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To
The Principal Secretary (Health/Technical Education)
All State Governments /Union Territories

Sub: Comments of the State Governments /Union Territories on the proposed amendment in the regulation 6 of the “Diploma in Pharmacy Exit Examination Regulations, 2022”.

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the subject cited above, it is informed that -

1. The Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) is a statutory body working under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, New Delhi. It is constituted under the Pharmacy Act, 1948 to regulate the profession and practice of pharmacy in the country.
2. With due approval of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, the PCI has notified the “**Diploma in Pharmacy Exit Examination Regulations, 2022**” in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary No. 109, Part – III, Section- 4, dt. 24.02.2022. The said Regulations are available on the Council’s website www.pci.nic.in.
3. The 371st Executive Committee of the PCI in its meeting held in 8th August, 2022 has decided to initiate action for amendments of following regulations of “Diploma in Pharmacy Exit Examination Regulations, 2022” as per following details –

For	Read
6. Procedure of conducting Exit Examination:- (b) There shall be three papers of multiple choice questions in Pharmaceutics, Pharmacology, Pharmacognosy, Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Biochemistry, Hospital and Clinical Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Jurisprudence and Drug Store Management. The language of the examination shall be english. The test for each paper shall be of three hours’ duration.	6. Procedure of conducting Exit Examination:- (b) There shall be one paper of multiple choice questions in Pharmaceutics, Pharmacology, Pharmacognosy, Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Biochemistry, Hospital and Clinical Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Jurisprudence and Drug Store Management. The language of the examination shall be english. The duration of the test shall be of three and a half hours’.

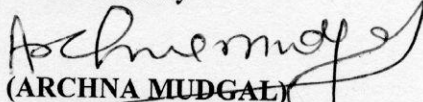
(c) A candidate shall be declared as having passed only, if he obtains a minimum of 50% marks in each paper separately.	(c) A candidate shall be declared as having passed only, if he obtains a minimum of 50% marks in the paper.
(d) A candidate shall have to pass all the three papers in the same attempt. However, there shall be no restriction on the number of attempts to appear in the examination.	(d) A candidate shall have to pass the paper in the same attempt. However, there shall be no restriction on the number of attempts to appear in the examination.

4. Justification for the proposed amendments

- i) There will be administrative challenges in administering examinations on 3 days for around 2 lakhs candidates.
- ii) It will also increase financial burden on students.

The Council would, appreciate to have considered comments of the State Governments / Union Territories on the above proposed amendments within **three months** of issuance of this letter as required under sub-section (3) of section 10 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 to enable the Pharmacy Council of India to take further action in the matter.

Yours faithfully


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