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Ref.No.14-56/2019-PCI (Moratorium) /4562-1670  
(For online Application (Pt.I))

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To

All State Governments / Union Territories -

1. Chief Secretaries 2. Principal Secretaries (Health) 3. Principal Secretaries  
(Technical Education)

Subject: Moratorium for new D.Pharm and B.Pharm institutions from 2020-  
2021 academic session.

Ref: Our letter No. 14-56/2019-PCI (Moratorium)  
(For online Application (Pt.I)/3720-3826 dt. 17.7.2019.

Sir/Madam

This is in continuation to this Council's letter dated the 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 on the above cited subject. In this connection, it is stated that the Pharmacy Council of India has been receiving representations from various quarters seeking clarification on the various aspects of the moratorium.

The matter was placed before the 107<sup>th</sup> Central Council in its meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 which noted that the spirit of the moratorium is to ensure-

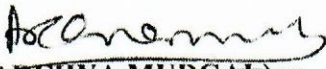
- quality assurance in pharmacy education.
- availability of job opportunities to already available pharmacist workforce which is enough to meet the current pharmacist-to-population needs of the country as there are approximately 1,985 D.Pharm and 1,439 B.Pharm institutes in the country with an annual intake of more than 2.19 lakhs.
- that there is no shortage of qualified faculty.

It was unanimously decided that moratorium on the opening of new pharmacy colleges for running Diploma as well as Degree course in pharmacy for a period of five years beginning from the academic year 2020-2021 will be subject to following conditions -

- a) The moratorium will not apply to the Government institutions.
- b) The moratorium will not apply to the institutions in North Eastern region.
- c) The moratorium will not apply to the States / Union Territories where the number of D.Pharm and B.Pharm institutions (both combined) is less than 50.
- d) The institutions which had applied for opening D.Pharm and/or B.Pharm colleges for 2019-20 academic session either to the PCI or to the AICTE and the proposal was rejected or not inspected due to some reason or the other will be allowed to apply for 2020-21 academic session and this relaxation is given only for one year i.e. for 2020-21 academic session only.
- e) Existing approved pharmacy institutions will be allowed to apply for increase in intake capacity as per PCI norms and/or to start additional pharmacy course(s).


This is for information and necessary action at your end.

Yours faithfully

  
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