

Commission decision in respect of MBA (Pharmacy Administration) Programme

The Commission in its 566th meeting held on 23rd February, 2023 has approved the following recommendations of the Expert Committee in respect of MBA (Pharmacy Administration) Programme:

- i. MBA (Pharmacy Administration) programme shall be permitted to be offered through Online mode wherein theoretical component can be taught in permissible Online Mode. However, committee feels that the campus-based in-person component of one week per year will add value to the programme. Accordingly, the committee recommends that the student shall attend classes at HEI's Headquarter physically for one week per year. Subsequently, HEIs shall incorporate a component of *one week per year* to the curriculum of the programme. For international learners who cannot participate in-person, an equivalent project work of similar weightage may be considered. However, this shall be applicable under exceptional circumstances, where their absence is unavoidable.
- ii. The assessment for the programme may be conducted offline at the Headquarters of the HEI or through a *remote proctoring method* duly incorporating security features such as authentication tools, capturing the VFOA (visual focus of attention), flagging violations, live transfer of writing content and other suitable proctoring technologies etc. and in compliance to the provisions of UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments.
- iii. MBA (Pharmacy Administration) Programme may also be permitted to be offered in ODL Programme, subject to the compliance of provisions of the UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments.
- iv. For the knowledge of the stakeholders, the HEI shall put up a disclaimer in the prospectus of MBA (Pharmacy Administration) Programme and on HEI website highlighting the comments of PCI Letter as under:-

“the said course is not approved by the Pharmacy Council of India (PCI)-

a) u/s 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 for the purpose of registration as a pharmacist to practice the pharmacy profession.

b) Under Appendix-A of “The Masters of Pharmacy (M.Pharm) course Regulations, 2014”.