

AICTE Approval Process Handbook- 2012-2013 clarification regarding.

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1. It was noted that some of the provisions made by AICTE in their Approval Process Handbook 2012-2013 relating to pharmacy course are contrary to the provisions of ER-91 and are not acceptable to PCI.
2. It is reiterated that –
  - a) The eligibility criteria, duration of the course and other requirements contained in the ER-91 shall apply to D.Pharm course for the purpose of registration as a pharmacist under the Pharmacy Act.
  - b) PCI approves D.Pharm, B.Pharm and Pharm.D / Pharm.D (P.B.) courses only in accordance with the provisions of the ER-91 and the Pharm.D Regulations, 2010 under the Pharmacy Act, 1948 for the purpose of registration as a pharmacist. Any pharmacy course studied/undergone/conducted otherwise than in accordance with these Regulations shall not be treated as an approved course for the purpose of registration as a pharmacist under the Pharmacy Act.
3. The PCI clarifies the position as under –
  - a) Approved qualifications under Pharmacy Act, 1948 for the purpose of registration as a pharmacist

The following qualifications acquired from an institution approved u/s 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 are the registrable qualifications under the Pharmacy Act –

<b>Qualifications approved for registration as a pharmacist under the Pharmacy Act</b>	<b>Duration of the course</b>	<b>Admission qualification</b>
Diploma in Pharmacy (D.Pharm)	2 yrs. & 500 hrs. practical training	- 10+2 science academic stream with Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics or Biology.
Bachelor of Pharmacy (B.Pharm)	4 yrs.	- 10+2 science academic stream with Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics or Biology. <b>OR</b> - Diploma in Pharmacy from PCI approved institution.

Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.)	6 yrs.	- 10+2 science academic stream with Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics or Biology. <b>OR</b> - Diploma in Pharmacy from PCI approved institution.
Pharm.D (Post Baccalaureate)	3 yrs.	- A pass in B.Pharm from an institution approved by the PCI under section 12 of the Pharmacy Act:

- b) the PCI does not approve the under mentioned courses for registration as a pharmacist u/s 32(2) or entry of additional qualifications u/s 35 of the Pharmacy Act or for the purpose of teaching pharmacy subjects in pharmacy institutions approved u/s 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 -
- i) Any post-diploma course in pharmacy of duration of 1.5 year/2 years.
  - ii) Diploma programme in Clinical Pharmacy/ Diploma Medical Lab Technology/ Pharmaceutical Science/ Pharmaceutics.
  - iii) Post diploma programme in Hospital and Clinical Pharmacy.
  - iv) Degree programme in Pharma Technology/ Pharmaceutical Science/ Pharmaceutical Technology/ Pharmaceutics.
- c) Maximum No. of admissions approved by PCI in pharmacy institutions u/s 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948.

The approved number of admissions by PCI in pharmacy courses run by pharmacy institutions approved for the purpose of registration as a pharmacist under the Pharmacy Act, 1948 are as under -

S.No.	Name of the Course approved for registration as a pharmacist under the Pharmacy Act, 1948	Maximum No. of admissions approved by the PCI in pharmacy institutions
1.	D.Pharm	60
2.	B.Pharm	- 60 in the first instance. - 100 in already approved B.Pharm institutions after verification of the facilities.
3.	Pharm.D Pharm.D(PB)	30 10

Any admissions made over and above the sanctioned intake by the PCI / admissions made in second shift / additional shift / evening shift are not eligible for registration as a pharmacist under the Pharmacy Act and the entire consequences of the same shall rest on the institution and the PCI will not be responsible for the same.

- d) Qualification of the Teaching Staff in pharmacy institutions approved by the PCI
- i) the qualification of teaching staff for teaching in pharmacy institution approved u/s 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 is governed by Appendix-B of Education Regulations, 1991 and Pharm.D. Regulations, 2008.
  - ii) in all institutions which are approved by the PCI u/s 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948, appointment of teaching faculty shall be done only with graduates & postgraduates in pharmacy who have qualified from the institutions approved under section 12 of Pharmacy Act 1948.
  - iii) the institutions are required to appoint teaching faculty only with graduate & Post graduate qualifications in pharmacy who have qualified from the PCI approved institutions for consideration of approval under section 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948.