

- a) **The Central Council:-** There is a Central Council constituted u/s 3 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 which consists of the following members namely :-
3. Constitution and Composition of Central Council. The Central Government shall, as soon as may be, constitute a Central Council consisting of the following members, namely: -
- (a) **six members, among whom there shall be at least one teacher of each of the subjects, pharmaceutical chemistry, pharmacy, pharmacology and pharmacognosy elected by the [University Grants Commission] from among persons on the teaching staff of an Indian University or a college affiliated thereto which grants a degree or diploma in pharmacy;**
 - (b) **six members, of whom at least [four] shall be persons possessing a degree or diploma in, and practising pharmacy or pharmaceutical chemistry, nominated by the Central Government;**
 - (c) **one member elected from amongst themselves by the members of the Medical Council of India;**
 - (d) **the Director General, Health Services, ex officio or if he is unable to attend any meeting, a person authorized by him in writing to do so; [(dd) the Drugs Controller, India, ex officio or if he is unable to attend any meeting, a person authorised by him in writing to do so;]**
 - (e) **the Director of the Central Drugs Laboratory, ex officio;**
 - (f) **a representative of the University Grants Commission and a representative of the All India Council for Technical Education;]**
 - (g) **one member to represent each State elected [from amongst themselves] by the members of each State Council, who shall be a registered pharmacist;**
 - (h) **one member to represent each State nominated by [the] State Government, who shall be a registered pharmacist:**

[Provided that for five years from the date on which the Pharmacy (Amendment) Act, 1976, comes into force the Government of each Union territory shall, instead of electing a member under clause (g) nominate one member, being a person eligible for registration under section 31, to represent that territory.]

The Central Council is responsible for the regulation of the profession and practice of pharmacy throughout the country. The composition of the present Central Council is available on PCI website www.pci.nic.in.

- b) **The Executive Committee:-** The Executive Committee considers the inspection reports relating to the course of study and examination in pharmacy, policy and finance issues for submission to the Central Council. This committee also considers and reports on any issue referred to it by the Central Council or by the President. The composition of the present Executive Committee is available on PCI website www.pci.nic.in
- c) **The Other Committees:-** There are the following other committees constituted by the Central Council from amongst its members for general/special purposes
1. Education Regulations Committee- The committee has been rendering necessary clarifications and revision of the Education Regulations and advising on the educational policies.
 2. Law Committee - The Law Committee is constituted to give expert opinion in matters inviting legal interpretation of the Pharmacy Act and Regulations of the Pharmacy Council of India made thereunder.
 3. Professional Pharmacy and Public Relation Committee – This Committee is constituted to look into the professional issues relating to Pharmacy Profession.
 4. Finance Committee - The Finance Committee is formed to look into the financial matter.

These committees can also co-opt such persons who are not the members of the Central Council

