



**Pharmacy Council of Pakistan**  
Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination  
Government of Pakistan



**CIRCULAR**

F. No. 1-1/2015-PCP

Islamabad, the 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2024

**SUBJECT: QUALIFICATION/ CRITERIA FOR EXTERNAL EXAMINERS**

In continuation to Circular dated 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 regarding Assessment/ evaluation of Pharm. D students through External Examiners.

2. It is to inform that Clause 4 of the Pharmacy Council of Pakistan (Qualification for Appointment of Teachers) Regulations, 2015 states the criteria for the examiners which is reproduced here below;

4. **Qualification or criteria for the Examiners or inspectors for the undergraduate and postgraduate Examinations.** (1) No person shall be eligible for appointment as Examiner or Inspector for the undergraduate and postgraduate examinations of Pharmacy in the major subjects unless he is registered as Pharmacist. The major subjects are, -

- (a) **pharmaceutics** including physical pharmacy, dosage forms sciences, pharmaceutical microbiology and immunology, industrial pharmacy and bio-pharmaceutics;
- (b) **pharmaceutical chemistry** including organic chemistry, inorganic chemistry, physical chemistry, bio-chemistry, instrumental analysis and medicinal chemistry;
- (c) **pharmacognosy**;
- (d) **pharmacology** including clinical pharmacology, physiology, pathology and histology and anatomy; and
- (e) **practice of pharmacy** including pharmaceutical mathematics and biostatistics, dispensing, community, social and administrative pharmacy, hospital pharmacy, clinical pharmacy, pharmaceutical quality management, forensic pharmacy, pharmaceutical technology, pharmaceutical management and marketing.

(2) The qualifications prescribed for the appointment of teachers in the various subjects of Pharmacy curricula shall also be applicable to the examiners appointed by the Universities for these subjects. In the subjects in which there is no professor, the Dean or Head of the Department shall appoint a senior teacher of the same subject as examiner. Part time teachers in Pharmacy shall also be eligible to act as examiners.

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(3) The Internal Examiner shall be a person who has been teaching to the students whose paper he is setting. The External Examiner shall be a person of the same subject from some outside institution other than the one whose students he has to judge or examine.

(4) Examiners appointed by the Universities or Colleges for the post-graduate examinations, shall also possess the following qualifications and experience, namely: -

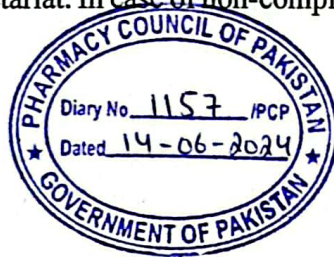
- (a) For M. Pharmacy or M.Phil. examinations, the examiners shall possess the qualifications equivalent to Associate Professor of that subject;
- (b) For Ph.D. examinations the examiners should possess the qualifications of equivalent to a professor having a Ph. D of that subject.

(5) Lecturer, Assistant Professors, Associate Professors and Professors of one major subject shall not be appointed as Examiners of another major subject.

(6) Retired Pharmacy teachers may be Examiners or Inspectors.

(7) External Examiners may be appointed from amongst the practicing pharmacists provided they fulfill the required experience and qualification equivalent to a minimum of Assistant Professor.

3. In view of the above, you are hereby required to appoint external examiners for all the professional examinations of Pharm. D course under intimation to Pharmacy Council of Pakistan Secretariat. In case of non-compliance, legal action will be initiated.



  
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