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**To all**

- 1. State Govts.**
- 2. Examining Authorities (for D.Pharm course)**
- 3. D.Pharm institutions approved -**
  - a) u/s 12.**
  - b) for conduct of “course of study”.**

**Sub: Change in admission qualification and duration of D.Pharm course.**

Sir/Madam,

1. It has come to notice of the PCI from the recent notification displayed by the AICTE on its website that AICTE has changed the -
  - a) duration of the Diploma course in Pharmacy (D.Pharm) from 2 yrs. to 4 yrs.
  - b) admission qualification to D.Pharm course from 12<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> standard - SSC Exam.
2. In this connection, it is stated that pharmacy education and practice of pharmacy profession in the country is regulated under the provisions of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 and the Regulations made thereunder by the PCI by way of -
  - prescribing minimum standard of education required for qualification as a pharmacist. (Ref.: section 10 of the Pharmacy Act)
  - framing of Education Regulations prescribing the conditions to be fulfilled by the institutions seeking approval of the PCI for imparting education in pharmacy for student pharmacist. (Ref.: section 10 of the Pharmacy Act)
  - ensuring uniform implementation of the educational standards throughout the country. (Ref.: section 10 of the Pharmacy Act)
  - approving the “courses of study” and “examination” for qualifying for registration as a pharmacist i.e. approval of the academic training pharmacy institutions providing pharmacy courses.
  - approving the Examining Authorities conducting pharmacy examination for qualifying for registration as a pharmacist. (Ref.: Section 12 of the Pharmacy Act)

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- withdrawing approval, if the “course of study” does not continue to be in conformity with the educational standards prescribed by the PCI. (Ref.: Section 13 of the Pharmacy Act)
3. - Accordingly, the PCI has framed Education Regulations, 1991 (ER-91) for Diploma course in Pharmacy.
- Regulation 5 of the ER-91 prescribes the minimum qualification for admission to diploma in pharmacy and is quoted below -
- “ [Minimum qualification for admission to Diploma in Pharmacy Part -I course — A pass in any of the following examinations with Physics, Chemistry and Biology or Mathematics.
- (1) Intermediate examination in Science;
  - (2) The first year of the three year degree course in Science,
  - (3) 10+2 examination (academic stream) in Science;
  - (4) Pre-degree examination;
  - (5) Any other qualification approved by the Pharmacy Council of India as equivalent to any of the above examination.
- As per Regulation 6 of the ER-91, duration of D.Pharm course is a regular 2 academic years course in addition to 500 hours practical training spread over a period of not less than 3 months.
4. In view of above, please note that any deviation from the above statutory provisions with regard to admission qualification and duration of the D.Pharm course will be in dis-regard to the provisions of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 and regulations framed thereunder and the passed out students will not be eligible for registration as a pharmacist to practice the profession under the Pharmacy Act, 1948 and that the entire consequences thereof shall rest on the institution’s risk & cost.
5. Hence, it is advised to strictly follow the prescribed provisions of ER-91 with regard to admission qualification and duration of the D.Pharm course to enable the passed out students to register as pharmacist to practice the profession under the Pharmacy Act, 1948.

Yours faithfully

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**Registrar-cum-Secretary**