

## PHARMACY COUNCIL OF INDIA

(Constituted under the Pharmacy Act, 1948)

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- 1) To all institutions (Diploma, Degree & Pharm.D Courses in Pharmacy) approved by PCI -  
- u/s 12 of the Pharmacy Act.  
- for conduct of course.
- 2) All State Govts / UTs
- 3) All Universities / Examining Authorities approved by Pharmacy Council of India.
- 4) All State Pharmacy Councils.

**Sub:** Minimum age for admission to B.Pharm course for the purpose registration as a pharmacist under the Pharmacy Act, 1948.

**Ref:** Our circular No. i) 14-11/2011-PCI/12967-15053 dt. 28.6.2013  
ii) 14-11/2011-PCI/17162-18957 dt. 30.6.2014

Sir / Madam

With reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to inform that subject cited issue was considered by 269/Executive Committee Meeting of the Council held in February, 2016 which noted that as per proviso to regulations 4.A.ii of the Bachelor of Pharmacy (B.Pharm) Course Regulations, 2014, a student should complete the age of 17 years on or before 31<sup>st</sup> December of the year of admission to the course.

Taking into consideration the representations received from various quarters and the fact that the minimum age for registration as a pharmacist is 18 years, it was decided that the matter regarding minimum age for admission to various pharmacy courses be left to the State Govts. to decide in accordance with their own rules and regulations.

This is for necessary action at your end.

Yours faithfully

  
(ARCHNA MUDGAL)  
Registrar-cum-Secretary