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PROPOSED RULES-UNAPPROVED ADMISSIONS

**GAZETTE OF INDIA, EXTRAORDINARY, PART III
SECTION 4**

PHARMACY COUNCIL OF INDIA

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the _____, 2026

G.S.R. _____ (E).— In exercise of the powers conferred by the Pharmacy Act, 1948 (8 of 1948), and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the Pharmacy Council of India hereby makes the following rules, namely:—

1. Short title and commencement.—

(1) These rules may be called the Pharmacy Council of India (Prevention of Unauthorized Admissions) Rules, 2026.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Prevention of Unauthorized Admissions.—

The provisions relating to prevention of admissions without approval of the Pharmacy Council of India, compliance with approved intake, institutional obligations, monitoring mechanisms, penalties and protection of students shall be governed in accordance to these Rules.

3. Prevention of Admissions Without Approval of the Pharmacy Council of India and Compliance with Approved Intake and Admission Norms.—

1. Objectives

The objectives of this regulation shall be to—

- i. ensure that admissions are made strictly within the intake approved by the Pharmacy Council of India;
- ii. maintain academic standards, institutional accountability and quality in pharmacy education;
- iii. prevent commercialization and unauthorized expansion of pharmacy education;

- iv. safeguard the interests of students admitted through lawful and approved admission processes;
- v. ensure strict compliance with the prescribed duration of programmes and the minimum working days and academic requirements for each semester under the applicable Education Regulations of the Council; and
- vi. ensure that students admitted to the programme satisfy the eligibility requirements and academic criteria prescribed under the applicable Education Regulations of the Pharmacy Council of India for appearing in examinations.

2. Definitions

For the purposes of this regulation, unless the context otherwise requires—

- i. “Approved Intake” means the number of seats sanctioned by the Pharmacy Council of India for a particular course in an institution for an academic session;
- ii. “Unapproved Admission” means any admission made beyond the sanctioned intake approved by the Pharmacy Council of India; without approval of the Pharmacy Council of India for the concerned course; during a period in which approval has not been granted, has been suspended, or has been withdrawn by the Council; at any off-campus centre, extension campus or study centre not approved by the Pharmacy Council of India; or outside the admission process prescribed or recognized by the competent authority.

3. Institutional Obligations

Every institution approved by the Pharmacy Council of India shall—

- i. admit students strictly within the sanctioned intake approved by the Council;
- ii. conduct admissions only through the counselling, merit-based process, or such admission mechanism as prescribed or recognized by the competent authority;
- iii. prominently display the approved intake and approval status of programmes on the official website of the institution; the prospectus and admission brochures; and notice boards and other public information platforms of the institution;
- iv. upload complete admission data on the website of the institution and/or University in the manner prescribed;
- v. maintain transparent admission records including admission registers and digital databases containing details of all admitted students; and

4. Monitoring and Verification Mechanism

For ensuring compliance with these regulations, the Pharmacy Council of India may implement the following monitoring and verification mechanisms—

- i. annual verification of admission data through digital portals or such other electronic systems as may be specified by the Council;
- ii. random inspections of institutions by the Council or its authorized representatives;
- iii. cross-verification of admission records with State counselling authorities, universities or other competent authorities;
- iv. mandatory submission of admission lists duly certified and signed by the Head of the Institution; and
- v. establishment of an online public grievance mechanism for reporting irregular, excess or unauthorized admissions.

5. Academic and Regulatory Penalties

Without prejudice to any other action or penalties that may be imposed under applicable laws or regulations, the Pharmacy Council of India may impose one or more of the following measures upon an institution found to have violated these regulations—

- i. suspension of admissions for one or more academic sessions;
- ii. reduction of the sanctioned intake for subsequent academic sessions;
- iii. withholding approval for the next academic session;
- iv. withdrawal of recognition or approval granted by the Council; and
- v. recommendation to the concerned University, Board or other competent authority for initiation of appropriate action.

6. Protection of Students

Where unapproved admissions are identified or established, the institution concerned shall—

- i. refund the entire fees collected from the affected students along with applicable interest, as may be determined by the Council;
- ii. facilitate transfer of such students to approved institutions, subject to availability of seats and applicable regulations; and
- iii. bear all reasonable expenses arising from the academic relocation and transfer process of such students.

By Order of the Pharmacy Council of India

