

# PHARMACY COUNCIL OF INDIA

(Constituted under the Pharmacy Act, 1948)

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To

All State Governments / Union Territories -

1. Chief Secretaries 2. Principal Secretaries (Health) 3. Principal Secretaries  
(Technical Education)

**Subject: Moratorium for new D.Pharm and B.Pharm institutions from 2020-2021.**

Sir/Madam

The Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) is a statutory body working under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. It is constituted under the Pharmacy Act, 1948 to regulate the pharmacy education and practice of profession in the country by prescribing the minimum standard of education required for qualification for registration as a pharmacist.

At present, the following courses in pharmacy are being approved by the PCI u/s 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948.

Name of the Course	Duration of the course (Years)	Admission Qualification
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.

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Name of the Course	Duration of the course (Years)	Admission Qualification
Bachelor of Pharmacy (Practice)	2 yrs.	- D.Pharm from PCI approved institution. - Registered pharmacist with 4 yrs. Pharmacy Practice experience in community or hospital.
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.
M.Pharm (Specialization)	2 yrs.	- B.Pharm

During the 106<sup>th</sup> Central Council meeting of the PCI held on 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2019, a concern was expressed about the mushrooming of pharmacy colleges in the country. The issue was threadbarely deliberated. It was noted that -

- There are approximately 1,985 D.Pharm and 1,439 B.Pharm institutes in the country. The annual intake of students in these institutes (both D.Pharm and B.Pharm) is 2,19,279.
- This available workforce is enough to meet the current pharmacist-to-population needs of the country.
- The rapid increase in the number of pharmacy colleges over the last decade may result in shortage of trained and qualified teaching faculty which may affect the quality of education imparted to students.
- The pass out students are not getting reasonably paid job opportunities in public as well as in private sector.

Considering the above facts, the House passed the following resolution unanimously:-

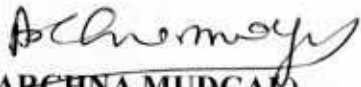
#### RESOLUTION

“Taking into consideration the availability of sufficient qualified pharmacist workforce, the House unanimously resolved to put a moratorium on the opening of new pharmacy colleges for running Diploma as well as Degree course in pharmacy for a period of five years beginning from the academic year 2020-2021. This moratorium shall not be applicable in the North Eastern region of the country where there is a shortage of pharmacy colleges.”

The said Resolution has been communicated to Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India on 17.7.2019 for information under intimation to All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and also posted on the Council's website.

This is for information and necessary action at your end.

Yours faithfully

  
(~~ARCHANA MUDGAL~~)  
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To

All State Governments / Union Territories -

1. Chief Secretaries 2. Principal Secretaries (Health) 3. Principal Secretaries  
(Technical Education)

**Subject: Moratorium for new D.Pharm and B.Pharm institutions from 2020-2021 academic session.**

**Ref: Our letter No. 14-56/2019-PCI (Moratorium)  
(For online Application (Pt.I)/3720-3826 dt. 17.7.2019.**

Sir/Madam

This is in continuation to this Council's letter dated the 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 on the above cited subject. In this connection, it is stated that the Pharmacy Council of India has been receiving representations from various quarters seeking clarification on the various aspects of the moratorium.

The matter was placed before the 107<sup>th</sup> Central Council in its meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 which noted that the spirit of the moratorium is to ensure-

- quality assurance in pharmacy education.
- availability of job opportunities to already available pharmacist workforce which is enough to meet the current pharmacist-to-population needs of the country as there are approximately 1,985 D.Pharm and 1,439 B.Pharm institutes in the country with an annual intake of more than 2.19 lakhs.
- that there is no shortage of qualified faculty.

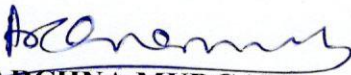
It was unanimously decided that moratorium on the opening of new pharmacy colleges for running Diploma as well as Degree course in pharmacy for a period of five years beginning from the academic year 2020-2021 will be subject to following conditions -

- a) The moratorium will not apply to the Government institutions.
- b) The moratorium will not apply to the institutions in North Eastern region.
- c) The moratorium will not apply to the States / Union Territories where the number of D.Pharm and B.Pharm institutions (both combined) is less than 50.
- d) The institutions which had applied for opening D.Pharm and/or B.Pharm colleges for 2019-20 academic session either to the PCI or to the AICTE and the proposal was rejected or not inspected due to some reason or the other will be allowed to apply for 2020-21 academic session and this relaxation is given only for one year i.e. for 2020-21 academic session only.
- e) Existing approved pharmacy institutions will be allowed to apply for increase in intake capacity as per PCI norms and/or to start additional pharmacy course(s).

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