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1. Registrars of all State Pharmacy Councils / Registration Tribunals.
2. All Institutions approved for conduct of course of study / approved u/s 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 for D.Pharm course.

Sub: Registration of students who have undergone practical training at Pharmacy, Chemist & Druggist under ER-91.

Ref: PCI Public Notice No.28-1/2017-PCI/7310 dt.20.12.2019.

Sir/Madam

1. This is in supersession to Council's above cited Public Notice dt.20.12.2019. It has noted that -
 - a) Pharmacy, Chemist and Druggist licenced under the Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 and the rules made thereunder were approved under regulation 20 (ii), Chapter III of the Education regulations, 1991 for imparting practical training to student pharmacists and did not need prior approval of the PCI.
 - b) The Pharmacy Practice Regulations, 2015 (PPR-15) section 4.4 states -

4.4 Practical training to student pharmacists

 - (a) The owner of the pharmacy shall seek prior approval of the PCI for approval of the pharmacy for the purpose of imparting practical teaching to student of Diploma in Pharmacy. In the absence of approval from the PCI, the student pharmacists shall not be treated to have completed their Diploma in Pharmacy (Part-III) to make them eligible for registration as a pharmacist under the Act.
 - (b) The registered pharmacist shall impart practical training to student pharmacists as prescribed from time to time under Education Regulations framed u/s 10 of the Act under intimation to the examining authority.
 - (c) While imparting such practical training, the registered pharmacists shall comply with the prescribed norms relating to number of students pharmacists to be trained, nature of practical training, duration of practical etc. as laid down under the Education Regulations from time to time.

The council will be notifying the process of granting approval to Pharmacy / Chemist and Druggist through online mode and the necessary technology support for the same is under development and validation.

2. It has been brought to the attention of the council that the registration of pharmacists who have qualified from PCI approved institutions is held up for want of clarification on the matter relating to have completed the practical training from an approved pharmacy under section 4.4 of the PPR 2015.
3. It is clarified that said provisions are effective prospectively only and PCI will be issuing notification in this regard giving;
 - a. the procedure for applying for the approval of Pharmacy / Chemist and Druggist for imparting practical training in accordance with Education regulations.
 - b. the effective date from which the State Councils should seek the compliance of having completed the training from an approved Pharmacy/ Chemist and Druggist in accordance with PPR 2015.
4. In view of above and in order to avoid hardship to students who have already undergone / undergoing the D.Pharm course, the practical training undertaken by a student from a Pharmacy, Chemist and Druggist licenced under the Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 and rules made thereunder be considered as approved for registration of students by the State Pharmacy Councils as per the precedence, provided the student has under gone the D.Pharm course in an institution approved by the PCI u/s 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948.

Yours faithfully


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