

Pharmacy Council (Continuing Professional Development) Regulations 2018

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THE PHARMACY COUNCIL ACT 2015

Regulations made by the Minister under section 45 of the Pharmacy Council Act 2015

- 1. These regulations may be cited as the Pharmacy Council (Continuing Professional Development) Regulations 2018.**
- 2. In these regulations -**

“Act” means the Pharmacy Council Act 2015;

“approved CPD course or training programme” means a CPD course or training programme on the list of approved CPD courses or training programmes kept by the Council;

“approved institution, pharmaceutical or medical association or person” means an institution, a pharmaceutical or medical association or a person on the list of approved institutions, pharmaceutical or medical associations or persons kept by the Council;

“CPD” means Continuing Professional Development;

“list of approved institutions, pharmaceutical or medical associations or persons” means the list referred to in regulation 6(a);

“list of approved CPD courses or training programmes” means the list referred to in regulation 6(b).

3. (1) For the purpose of section 23(1) of the Act and subject to regulation 9, every pharmacist shall follow approved CPD courses or training programmes so as to accumulate not less than 6 credit points for the year 2018 and 9 credit points for every subsequent year.

(2) The allocation of credit points shall be as specified in the Schedule.

4. No institution, pharmaceutical or medical association or person shall conduct a CPD course or training programme for pharmacists unless —

(a) it or he is on the list of approved institutions, pharmaceutical or medical associations or persons; and

(b) such CPD course or training programme is on the list of approved CPD courses or training programmes.

5. (1) Where an institution, pharmaceutical or medical association or person intends to conduct CPD courses or training programmes for pharmacists, it or he shall —

(a) submit an application to the Council for approval in such form as the Council may approve;

(b) submit, for approval, a list of proposed CPD courses or training programmes, accompanied by the detailed course contents and the allocation of credit points as specified in the Schedule.

(2) On receipt of an application for approval under paragraph (a), the Council may request such additional information as it may require.

(3) The Council may grant or reject an application received under paragraph (a).

(4) Where an institution, pharmaceutical or medical association or person has obtained approval to conduct a CPD course or training programme under paragraph (a) and the content of such CPD course or training programme is subsequently revised, that institution,

pharmaceutical or medical association or person

shall submit a fresh application, accompanied by a detailed course content, to the Council for approval of the revised CPD course or training programme.

6. (1) The Council shall —

- (a) keep a list of approved institutions, pharmaceutical or medical associations or persons;
- (b) keep a list of approved CPD courses or training programmes in respect of every approved institution, pharmaceutical or medical association or person;
- (c) keep a yearly record of credit points earned by every pharmacist;
- (d) monitor all approved CPD courses or training programmes which are held;
- (e) regularly review the approval given to institutions, pharmaceutical or medical associations or persons conducting approved CPD courses or training programmes;
- (f) give public notice of the lists referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) and any subsequent amendments to those lists.

(2) For the purpose of paragraph (1)(a), the Council shall ensure that the services of eminent pharmacists, medical practitioners and specialists, health professionals and academics having wide experience and knowledge in the field of pharmacy, and of its related fields, are enlisted for conducting CPD courses or training programmes.

7. Every approved institution, pharmaceutical or medical association or person shall —

- (a) advertise the approved CPD courses or training programmes which it or he intends to

conduct, specifying the number of credit points to be earned in respect of each course or training programme;

(b) keep and maintain an attendance register in respect of each approved CPD course or training programme conducted by it or him, wherein the following particulars shall be recorded —

(i) the type of approved CPD course or training programme as specified in the Schedule and the number of credit points obtained;

(ii) the date of the CPD course or training programme;

(iii) the full name, registration number and signature of every pharmacist in attendance;

(c) within 14 days from the date an approved CPD course or training programme is held, submit to the Council a certified copy of the attendance register referred to in paragraph (b).

8. An approved institution, pharmaceutical or medical association or person may, in respect of an approved CPD course or training programme conducted by it or him, charge such fees as it or he may determine.

9. (1) For the purpose of section 23(2) of the Act, the grounds on which the Council may excuse a pharmacist from attending CPD courses or training programmes, as required under these regulations shall be—

(a) sick leave for a period of more than 6 months, supported by documentary evidence;

(b) temporary registration as a pharmacist under section 24 of the Act of a non-citizen working for a period of less than 12 months in Mauritius;

- (c) resumption of duty from maternity leave;
- (d) study leave for a period of more than 6 months;
- (e) temporary registration of a visiting pharmacist under section 25 of the Act;
- (l) resumption of practice by a pharmacist who was holding the post of Minister or Ambassador or was employed overseas in an intergovernmental, regional or international organisation.

(2) The Council may excuse a pharmacist from attending CPD courses or training programmes on the grounds specified in —

- (a) paragraph (1)(a) to (e) for such period as it considers appropriate;
- (b) paragraph (l)(f) for a period of 3 months after resumption of practice by the pharmacist.

(3) A pharmacist referred to in paragraph (1)(f) shall forthwith notify the Pharmacy Council of the date as from which he intends to cease to practice pharmacy and the date as from which he intends to resume practice.

10. These regulations shall come into operation on 10 April 2018.

Made by the Minister on 10 April 2018, after consultation with the Council.

SCHEDULE

[Regulations 3(2), 5(1)(b) and 7(b)(i)]

ALLOCATION OF CREDIT POINTS

APPROVED CPD COURSE OR TRAINING PROGRAMME

Type of approved CPD course or training programme	Credit points
1. Lecture (for at least one hour)	1
2. Seminar/conference/workshop (for at least 3 hours of effective work)	2
3. Seminar/conference/workshop (for at least 5 hours of effective work)	4
