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### Pharmacy Council of India, New Delhi

**Advisory for implementation by the PCI approved institutions and PCI approved Examining Authorities u/s 12 of the Pharmacy Act 1948 with regard to Academics, Examinations and Progression of students registered in various Pharmacy programs in the light of COVID-19 pandemic.**

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These are challenging times and the higher education sector and Pharmacy Education is no exception to it. The COVID - 19 has resulted in an inevitable disruption of Pharmacy Education throughout the country but preventing chaos that follows is our choice. Accordingly the Pharmacy Council of India after closely monitoring the situation and learning from global and historical experiences and keeping in view the possibility of educational institutions not returning to normalcy in the immediate future has decided to recommend to the Pharmacy Institutions , Examining Authorities and Pharmacy educators, the following guidance's and norms to be implemented to ensure that teaching and learning is not affected in the Institutions and to the students it remains a continuous learning process without being felt disadvantaged. These recommendations and norms are being made keeping in mind the following reasons:

1. The students who are the primary stakeholders are not disadvantaged by the disruption in the teaching , learning and evaluation process and are able to complete their studies without loss of time, additional costs towards their education and are able to pursue their careers with confidence.
2. The faculty and staff are continuously engaged either through remote or other technology based teaching - learning process and other tools , thereby being in the

process of working from home / remote site and are not threatened by loss of positions and continue to be on the payrolls of the institution.

3. The mission of the Pharmacy council of India is to ensure quality education in pharmacy nationally.

4. Make available enough Pharmacist workforce with right competencies to meet the healthcare needs of the country.

The guidance's are divided into 'Academic' and 'Assessment and progression' and addresses all the programs approved by the Pharmacy Council of India under the Pharmacy Act 1948 and the various regulations and norms framed there under from time to time. These guidance's are a onetime measure and shall be applicable only to the present academic year and will be reviewed / modified from time to time to remove difficulties if any, while implementation.

## **I. Academic:**

1. The academic institutions through various orders of the Government of India, State Governments, Statutory Bodies and district administration have been asked to close completely or asked to suspend classes and offer teaching learning using technology and working from home.

2. Similarly several guidance's have been given by the Government of India and it's autonomous bodies to use various learning resources, technology platforms and innovative teaching approaches. The students have been advised to study from home, maintain social distancing and restrict their movements from their present place of stay.

3. The Pharmacy council of India makes the following recommendations to the Pharmacy Institutions and Pharmacy educators:

a. The Principals / Heads of the institutions are advised to take necessary steps and put up the necessary timetable and structure in place so that the faculty are able to engage in online teaching to the students and complete the theory part of their curriculum through remote teaching for as long as the institutions have been asked to remain closed by the government and the district authorities in different parts of the country . They may do so by sharing the learning resources in advance through their website, email to students and other learning apps / platforms that are available in this regard. The institutions/Faculty may document the details of classes taken, the students engaged, the percentage of attendance and assessments and assignments conducted.

b. The Pharmacy Council of India will accept this as an equivalent effort towards the teaching - learning efforts provided in the various regulations for being eligible to appear for examinations.

c. The examining authorities are also advised to take cognizance of the same towards fulfilment of academic requirements for admitting a student to examination.

d. As regards to the practical/experiential/clinical classes are concerned, the institutions may engage students to complete the same through block teaching on reopening of the colleges , keeping in view that the theory classes would have been completed through the online mode.

e. The institutions are encouraged to share their best practices to other institutions in the region to help advance pharmacy education in the country. The institutions who have so engaged are advised to send details along with documentary evidence and will be given due credit during the various funding / support that PCI gives to institutions towards Faculty Development and continuous professional development.

f. Faculty who are engaging students through online classes either through the institution or through their own personal online platforms will be given due credit by the PCI and invite them to serve on the various academic committees of the PCI to share their expertise and knowledge. Such initiatives should be beyond the needs of the host institutions and curriculum driven.

g. The principals and the head of the institutions are required to submit the details of the efforts taken by them in this regard which will be considered while granting extension of approval to the institution.

## **II Examinations and Progression:**

1. The institutions may conduct Internal assessments in various courses as provided in the various regulations relating to the conduct of D.Pharm / B.Pharm / M.Pharm / Pharm.D / B.Pharm (Practice ) program using online assessment mode ( MCQ/Open Book/assignments/problem based assessment etc ) so that the students are able to complete a part of their academic requirement to be eligible for admission to the respective examinations.

2. As regards to the University / Board examinations with reference to various pharmacy programs and the regulations and norms prescribed there under the PCI makes the recommendations mentioned below for consideration and implementation.

## **A. M.Pharm program**

The Master of Pharmacy (M.Pharm) course Regulations 2014 , *regulation regulation 13. states,*

### ***Examination***

The examination for M.Pharm shall be held in accordance with the provisions contained in these regulations. The examinations shall be organized on the basis of grading or marking system to evaluate and certify candidate's level of knowledge, skill and competence at the end of the training.

### ***13. a) For M.Pharm (Part-I)***

i) There shall be an examination for M.Pharm (Part-I) at the end of calendar year. The first examination shall be the annual examination and the second examination shall be supplementary examination.

ii) The examinations shall be of written and practical (including oral).

Further *regulation 16 states*

### ***"16. Eligibility for promotion to M.Pharm (Part-II)***

(i) All students who have appeared for all the subjects and passed the first-year annual examination are eligible for promotion to the second year.

(ii) The student failing in subjects of M.Pharm (Part-I) examination shall be permitted to register for M.Pharm (Part-II) programme. However, such students shall not be permitted to submit the dissertation unless he completes the M.Pharm (Part-I) examination and passes both in theory and practical at a time together."

### **Recommendations -**

Keeping in view extraordinary times, extraordinary recommendations are to be made and hence these recommendations are made to the examining authorities -

1. The examining authority if it finds appropriate may consider that under the present circumstances , the students may not have had the opportunity to complete their academic course work in compliance with regulations and the Examining authority may not be in a position to conduct examinations in time for the student to progress into M.Pharm Part II.
2. It is recommended that the students who have registered for Part I and have undergone the courses done and are not able to appear for the examinations shall be permitted to progress into M.Pharm Part II and shall be permitted to

take the exams as may be planned by the examining authority during the ensuing next exams or may conduct a special exams if they so desire . However this shall not affect the progression of the student to M.Pharm Part II .

3. The said candidates will also be eligible to take M.Pharm Part I exams along with M.Pharm Part II , however the students will be considered to have passed the examination and be eligible for the award of the degree only if they are successful in both M.Pharm Part I and Part II.
4. The students shall be eligible to secure class and distinction subject to their fulfilling the requirements as per **regulation 15 (ii) and (iii)** of the said regulations,

15.(ii) The students securing 60% marks or above in aggregate in all subjects in a single attempt at the M.Pharm examination shall be declared to have passed in first class.

(iii) Students securing 75% marks or above in any subject or subjects shall be declared to have passed with distinction in the subject or those subjects provided he passes in all the subjects in a single attempt.

***Further, regulation 13.b of the M.Pharm regulations 2014 states,***

**“For M.Pharm (Part-II)**

For M.Pharm (Part-II) the examination shall be an evaluation of dissertation and viva voce at the end of 12 months (one year) after the commencement of M.Pharm (Part-II) course.”

***Regulation 14 states,***

***Thesis***

1. Every candidate shall carry out work on an assigned research project under the guidance of a recognized Postgraduate Teacher, the result of which shall be written up and submitted in the form of a Thesis.

2. Work for writing the Thesis is aimed at contributing to the development of a spirit of enquiry, besides exposing the candidate to the techniques of research, critical analysis, acquaintance with the latest advances in medical science and the manner of identifying and consulting available literature. Thesis shall be submitted at least two months before the theoretical and practical examination.

3. The Thesis shall be examined by a minimum of two examiners; one internal and one external examiner.

### **Recommendations-**

Keeping in view that the students who are registered for M.Pharm Program and are in the process of submission of their thesis and may not, be able to submit in time or be able to appear for examination before the examiner in person in the present circumstances the PCI recommends that -

1. The student and the guide may determine whether the work done for the thesis is in compliance with regulatory requirements and ready for submission and the same be submitted to the examining authority, with due credentialing by the competent authority of the institution of satisfactory completion of the work.
2. The candidate on submission of the thesis may be examined by two examiners through a closed online exam (videoconferencing) where the institution, the candidate, his supervisor and others who may be specified by the examining authority and /or the institution may be permitted. The examiners may then suitably certify the student having successfully completed the examinations or otherwise.
3. This recommendation is subject to the same being acceptable by the examining authority, the candidate and the supervisor / guide. This recommendation is proposed with the objective of letting the passing out graduate to pursue career ambitions without loss of time and delay in obtaining the academic qualifications.

### **B. B.Pharm Program**

#### **The Bachelor of Pharmacy (B.Pharm) course Regulations 2014**

The regulations relating to the examination, classification and Progression to the next higher academic year from the said regulations are produced below:

#### **10. Examination. –**

1. There shall be an examination at the end of each academic year/semester of B.Pharm.
2. Each examination may be held twice every year namely regular and supplementary examination.

3. The examinations shall be of written and practical (including oral nature) carrying maximum marks for each part as may be prescribed by the Pharmacy Council of India from time to time.

**11. Eligibility for appearing Examination.** — Only such students who produce certificate from the Head of the Institution in which he or she has undergone the course of study by attending not less than 80% of the classes held both in theory and practical separately in each subject shall be eligible for appearing at examination.

**12. Mode of examinations.** —

(1) Theory examination shall be of three hours and practical examination shall be of four hours duration.

(2) A candidate who fails in theory or practical examination of a subject shall re-appear in theory or practical as the case may be.

(3) Practical examination shall also consist of a viva –voce (Oral) examination.

**13. Award of sessional marks and maintenance of records—**

(1) A regular record of both theory and practical class work and examinations conducted in an institution imparting training for B. Pharm course, shall be maintained for each student in the institution and 25 marks for each theory and 25 marks for each practical subject shall be allotted as sessional marks.

(2) There shall be at least three periodic sessional examinations during each academic year and the highest aggregate of any two performances shall form the basis of calculating sessional marks.

(3) The sessional marks in practical shall be allotted on the following basis:-

(i) Actual performance in the sessional examination (15 marks);

(ii) Day to day assessment in the practical class work, promptness, viva-voce, record maintenance, etc. (10 marks).

**14. Minimum marks for passing examination.** — A student shall not be declared to have passed examination unless he or she secures at least 50% marks in each of the subjects separately in the theory and practical examinations, including sessional marks. The students securing 60% marks or above in aggregate in all subjects in a single attempt at B.Pharm shall be declared to have passed in the First Class. Students securing 75% marks or above in any subject or subjects shall

be declared to have passed with distinction in the subject or those subjects provided he / she passes in all the subjects in a single attempt.

14 (a). Eligibility for the promotion to the next year. – All the students who have appeared for all the subjects and passed the First year Annual Examination are Eligible for promotion to the second year and so on.

However, failure in more than two subjects shall debar him /her from promotion to the next year classes.

### **Recommendations:**

The following recommendations are made in respect of the examinations and Progression to the next higher academic year:

1.The examining authority if it finds appropriate may consider that under the present circumstances , the students may not have had the opportunity to complete their academic course work in compliance with regulations and the Examining authority may not be in a position to conduct examinations in time for the student to progress into the next academic year / semester

2. It is recommended that the students who have registered for a particular academic year/ semester and have undergone the courses done and are not able to appear for the examinations shall be permitted to progress into the next academic year / semester and shall be permitted to take the exams as may be planned by the examining authority during the ensuing next exams or may conduct a special exams if they so desire .

3.The said candidates will also be eligible to take exams of the Semester/Academic year that has been progressed along with the next academic year / Semester and shall be eligible to carry double the number of subjects to the next semester / year that is (4 subjects ). The power to suitably implement the same is delegated to the examining authority to decrease the degree of difficulty if any in this regard.

4.The students shall be eligible to secure class and distinction subject to their fulfilling the requirements mentioned in regulation 14 of the above regulations and will not affect the same provided he passes in all the subjects in a single attempt.

5. The examining authority may as soon as possible conduct the theory and Practical examinations of the Final year / final semester of the said program and announce the results in a time bound manner so that students are able to



pursue their higher studies/careers without disruption. However, the students will be considered to have passed the examination and be eligible for the award of the degree only if they are successful in all the subjects of the said program.

### **C. Pharm.D program**

#### **The Pharm.D Regulations 2008**

The regulations relating to the examination, classification and Progression to the next higher academic year from the said regulations are produced below:

**10. Examination.** – (1) Every year there shall be an examination to examine the students.

(2) Each examination may be held twice every year. The first examination in a year shall be the annual examination and the second examination shall be supplementary examination.

(3) The examinations shall be of written and practical (including oral nature) carrying maximum marks for each part of a subject (as indicated in Tables in the said regulations)

**11. Eligibility for appearing Examination.** — Only such students who produce certificate from the Head of the Institution in which he or she has undergone the Pharm.D. or, the Pharm.D. (Post Baccalaureate) course, in proof of his or her having regularly and satisfactorily undergone the course of study by attending not less than 80% of the classes held both in theory and in practical separately in each subject shall be eligible for appearing at examination.

**12. Mode of examinations.** — (1) Theory examination shall be of three hours and practical examination shall be of four hours duration.

(2) A Student who fails in theory or practical examination of a subject shall re-appear both in theory and practical of the same subject.

(3) Practical examination shall also consist of a viva –voce (Oral) examination.

(4) Clerkship examination – Oral examination shall be conducted after the completion of clerkship of students. An external and an internal examiner will evaluate the student. Students may be asked to present the allotted medical cases followed by discussion. Students' capabilities in delivering clinical

pharmacy services, pharmaceutical care planning and knowledge of therapeutics shall be assessed.

**13. Award of sessional marks and maintenance of records.** —(1) A regular record of both theory and practical class work and examinations conducted in an institution imparting training for Pharm.D. or as the case may be, Pharm.D. (Post Baccalaureate)course, shall be maintained for each student in the institution and 30 marks for each theory and 30 marks for each practical subject shall be allotted as sessional.

(2) There shall be at least two periodic sessional examinations during each academic year and the highest aggregate of any two performances shall form the basis of calculating sessional marks.

(3) The sessional marks in practicals shall be allotted on the following basis:-

(i) Actual performance in the sessional examination (20 marks);

(ii) Day to day assessment in the practical class work, promptness, viva-voce record maintenance, etc. (10 marks).

**14. Minimum marks for passing examination.**— A student shall not be declared to have passed examination unless he or she secures at least 50% marks in each of the subjects separately in the theory examinations, including sessional marks and at least 50% marks in each of the practical examinations including sessional marks. The students securing 60% marks or above in aggregate in all subjects in a single attempt at the Pharm.D. or as the case may be, Pharm. D. (Post Baccalaureate) course examination shall be declared to have passed in first class. Students securing 75%marks or above in any subject or subjects shall be declared to have passed with distinction in the subject or those subjects provided he or she passes in all the subjects in a single attempt.

**15. Eligibility for promotion to next year.** — All students who have appeared for all the subjects and passed the first year annual examination are eligible for promotion to the second year and, so on. However, failure in more than two subjects shall debar him or her from promotion to the next year classes.

**16. Internship.** — (1) Internship is a phase of training wherein a student is expected to conduct actual practice of pharmacy and health care and acquires skills under the supervision so that he or she may become capable of functioning independently.

(2) Every student has to undergo one-year internship as per Appendix-C to these regulations.

**Recommendations:**

The following recommendations are made in respect of the examinations and Progression to the next higher academic year:

1. The examining authority if it finds appropriate may consider that under the present circumstances, the students may not have had the opportunity to complete their academic course work in compliance with regulations and the Examining authority may not be in a position to conduct examinations in time for the student to progress into the next academic year / semester
2. It is recommended that the students who have registered for a particular academic year / semester and have undergone the courses done and are not able to appear for the examinations shall be permitted to progress into the next academic year / semester and shall be permitted to take the exams as may be planned by the examining authority during the ensuing next exams or may conduct a special exams if they so desire .
3. The said candidates will also be eligible to take exams of the Semester/Academic year that has been progressed along with the next academic year / Semester and shall be eligible to carry double the number of subjects to the next semester / year that is (4 subjects ). The power to suitably implement the same is delegated to the examining authority to decrease the degree of difficulty if any in this regard.
4. The students shall be eligible to secure class and distinction subject to their fulfilling the requirements mentioned in regulation 14 of the above regulations and will not affect the same, provided he/she passes in all the subjects in a single attempt.
5. The examining authority may as soon as possible conduct the theory and Practical examinations of the Final year / final semester of the said program and announce the results in a time bound manner so that students are able to pursue their higher studies/careers without disruption. However, the students will be considered to have passed the examination and be eligible for the award of the degree only if they are successful in all the subjects of the said program.
6. The students who are undergoing their internship may be engaged using case based studies / OSCE through remote teaching and where possible to be given

credit to the number of days engaged such structured learning process where they have complied with the provisions made in the Appendix C of the Pharm.D regulations 2008

#### **D. Education Regulations 1991 for the Diploma Course in Pharmacy**

The regulations relating to the examination, classification and Progression to the next higher academic year from the said regulations are produced below:

##### **10. Examinations: -**

There shall be an examination for Diploma in Pharmacy (Part-I) to examine students of the first year course and an examination for Diploma in Pharmacy (Part-II) to examine students of the second year course . Each examination may be held twice every year. The first examination in a year shall be the annual examination and the second examination shall be supplementary examination of the Diploma in Pharmacy (Part-I) or Diploma in Pharmacy (Part-II), as the case may be. The examinations shall be of written and practical (including oral) nature, carrying maximum marks for each part of a subject, as indicated in Table III and IV of the said regulations

##### **11. Eligibility for appearing at the Diploma in Pharmacy Part-I examination: -**

Only such candidates who produce certificate from the Head of the Academic institution in which he /she has undergone the Diploma in Pharmacy Part-I course, in proof of his /her having regularly and satisfactorily undergone the course of study by attending not less than 75% of the classes held both in theory and in practical separately in each subject shall be eligible for appearing at the Diploma in Pharmacy (Part-I) examination.

##### **12. Eligibility for appearing at the Diploma in Pharmacy Part-II examination: -**

Only such candidates who produce certificate from the Head of the academic institution in which he/she has undergone the Diploma in Pharmacy Part-II course , in proof of his /her having regularly and satisfactorily undergone the Diploma in Pharmacy Part-II course by attending not less than 75% of the classes held both in theory and in practical separately in each subject shall be eligible for appearing at the Diploma in Pharmacy (Part-II) examination.

##### **13. Mode of examinations: -**

(1) Each theory and practical examination in the subjects mentioned in Table-III & IV shall be of three hours duration.

(2) A Candidate who fails in theory or practical examination of a subject shall re-appear both in theory and practical of the same subject.

(3) Practical examination shall also consist of a viva-voce (Oral) examination.

**14. Award of Sessional marks and maintenance of records:-**

(1) A regular record of both theory and practical class work and examinations conducted in an institution imparting training for diploma in Pharmacy Part-I and diploma in Pharmacy Part II courses, shall be maintained for each student in the institution and 20 marks for each theory and 20 marks for each practical subject shall be allotted as sessional.

(2) There shall be at least two periodic sessional examinations during each academic year. The highest aggregate of any two performances shall form the basis of calculating sessional marks.

(3) The sessional marks in practicals shall be allotted on the following basis:-

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| (i) Actual performance in the sessional examination    | 10 marks  |
| (ii) Day to day assessment in the practical class work | 10 marks. |

**15. Minimum marks for passing the examination:** A student shall not be declared to have passed Diploma in Pharmacy examination unless he /she secures at least 40% marks in each of the subject separately in the theory examinations, including sessional marks and at least 40% marks in each of the practical examinations including sessional marks. The candidates securing 60% marks or above in aggregate in all subjects in a single attempt at the Diploma in Pharmacy (Part-I) or Diploma in Pharmacy (Part-II) examinations shall be declared to have passed in first class the Diploma in Pharmacy (Part-I) or Diploma in Pharmacy (Part-II) examinations, as the case may be. Candidates securing 75% marks or above in any subject or subjects shall be declared to have passed with distinction in the subject or those subjects provided he/she passes in all the subjects in a single attempt.

**16. Eligibility for promotion to Diploma in Pharmacy (Part-II): -**

All candidates who have appeared for all the subjects and passed the Diploma in Pharmacy Part-I examination are eligible for promotion to the Diploma in Pharmacy Part-II class. However, failure in more than two subjects shall debar him/ from promotion to the Diploma in Pharmacy Part-II class.

**Recommendations -**

The following recommendations are made in respect of the examinations and Progression to the next higher academic year to the examining authority -

1.The examining authority if it finds appropriate may consider that under the present circumstances , the students may not have had the opportunity to complete their academic course work in compliance with regulations and the Examining authority may not be in a position to conduct examinations in time for the student to progress into D.Pharm Part II.

2. It is recommended that the students who have registered for Part I and have undergone the courses done and are not able to appear for the examinations shall be permitted to progress into D.Pharm Part II and shall be permitted to take the exams as may be planned by the examining authority during the ensuing next exams or may conduct a special exams if they so desire . However this shall not affect the progression of the student to D.Pharm Part II .

3.The said candidates will also be eligible to take D.Pharm Part I exams along with D.Pharm Part II , however the students will be considered to have passed the examination and be eligible for the award of the diploma only if they are successful in both D.Pharm Part I and Part II.

4. The examining authority may as soon as possible conduct the theory and Practical examinations of the D.Pharm Part II of the said program of the present academic years and announce the results in a time bound manner so that students are able to pursue their higher studies/careers without disruption. However, the students will be considered to have passed the examination and be eligible for the award of the diploma only if they are successful in all the subjects of the said program.

5.The students shall be eligible to secure class and distinction subject to their fulfilling the requirements as per regulation 15 of the said regulations if they have passed their examinations in single attempt.

6. The students who have completed successfully their Part I and Part II and are required to undergo practical training as provided in regulation 4 of the Chapter 1 of the regulations undergoing may be engaged using case based studies / OSCE through remote teaching and where possible to be given credit to the number of days engaged such structured learning process where they have complied with the provisions made in the Chapter III of the Education Regulations 1991.

**E. B.Pharm (Practice) program****The Bachelor of Pharmacy ( Practice ) regulations 2014**

The regulations relating to the examination, classification and Progression to the next higher academic year from the said regulations are produced below:

**9. Examination. –**

1. There shall be an examination at the end of calendar year. The first examination shall be the annual examination and the second examination shall be supplementary examination.

2. The examinations shall be of written nature for theory and for the practicals: The students shall submit the assignments done by them in the form of a report which will be followed by viva-voce carrying maximum marks for each part of a subject (as indicated in Tables in the regulations).

**10. Eligibility for appearing at the examination.—** A student who produces a certificate from the Head of the Institution in which he has undergone the course in proof of his having regularly and satisfactorily undergone the course of study by attending not less than 80% of the classes held in theory and has submitted the assignments/ project report duly approved by the supervising teacher shall be eligible for appearing at the examination.

**11. Mode of examinations.—**

(1) Theory examination shall be of three hours duration.

(2) A student who fails in theory examination of a subject shall be permitted to re-appear in that subject(3) Assignment work shall consist of evaluation of report by both internal & external examiners with a seminar and viva –voce (Oral) examination.

**12. Award of sessional marks and maintenance of records.—**

(1) A regular record of theory examinations conducted in an institution imparting the Bachelor of Pharmacy(Practice) Course, shall be maintained for each student in the institution and 40 marks for each subject shall be allotted as internal assessment.

(2) There shall be at least three periodic sessional examinations during each year and the highest aggregate of any two performances shall form the basis of calculating sessional marks.

**13. Minimum marks for passing examination.—** A student shall not be declared to have passed examination unless he secures at least 50% marks in each of the subjects separately in the theory examinations, including sessional marks and at least 50% marks in assignment work. The students securing 60% marks or

above in aggregate in all subjects in a single attempt at the examination shall be declared to have passed in first class. A student securing 75% marks or above in any subject or subjects shall be declared to have passed with distinction in the subject or those subjects provided he passes in all the subjects in a single attempt.

**14. Eligibility for promotion to next Class.—**

1. All students who have appeared for all the subjects and passed the examination are eligible for promotion to the next year.

2. The student failing in subjects of 1st year B.Pharm. (Practice) examination shall be permitted to proceed to the 2nd year of B.Pharm. (Practice). However, such students shall have to pass all the subjects of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd year of B.Pharm. (Practice) course and shall complete the course within 4 academic years from the session in which he was admitted in the course, for the consideration of B.Pharm. (Practice) degree.

### **Recommendations**

The following recommendations are made in respect of the examinations and Progression to the next higher academic year to the examining authority -

1. The examining authority if it finds appropriate may consider that under the present circumstances, the students may not have had the opportunity to complete their academic course work in compliance with regulations and the Examining authority may not be in a position to conduct examinations in time for the student to progress into the next higher academic year

2. It is recommended that the students who have registered for the 1<sup>st</sup> Year of the B.Pharm (Practice) program and have undergone the courses done and are not able to appear for the examinations shall be permitted to progress into 2<sup>nd</sup> Year of the B.Pharm (Practice) program and shall be permitted to take the exams



as may be planned by the examining authority during the ensuing next exams or may conduct a special exams if they so desire . However this shall not affect the progression of the student to the next academic year .

3. The said candidates will also be eligible to take 1<sup>st</sup> Year subjects along with 2<sup>nd</sup> year subjects, however the students will be considered to have passed the examination and be eligible for the award of the certificate of Bachelor of Pharmacy ( Practice ) only if they are successful in all the subjects in both the years .

4. The examining authority may as soon as possible conduct the theory and Practical examinations of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the said program for the present academic year and announce the results in a time bound manner so that students are able to pursue their higher studies/careers without disruption. However, the students will be considered to have passed the examination and be eligible for the award of the degree only if they are successful in all the subjects of the said program.

5. The students shall be eligible to secure class and distinction subject to their fulfilling the requirements as per regulation 13 of the said regulations if they have passed their examinations in single attempt.

The Pharmacy council of India, keeping in view the extraordinary circumstances, has made the above recommendations to the institutions and the examining authorities as a onetime measure and should not be cited as precedence in future. The institutions and the examining authorities are requested to ensure that this information is disseminated to all concerned students by the respective colleges. The council would like to reiterate and assure its stakeholders that the council is working constantly to take care of the academic future of its students and the Pharmacy Profession.

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**Registrar-cum-Secretary**  
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