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For the attention of B.Pharm graduates intending to pursue M.Pharm course and all Pharmacy institutions seeking approval of the Pharmacy Council of India under section 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948.

The Pharmacy Council of India is a statuary body constituted under the Pharmacy Act 1948, a Central Act passed by Parliament to regulate the profession and practice of Pharmacy in the country.

The Pharmacy Council of India has noted with concern that several Universities / institutions are offering PG programmes in Pharmacy (M.Pharm) without having necessary infrastructure and qualified faculty. The pass outs from such universities/institutions are appointed as teaching faculty in pharmacy institutions to teach D.Pharm/B.Pharm/ M.Pharm/Pharm.D. students.

Appendix B of the Education Regulations 1991 and Pharm.D. Regulations 2008 framed under section 10 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 provide for appointment of Teaching Staff with recognized qualification and experience for the purposes of teaching the students enrolled to pharmacy programmes by the institutions desiring approval under section 12 of the Pharmacy Act.

To avoid dilution of educational standards, the council has resolved that in all institutions which are approved by the PCI u/s 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948, appointment of teaching faculty shall be done only with graduates & postgraduates in pharmacy who have qualified from the institutions approved under section 12 of Pharmacy Act 1948.

Hence it is brought to the attention of B.Pharm graduates to be aware of the above decision of the council while making their decision to pursue M.Pharm programmes.

The institutions are also advised to appoint teaching faculty only with graduate & Post graduate qualifications in pharmacy who have qualified from the PCI approved institutions for consideration of approval under section 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948.

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