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(Constituted under the Pharmacy Act, 1948)

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1. The Principal Secretary (Health/Technical Education)
All State Governments /Union Territories
2. All Examining Authorities (Universities and Boards)
3. All the Pharmacy Institutions
4. Admission Making Authorities of all State Governments / Union Territories

Sub: To strictly follow the prescribed qualification for admission to pharmacy courses under the Pharmacy Act, 1948.

Sir/Madam

1. The Pharmacy Council of India is a statutory body working under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. It is constituted under the Pharmacy Act, 1948 and is entrusted with the responsibility of approval of pharmacy courses for the purpose of registration as a pharmacist to practice the profession.
2. As empowered u/s 10 of the Pharmacy Act, the PCI has framed the statutory Regulations for various pharmacy courses with the approval of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India and notified them in the Gazette.
3. At present, the following Regulations are in vogue -
 - a) The Education Regulations, 2020 for Diploma Course in Pharmacy.
 - b) The Bachelor of Pharmacy (B.Pharm) Course Regulations, 2014.
 - c) The Master of Pharmacy (M.Pharm) Course Regulations, 2014.
 - d) Pharm.D. Regulations, 2008.
 - e) Bachelor of Pharmacy (Practice) Regulations, 2014.
 - f) Minimum Qualification for Teachers in Pharmacy Institutions Regulations, 2014.
 - g) Pharmacy Practice Regulations, 2015.

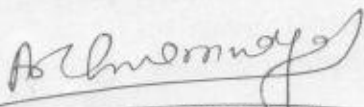
These Regulations are available on Council's website www.pci.nic.in

4. The admission qualification to various pharmacy courses is regulated by the statutory provisions of the above cited Education Regulations as per the details below –

| S.No. | Course Name | Regulation Name | Concerned regulation prescribing the admission qualification to the course |
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| 1. | D.Pharm | The Education Regulations, 2020 for Diploma Course in Pharmacy. | Regulation-4 |
| 2. | B.Pharm | The Bachelor of Pharmacy (B.Pharm) Course Regulations, 2014. | Regulation-4 |
| 3. | M.Pharm | The Master of Pharmacy (M.Pharm) Course Regulations, 2014. | Regulation-3 |
| 4. | Pharm.D | Pharm.D. Regulations, 2008. | Regulation-4 |
| 5. | B.Pharm (Practice) | Bachelor of Pharmacy (Practice) Regulations, 2014. | Regulation-4 |

5. It has been noted that the prescribed admission qualifications which are statutory in nature are not being followed by the Admission making authorities / institutions etc. resulting in litigations.
6. In view of above facts, all the stakeholders concerned with admission of candidates to pharmacy courses are requested to strictly comply with the statutory provisions of the Education Regulations with regard to prescribed admission qualifications.
7. The Principals and the institutions are requested to bring the above statutory provisions to the notice of the Admission making authorities and strictly comply with the same failing which action as deemed fit including withdrawal of approval u/s 13 of the Pharmacy Act may be considered by the Council. Please note that if the prescribed admission qualifications are not complied with, the institution and the Principal will be responsible for the consequences.

Yours faithfully



(ARCHNA MUDGAL)
Registrar-cum-Secretary