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Advisory

To

Presidents and Registrars of All State Pharmacy Councils

Sub: Corona-virus Advisory to State Pharmacy Councils

Sir/Madam,

The Corona-virus pandemic has affected the life of large population globally and is now spreading in India too. Since, the disease spreads through human to human transmission; it has impacted the manner in which the normal business is conducted in the country. Hence time for all of us to think differently and strengthen the hands of the Nation by ensuring the safety, health and well being of all our fellow pharmacists who are carrying out their responsibilities diligently in supporting the health care of the country. Hopefully the normalcy will return soon but till then, it may affect travel of the Pharmacists both nationally and internationally to approach the State Pharmacy Councils for their registration and / or renewal of registration, as this process involves travel in person in many instances for document verification purposes etc and may pose a health hazard in the present conditions.

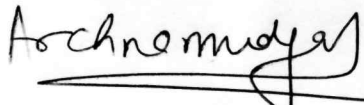
In this connection, I am directed to issue the following advisory to all the State Pharmacy Councils for implementation in this regard:

1. The State Pharmacy councils may receive the application only on online mode and the payments through digital mode if not already being done by them.
2. The State Pharmacy Councils may waive off the requirement of in-person appearance or may carry out the verification process through video call, wherever necessary for the present circumstances only.
3. The Indian pharmacists who work internationally may not be in a position visit India, to either complete their registration or obtain their renewal of registration which may be a prerequisite condition for obtaining their license in the country where they may be presently living and practicing or intending to practice. The State Pharmacy councils in such cases may register them or extend their registration based on Video verification and /or submitting an affidavit from the country of temporary residence citing their inability to appear in person.

4. The Registration of pharmacists that may be expiring or has expired in the last six months may be considered for extension upto 30.09.2020 subject to verification at a later date.
5. The State Pharmacy councils may provide their contact details and person responsible to answer their queries on their website, other public domain and to PCI office, which shall host such information on its website for its stakeholders.
6. These measures will assist the pharmacists in carrying out their responsibilities effectively and efficiently in these times of National challenge.
7. The State Pharmacy Councils are also requested to work with their respective State Governments in the mitigation efforts of Corona-virus pandemic.
8. An appeal is also made to all pharmacists to counsel the patients with regard to the importance of hygiene/hand sanitization, social distancing and restricted movements.

The Pharmacy Council of India encourages all the State Pharmacy Councils to be proactive in the above mentioned efforts and remove any difficulty in the process of registration of Pharmacists in the interest of profession and society.

Yours faithfully



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Registrar-cum-Secretary