

# **PHARMACY COUNCIL OF INDIA**

## **Public Notice**

The Pharmacy Council of India is a statutory body constituted under section 3 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948. The Council is empowered to prescribe minimum standard of education and to approve courses of study and examinations for the purpose of qualifying for registration as a pharmacist under section 10 & 12 of said Act. D.Pharm, B.Pharm and Pharm.D/Pharm.D (P.B.) from approved pharmacy institutions are presently the registerable qualifications. It has come to the notice of the Council that there is a move to start the 2<sup>nd</sup> shift.

It is brought to the notice of all concerned that the Pharmacy Council of India has not approved conduct of pharmacy courses in the 2<sup>nd</sup> shift. The pharmacy institutions intending to run pharmacy course in 2<sup>nd</sup> shift and students intending to enroll in such courses are hereby informed that such pharmacy course will not be approved u/s 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 and students shall not be eligible for registration as a pharmacist under the said Act which is mandatory to practice the pharmacy profession in the country.

The entire consequence for running unapproved pharmacy course(s) shall rest on the institution as well as the students enrolling in such institutions. The Pharmacy Council of India, in no way, shall be responsible for the same.

# PHARMACY COUNCIL OF INDIA

(Constituted under the Pharmacy Act, 1948)

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Ref.No.18-3/2006-PCI

The Principal  
(All Pharmacy Colleges)

**Sub.: Starting of 2<sup>nd</sup> shift for conducting Diploma & Degree (UG & PG) courses in Pharmacy.**

Sir/Madam,

It is understood by the Pharmacy council of India that certain institutions are intending to start additional programmes in some of the technical courses including pharmacy in the 2<sup>nd</sup> shift in the existing technical / Pharmacy institutions. The Pharmacy Council of India mandated to maintain standard of pharmacy education in the country has noted with concern the same and it is brought to the notice of all concerned that PCI does not approve running of pharmacy course(s) in the 2<sup>nd</sup> shift for the purpose of registration as a pharmacist to practice under the Pharmacy Act, 1948.

In view of above, it is hereby brought to the notice of all concerned that -

- a) The Pharmacy Council of India does not approve conduct of pharmacy courses in 2<sup>nd</sup> shift.
- b) Such courses and examinations, if conducted by any institution, shall not be considered for approval under section 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 for the purpose registration as a pharmacist under the Pharmacy Act.
- c) The students passing out from such 2<sup>nd</sup> shift course shall not be eligible for registration under the said Act which is mandatory to practice the pharmacy profession in the country.
- d) Please note that the entire consequence for running unapproved course shall rest on the institution & Pharmacy Council of India in no way shall be responsible for the same.

Further institutions are requested to submit by 31<sup>st</sup> December every year course-wise list of students admitted by it under intimation to State Pharmacy Council & Examining Authority and advised to place the said information on college website also. The said data shall remain on college website for 5 years.

Yours faithfully

(ARCHNA MUDGAL)  
Registrar-cum-Secretary

Cc to -

1. All State Govt.s/U.T.s
2. All Examining Authorities

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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Pharmacy Council of India is a statutory body constituted under the Pharmacy Act 1948, a Central Act passed by the Parliament to regulate the profession and practice of pharmacy in the country.

It is understood by the Pharmacy council of India that certain pharmacy institutions are intending to start additional pharmacy programmes / increasing admissions over and above the sanctioned intake by PCI / start 2<sup>nd</sup>/additional shift in the existing Pharmacy institutions. The Pharmacy Council of India mandated to maintain standard of pharmacy education in the country has noted with concern the same and it is brought to the notice of all concerned that PCI does not approve running of pharmacy course(s) in the 2<sup>nd</sup> shift/additional shift for the purpose of registration as a pharmacist to practice under the Pharmacy Act, 1948.

In view of above, it is hereby brought to the notice of all concerned that -

- a) The Pharmacy Council of India does not approve
  - (i) admissions made over and above the sanctioned intake by PCI.
  - (ii) conduct of pharmacy courses in 2<sup>nd</sup> shift/additional shift.
- b) Such courses and examinations, if conducted by any institution, shall not be considered for approval under section 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 for the purpose registration as a pharmacist under the Pharmacy Act.
- c) The students passing out from such 2<sup>nd</sup> shift/additional shift course shall not be eligible for registration under the said Act which is mandatory to practice the pharmacy profession in the country.
- d) the admissions made over and above the sanctioned intake by pharmacy council of India will not be eligible for registration as a pharmacist under the Pharmacy Act to practice the profession.
- e) All 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 recognised/approved by the Pharmacy Council of India 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](http://www.pci.nic.in)).
- f) Please note that the entire consequence for running unapproved course/ 2<sup>nd</sup>/additional shift and making excess admissions shall rest on the institution & Pharmacy Council of India in no way shall be responsible for the same.

**(ARCHNA MUDGAL)**  
**Registrar-cum-Secretary**  
**Pharmacy Council of India**

Ref. No.18-3/2006-PCI  
14-1/2006-PCI

**Regd.**

- **ALL PHARMACY INSTITUTIONS**
  - a) **approved u/s 12 of Pharmacy Act**
  - b) **approved for conduct of course of study**
- **ALL STATE GOVTS./UTs.**
- **ALL EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**
- **FEE FIXATION COMMITTEE**
- **ALL CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Sub: Starting of 2<sup>nd</sup> shift for conducting Diploma & Degree (UG & PG) courses in Pharmacy.**

**Ref.: *Our Circular No. 18-3/2006-PCI-1441-2523 dt. 21.4.2010.***

Sir/Madam,

This is in continuation to council's circular dt.21.4.2010. It is understood by the Pharmacy council of India that certain pharmacy institutions are intending to start additional pharmacy programmes / increasing admissions over and above the sanctioned intake by PCI / start 2<sup>nd</sup>/additional shift in the existing Pharmacy institutions. The Pharmacy Council of India mandated to maintain standard of pharmacy education in the country has noted with concern the same and it is brought to the notice of all concerned that PCI does not approve running of pharmacy course(s) in the 2<sup>nd</sup> shift/additional shift for the purpose of registration as a pharmacist to practice under the Pharmacy Act, 1948.

In this connection I am directed to inform that subject cited matter was placed in the Central Council meeting of PCI held in July, 2010 which decided to reiterate council's earlier decision not to approve the running of second shift in pharmacy institutions.

It is further informed that PCI has already made a provision to consider admissions upto 100 in B.Pharm course and also drafted the SIF laying down the requirements/norms required for considering admissions upto 100 in B.Pharm course. In view of it, B.Pharm institutions intending to raise admissions beyond 60 can always apply to the PCI for considering admissions upto 100. This provision of the Council to consider admissions upto 100 in B.Pharm course run by the institution will take care of shortage of pharmacist workforce if any in the country. In view of it, there is no need of running pharmacy institutions in the second shift.

In view of it, it is again brought to the notice of all concerned that –

- a) The Pharmacy Council of India does not approve
  - (i) admissions made over and above the sanctioned intake by PCI.
  - (ii) conduct of pharmacy courses in 2<sup>nd</sup> shift/additional shift.
- b) Such courses and examinations, if conducted by any institution, shall not be considered for approval under section 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 for the purpose registration as a pharmacist under the Pharmacy Act.
- c) The students passing out from such 2<sup>nd</sup> shift/additional shift course shall not be eligible for registration under the said Act which is mandatory to practice the pharmacy profession in the country.
- d) the admissions made over and above the sanctioned intake by pharmacy council of India will not be eligible for registration as a pharmacist under the Pharmacy Act to practice the profession.
- e) All 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 recognised/approved by the Pharmacy Council of India 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](http://www.pci.nic.in)).
- f) Please note that the entire consequence for running unapproved course/ 2<sup>nd</sup>/additional shift and making excess admissions shall rest on the institution & Pharmacy Council of India in no way shall be responsible for the same.

Yours faithfully

**(ARCHNA MUDGAL)**  
**Registrar-cum-Secretary**