authority.

b) all pharmacy institutions are requested to make sure that they are able to obtain the above cited statutory documents (wherever applicable) and submit the same along with the online SIF.

The kind support of all the stakeholders is solicited in the matter for smooth completion of approval process for 2022-2023 academic session to avoid unnecessary litigations and comply with the deadline fixed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

Yours faithfully



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Registrar-cum-Secretary