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NOTIFICATION-03/2015

The Pharmacy Council of India (Constituted under the Pharmacy Act, 1948) at its 97th Central Council meeting held in June 2015 has decided to approve the eligibility of Open School Education System of the Central Government's/State Governments' institutions for admission to various Pharmacy Courses for the purpose of registration as a Pharmacist under the Pharmacy Act, 1948.

This is in pursuance of Pharmacy Council of India's reference no. 14-2/2015-PCI (A)/17504-19512 dated 30th July, 2015 (copy enclosed).

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Secretary

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- 1. All HODs, NIOS
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By Speed Post

No.V.13025/01/2013-AHS Government of India Ministry of Health & Family Welfare AHS Section

> Nirman Bhwan, New Delhi Dated the 3 July, 2015

To

The Director
National Institute of Open Schooling
A 24-25 Institutional Area, NH 24
Sector 62, NOIDA-201309.

Subject: Eligibility of NIOS learners for Pharmacy courses.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to NIOS letter No.26.3(II)/2014/ NIOS/SSS/PA/141 dated 25.6.14 on the above subject and to say that Pharmacy Council of India vide his letter No.14-2/2015-PCI(A)14-55/2014-PCI/16017-18 dated $10^{\rm th}$ July, 2015 have intimated that the issue of eligibility of NIOS learners for admission to Pharmacy courses was considered by them in their 97th Central Council meeting held in June 2015 and a decision arrived at. The letter communicating this decision of PCI dated 10.7.15 is enclosed herewith.

2. NIOS may examine the decision communicated by PCI and take further necessary action in the matter. In case of need, they may liaise with PCI to sort out the issue.

Yours faithfully,

(Satish Kumar) Under Secretary to Govt. of India 23061883

Encl. <u>As above</u>

Copy to:

Ms. Archana Mudgal __ 6 \ \ \ Secretary.

Pharmacy Council of India





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Eligibility of NIOS learners for admission to pharmacy courses. Sub:

Your letter No. V.13025/01/2013-PMS dt.12.6.2015 Ref:

Sir

With reference to the subject cited above, it is informed that the above cited issue was considered by the 97th Central Council of the PCI in its meeting held in June, 2015 and decision is as under-

"The Council's earlier decision on NIOS was reviewed. Keeping in view the larger interest of the country where thrust is given to skill development, the Council considered the issue of students who have passed from Open School system for admission to pharmacy courses. The Council reviewed its policy with the condition that quality assurance in the standards of education should be maintained by all stakeholders and if necessary evolve a mechanism for the same such as the conduct of an exit examination after the completion of the D.Pharm course and before the registration of the candidate as a pharmacist under the Pharmacy Act and approved that a student who has passed from Open School education system of the Central Govt. / State Govts, institutions be made eligible for admission to pharmacy courses as per the concerned Education Regulations.

It was further decided that an exit examination for the purpose of registration as a pharmacist will be in respect of all D.Pharm pass out students."

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As regards inserting a sunset clause in the Education Regulations, 1991, it has been decided by

a) to initiate steps for phasing out the diploma course in pharmacy by 2020.

b) no new D.Pharm course be given permission from 2017-2018 academic session.

Yours faithfully

(ARCHNA MUDGAL

Registrar-cum-Secretary