

Part IV

REGULATIONS FOR DIPLOMA IN PHARMACY

Preamble

The Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) has, with the approval of the Central Government, Prescribed “Minimum Standards for Pharmacy Education Regulations, 1991” for imparting Pharmacy education throughout India for the award of Recognized Qualifying Degree or Diploma in Pharmacy for the purpose of registration as a Pharmacist. Since the “Regulations 1991” are applicable as mandatory requirement under the provisions of the PCI Act 1972, the Board is adhering to the same.

RP- 1 Admission to the Course/Programme

A candidate shall not be admitted to the course/programme of Diploma in Pharmacy (part I of the course/programme) affiliated by the Board, unless he/she has passed the qualifying examination or an equivalent examination as prescribed by the competent authority for admission to the course/programme in the state of Maharashtra and fulfills the other conditions prescribed for the admission to the course/programme.

RP-2 Examinations

There shall be two examinations, Diploma in Pharmacy, (Part-I), to examine candidates in the first year course/programme and Diploma in Pharmacy (Part-II), to examine candidates in the second year course/programme. Each examination may be held twice every year. The first examination in a year shall be the Annual examination and second examination shall be supplementary examination of the Diploma in Pharmacy (Part-I) or Diploma in Pharmacy (Part-II), as the case may be. The examination shall be of written and Practical (including oral) nature as indicated in the table in the regulation 10 of the Education Regulation 91 framed by the Pharmacy Council of India.

RP-3 Exemptions

A candidate who has appeared in all subjects/courses (theory, practical with sessional/ oral) of first year or second year, but failed in some subjects/courses (theory and/or practical with sessional/ oral) may be exempted from reappearing in the subjects//courses in which he/she has passed by securing 40% marks or above.

RP-4 Eligibility for Award of Diploma in Pharmacy

A candidate to be eligible for award of Diploma in Pharmacy shall have to pass

- Diploma in Pharmacy Part-I (First year) and
- Diploma in Pharmacy Part-II (Final year)

Consisting of the course of study given in chapter II of the Education Regulation - 91, prescribed by Pharmacy Council of India.

- Diploma in Pharmacy (Part-III)

Consisting of Practical Training and the Certificate of having completed satisfactorily the apprenticeship period as provided in Chapter III of the Education Regulation - 91 prescribed by the Pharmacy council of India.

RP-5 Eligibility for Diploma in Pharmacy (Part-II)

If a candidate completes satisfactorily the term of First Year and appears in all subjects/courses including theory, practical and sessional/oral of Diploma in Pharmacy Part-I Examination, but fails in more than two subjects/courses (including theory and/or practical with Sessional/ Oral), he/she shall not be eligible for promotion to Diploma in Pharmacy Part-II.

A candidate who fails in theory or practical examination of a subject/course shall re-appear such in theory paper or Practical as the case may be.

RP-6 Results of final year and first year examinations to be declared simultaneously

The result of a candidate, who has appeared for final year examination simultaneously with first year examination, shall be withheld until he/she passes in the first year examination. However, if such candidate fails in the final year examination, the result would be declared.

RP-7 Teaching and Examination Scheme

The teaching and examination scheme of Diploma in Pharmacy shall be as prescribed under chapter II of the Education Regulation, 91 of Pharmacy Council of India and adopted by the Board, subject to such revision and modification made from time to time by Pharmacy Council of India.

The examination in various subjects/courses may include

- i. Theory
- ii. Practical (by using software – wherever applicable) including sessional examinations as per Educational Regulation 1991 and ER 1996.

RP-8 Award of Sessional Marks and Maintenance of Record

The record of theory and practical class work shall be maintained by the institute in the manner prescribed in Education Regulation 91 as under:

- A regular record of both theory and practical class work and examination conducted in an Institute imparting training for the course/programme for Diploma in Pharmacy, Part- I and Part-II shall be maintained for each candidate and 20 marks for each paper in theory and 20 marks for each paper in practical shall be allotted as Sessional Marks.
- There shall be at least 2 periodic sessional examinations during each academic year. In case more than two periodic tests are held the highest aggregate of any two performances shall form the basis for calculating sessional marks.
- If any candidate remains absent for any periodic test he/she shall be deemed to have secured zero marks in the said test.
- The Principal shall communicate the sessional marks of the candidates to the Board as directed within the stipulated period.

RP-9 Improvement of Sessional Mark**A) Scope of Improvement**

A candidate may improve the sessional marks as per the provision made in the Education Regulation 91 as under:

Candidate who wishes to improve sessional marks can do so, by appearing in two additional sessional examinations during the next academic year. The average score of the two examinations shall be the basis of improved sessional marks in theory. The sessional of practical shall be improved by appearing in additional practical examinations. Marks awarded to a candidate for day-to-day assessment in the practical class cannot be improved unless he/she attends a regular course of study again. The average sessional marks thus calculated should be made available to all examiners in the practical subject/ course at the commencement of the relevant examination in both the Diploma in Pharmacy part I & II examinations.

The facility of improvement of sessional marks shall be given only for one time.

B) Allotment of Sessional Marks for Practical

The sessional marks would be divided in two parts for assessment by examiners as per the provision made in the Education Regulation 91 as under:

The sessional marks in Practical shall be allotted on the following basis:

Actual performance in the sessional examinations = 10 marks.

Day to Day assessment in the Practical class work = 10 marks

RP-10 Standard of Passing and Award of Class

A) Standard of Passing

A candidate shall not be declared to have passed Diploma in Pharmacy examination, unless he/she secures at least 40% marks in each of the subjects/courses separately in the theory examinations including sessional marks and also at least 40% marks in each of the practical examinations including sessional marks.

B) Award of Class

- **First Class with Distinction**

The candidate securing 75% of aggregate marks or above in a single attempt at the Diploma in Pharmacy (Part-I) or Diploma in Pharmacy (Part- II) examination, shall be declared to have passed the related examination in First class with Distinction.

- **First Class**

The candidate securing 60% of aggregate marks or above but less than 75% marks in a single attempt at the Diploma in Pharmacy (Part-I) or Diploma in Pharmacy (Part-II) examination, shall be declared to have passed the related examination in First class

- **Second Class**

The candidate securing 50% of aggregate marks or above but less than 60% marks in a single attempt at the Diploma in Pharmacy (Part-I) or Diploma in Pharmacy (Part-II) examination, shall be declared to have passed the related examination in Second class.

- **Pass Class**

The candidate securing less than 50% of aggregate marks but above the minimum passing marks at the Diploma in Pharmacy (Part-I) or Diploma in Pharmacy (Part-II) examination shall be declared to have passed the related examination in Pass class.

C) Disqualification for Award of Class

A candidate, who has failed in an examination of the Board and has subsequently claimed exemption/s in certain subjects/courses on the basis of having passed certain subjects/courses at previous examination, and whose marks secured in such subjects/courses have been carried forward, would not be entitled for award of class.

RP-11 Gracing

A) Gracing for Award of Class

If a candidate falls short by maximum ½% of the aggregate marks assigned to the examination, to be eligible for First class or Second class, such deficiency would be removed by adding maximum ½% of the aggregate marks assigned to the examination to the total marks obtained by the candidate in the examination. While adding maximum ½% of the aggregate marks fraction of a mark shall be rounded to the next full number and added in the total.

B) Gracing for Subject/Course Passing

A candidate would get the grace marks of maximum 1 or 2 as the case may be to remove the deficiency in securing minimum marks for passing a theory subject/course having total marks below 75 or maximum 1, 2 or 3 as the case may be, for a subject/course theory having total marks 75 or above, in theory and test examination of that subject/course.

C) Standard of Passing

A candidate shall not be declared to have passed Diploma in Pharmacy Examination unless he/she secures minimum passing marks of 40% in each of the subjects/courses separately, in the theory examinations including sessional, as well as practical examination including sessional work.

RP-12 Award of Diploma Certificate

The Board shall award Diploma in Pharmacy to a candidate who has passed Diploma in Pharmacy (part-I) and (Part-II) examinations and has also duly produced the Certificate of satisfactory completion of practical training for Diploma in Pharmacy (part-III), from an institute fulfilling the conditions stipulated in Appendix-D of Education Regulation 91. Principal / Head of the institute, where the candidate is enrolled, shall submit a copy of such Certificate to the Secretary, for issuance of the Certificate of the Diploma.

RP-13 Scope of Pharmacy Council of India Rules

The Board shall adopt and apply the rules, prescribed by the Pharmacy Council India, for admission to the Pharmacy Course/programme, admission to the examinations, passing the examination etc., from time to time.