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1. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its judgement dated 5.3.2020 in Transfer Petitions (Civil) Nos. 87-101 of 2014 between Pharmacy Council of India and Dr S K Toshniwal Educational Trusts and Others etc. has passed a judgement upholding that -

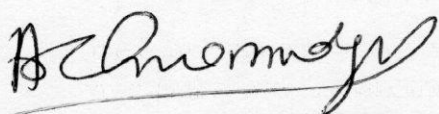
- a) the Pharmacy Act, 1948 shall only prevail with regard to recognition and / or approval of pharmacy courses / pharmacy institutions / intake capacity and degrees and diplomas in pharmacy.
- b) The norms and regulations set by the PCI and other specified authorities under the Pharmacy Act would have to be followed by the concerned institutions imparting education for degrees and diplomas in Pharmacy, including the norms and regulations with respect to increase and/or decrease in intake capacity of the students and the decisions of the PCI shall only be followed by the institutions imparting degrees and diplomas in Pharmacy.

The said judgement is available on Council's website www.pci.nic.in

2. Under section 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948, the Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) grants approval to pharmacy course(s) and examination for the purpose of registration as a pharmacist to practice the profession under the Pharmacy Act.
3. The PCI approves the following pharmacy courses under the statutory provisions of the following Education Regulations framed u/s 10 of the Pharmacy Act –

| Name of Regulations | Name of course |
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| The Education Regulations, 2020, for Diploma Course in Pharmacy. | Diploma in Pharmacy (D.Pharm) |
| The Bachelor of Pharmacy (B.Pharm) Course Regulations, 2014. | Bachelor of Pharmacy (B.Pharm) |
| The Pharm.D. Regulations, 2008. | Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D) |
| The Master of Pharmacy (M.Pharm) Course Regulations, 2014. | Master of Pharmacy (M.Pharm) |
| The Bachelor of Pharmacy (Practice) Regulations, 2014. | Bachelor of Pharmacy (Practice) B.Pharm (Practice) |

4. The statutory provisions of the above Education Regulations also clearly prescribe that no authority (person, institution, society trust or University etc.) shall start, conduct and/or increase admission to the pharmacy courses without prior approval of the PCI.
5. In pursuance of the above judgement and statutory provisions of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 and the Education Regulations framed thereunder, the concerned authorities be it pharmacy institutions / admission making authorities / examining authorities etc. are requested –
 - a) to strictly follow the norms and standards prescribed by the PCI for various pharmacy courses with regard to approval of pharmacy courses, approved intake etc. for the purpose of registration as a pharmacist under the Pharmacy Act, 1948.
 - b) ensure that no admission shall be made or intake be increased to any pharmacy course(s) without prior approval of the Pharmacy Council of India.
6. Please note that -
 - a) running of any of the above pharmacy course without prior approval of the PCI shall be in violation of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 and the passed out students will not be eligible for registration as a pharmacist.
 - b) the entire consequences for running unapproved course(s) and making excess admissions over and above the sanctioned intake shall rest on the concerned authorities and the PCI, in no way, shall be responsible for the same.
7. All prospective parents and 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 approved by the PCI 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)



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