

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
Ministry of Health

Notification

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S.R.O. 1098 (I)/2009. In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 17 of the Pharmacy Act, 1967(XI of 1967), the Pharmacy Council of Pakistan, with the previous approval of the Federal Government, is pleased to make the following regulations, namely:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) The regulations may be called the Pharmacy Council of Pakistan (Inspection and Recognition) Regulations, 2009.

(2) They shall come into force at once

2. Definitions.- In these regulations, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-

- (a) "Act" means the Pharmacy Act 1967 (XI of 1967);
- (b) "degree in pharmacy" means a degree in pharmacy or any other equivalent degree in pharmacy, conferred by a university or an affiliated institution recognized by the Central Council;
- (c) "Inspector" means an inspector appointed under section 21 of the Act;
- (d) "recognized" means recognized by the Central Council under the Act; and
- (e) "registered" means registered under the Act.

3. Inspection of Pharmacy Institution. (1) An Inspector, if so authorized in writing by the President of the Central Council, may inspect any Pharmacy Institution, and any examination held by any such institution.

(2) It is the responsibility of the Inspector so authorized to check that the following facilities are available in the Pharmacy Institution, namely:-

- (a) properly qualified teaching staff in accordance with the requirements of the Central Council (list of teachers along with qualifications and experience, to be provided by the Pharmacy institution);
- (b) adequate space such as lecture rooms, auditorium, laboratories etc.;
- (c) equipments in the laboratories (list to be provided by the Pharmacy institution);
- (d) extra-curricular activities;
- (e) adequate number of books, journals and periodicals in the library;
- (f) sufficient annual budget; or
- (g) future development plans.

(3) While conducting the inspection the Inspector shall observe the following checklist,-

- (a) assess abilities of the students through discussions and interviews;

- (b) discuss with faculty members and ask for their suggestions for improvement of the Pharmacy education; and
- (c) ask or discuss such other points which the Inspector considers necessary in assessing standard of the Pharmacy institution.

(4) An Inspector who attends any examination shall not interfere with the conduct thereof but shall submit to the Central Council a report on the sufficiency or otherwise of such examination and on any other matter in regard to which the Central Council may require him to report.

(5) After the inspection, where it appears to the Inspector that an approved examination in pharmacy or an approved course of study in pharmacy does not continue to be, or an examination held in pharmacy or course of study conducted in pharmacy is not, in conformity with the Act he shall report the discrepancy to the Central Council and the suitability of the Pharmacy institution for the purposes of examination, education or training in pharmacy.

4. Inspection of hospitals in which training in pharmacy is conducted.- (1) The teaching hospitals attached to a Pharmacy institution and other hospital such as District Head Quarter hospitals, tehsil hospitals and private hospitals having adequate facilities in accordance with the standards laid down by the Central Council and are utilized for training in pharmacy or residency of the trainees in pharmacy may be inspected. The Inspector, if so authorized in writing by the *President* of the Central Council, while inspecting such hospitals for the purpose of the training or residency, may evaluate the availability and sufficiency of the following facilities, namely:-

- (a) number of pharmacists available.
- (b) bed strength;
- (c) details of the pharmacy services provided by the hospital;
- (d) number of Conferences and seminars in pharmacy discipline organized; or
- (e) budget for utilization on account of pharmacy related objects.

(2) After inspection under sub-regulation (1) the Inspector shall report to the Central Council on the suitability of training in pharmacy and residency of the trainees in pharmacy. Upon receipt of this report the Central Council may take such action as it may deem appropriate in accordance with the Act.

5. Recognition of degree, certificate or diploma of Pharmacy institution.- (1) Any Pharmacy institution, which holds an examination in pharmacy, shall apply to the Central Council for approval of the examination for the purpose of qualifying a person for registration as a pharmacist under the Act .

(2) Any Pharmacy institution which conducts a course of study in pharmacy shall apply to the Central Council for approval of such course of study for the purpose of admission to an approved examination under the Act.

(3) Every Pharmacy institution, conducting approved courses of study in pharmacy at graduate and undergraduate level and desirous of conducting postgraduate pharmacy education, shall ensure that the standard of its graduate and undergraduate pharmacy education shall not suffer because of extra responsibility to be shouldered by the faculty and that for such postgraduate pharmacy education the following facilities are available, namely:-

- (a) at least three faculty members possessing a Ph.D degree in the relevant subject, if ten postgraduate students are admitted for admission in M. Phil. or Ph.D;
- (b) research;
- (c) computer;
- (d) proper library with latest journals;
- (e) adequate number of research papers published by the faculty members;
- (f) adequate space such as lecture rooms, auditorium, laboratories etc; and
- (g) equipments in the laboratories (list of be provided by the pharmacy institution).

(4) The Central Council, if it is satisfied after such inspection or enquiry as it may think fit, that the examination for the approval of which an application has been made under sub-regulation (1) along with payment of such fee as may be prescribed by it is in conformity with the Act, shall approve the examination and, by notification in the official Gazette, declare it to be an approved examination for the purpose of qualifying a person for registration as a pharmacist under the Act.

(5) The Central Council, if it is satisfied after such inspection or enquiry as it may think fit that the course of study for the approval of which an application has been made under clause (2) along with payment of such fee as may be prescribed by it is in conformity with the Act, shall submit the application together with its recommendations to the Federal Government and shall, upon the approval of the course of study by the Federal Government, declare it, by notification in the official Gazette, to be an approved course of study for the purpose of admission to an approved examination.

6. Withdrawal of recognition.- (1) Where, upon a report by an Inspector, it appears to the Central Council that an approved examination or an approved course of study does not continue to be in conformity with the Act, the Central Council shall give notice to the Pharmacy institution concerned calling upon it to explain in writing why the approval of its examination or, as the case may be, course of study should not be withdrawn.

(2) The Pharmacy institution to whom a notice has been given under sub-regulation (1) shall, within sixty days from the receipt of such notice, comply with the notice and may also make such representation to the Central Council, through the Provincial Government, as it may wish to make.

(3) The Central Council, after considering the explanation given and any representation made under sub-regulation (2) and any observations on the representation which the Provincial Government may think fit to make, may, by notification in the official Gazette, declare that its approval of the course of study or examination conducted or held by the Pharmacy institution concerned shall stand withdrawn with effect from such date as may be specified therein; and every such declaration shall state that the course of study or examination of the Pharmacy institution shall be deemed to be approved only when completed or passed, as the case may be, before the date so specified.

7. Reciprocal recognition of qualification.- (1) The Central Council may, for settling a scheme of reciprocity for recognition of qualification, enter into negotiations with any authority in a foreign country which by the law of that country is authorized to register pharmacists, pharmacy technicians or apprentices in pharmacy.

(2) The Central Council in pursuance of any scheme of reciprocity settled under sub-regulation (1) may, by notification in the official Gazette, declare in respect of any qualification granted by any authority of such country that such qualification shall be a recognized qualification for the purposes of the Act.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-regulation (2), the Central Council may, by notification in the official Gazette, declare that any qualification granted outside Pakistan and declared a recognized qualification in Pakistan shall, if it is granted after such a date specified in the notification, cease to be a recognized qualification in Pakistan.

8. Enrolment of students with the Central Council.- Every Pharmacy institution within sixty days of admission in approved course of study in pharmacy relating to a degree, diploma or certificate shall send to the Central Council the names and related information of all such students for their enrollment on payment of prescribed fee. In case the names and other information of any student is sent after the stipulated period a prescribed late fee shall also be paid. The Central Council after making the enrollment shall send a copy thereof to the relevant Provincial Pharmacy Council.

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NOTIFICATION

S.R.O. (I)/2010.- In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 17 of the Pharmacy Act, 1967(XI of 1967), the Pharmacy Council of Pakistan, with the previous approval of the Federal Government, is pleased to direct that following amendments shall be made in Pharmacy Council of Pakistan (Inspection and Recognition) Regulations, 2009, namely:-

In the aforesaid Regulations, in regulation 5, after sub-regulation (5) the following new sub-regulations shall be added, namely:-

“(6) The degree or any qualification granted by an institution will be recognized for a maximum period of five years or for such period as specified by the Council. After the expiry of the said period, the institution shall apply, along with the prescribed fee, for the renewal of such recognition within three months from the expiry.

(7) The Council, if not fully satisfied after such inspection as to fulfillment of requirements of section 20 of the Act, may reject the application for the recognition.”.

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