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Pharmaceutical Jurisprudence

CHAPTER 4

Pharmacy Act 1948

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Pharmacy Act, 1948: purpose and scope

The Act regulates the pharmacy profession through education standards, approved qualifications and pharmacist registration.





EDUCATION

Promote consistent minimum standards of professional preparation.

REGISTRATION

Identify qualified persons through State registers and the Central Register.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Restrict specified dispensing activities to registered pharmacists, subject to statutory exceptions.



The Pharmacy Act concerns the profession.
The Drugs and Cosmetics Act primarily regulates products and their import, manufacture and sale.

The two laws complement each other; they are not interchangeable.



Key terms under the Pharmacy Act

REGISTERED PHARMACIST

A person whose name is entered in the register of the State in which the person is residing or practising pharmacy.



APPROVED

Approved by the Central Council under Section 12 or Section 14.



CENTRAL COUNCIL

The Pharmacy Council of India, constituted under Section 3.



STATE COUNCIL

A State Pharmacy Council under Section 19, including a Joint State Council formed under an agreement.



An educational certificate and a registration entry serve different purposes. Holding a qualification alone is not the same as completing registration.

How the Pharmacy Act is organised

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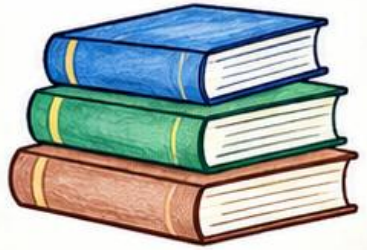
First register, later registration, renewal, removal and restoration.



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PCI membership: teaching and nominated voices

6 Teaching



Six teaching members are elected by the University Grants Commission.

They include at least one teacher each of pharmaceutical chemistry, pharmacy, pharmacology and pharmacognosy.

6 Nominated



Six members are nominated by the Central Government.

At least four of these must possess a degree or diploma in, and practise, pharmacy or pharmaceutical chemistry.

Medical Council link



The statutory text also provides one member elected by the Medical Council of India.

Read institutional successor arrangements with current constitution notifications.

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