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**Subject: Moratorium on Grant of NoC to New Pharmacy Institutes.**

Reference is drawn to the subject cited above.

2. The Pharmacy Council of Pakistan (PCP), in its 62<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on March 1, 2025, has unanimously decided to impose a moratorium on the grant of No Objection Certificates (NoC) to new pharmacy institutes, effective from May 31, 2025, for a period of one year, further extendable for another year. The decision has been taken by the PCP, inter alia, on the following grounds:

- i. *The number of approved pharmacy institutes and the seats allowed/granted to them are already disproportionate to the available job opportunities in the market. The number of pharmacists graduating is sufficient to meet the current needs of the existing market and unemployment in this sector is alarmingly on the rise.*
- ii. *The existing number of approved pharmacy institutes is such that consistent and regular monitoring by the PCP, with its current resources and human capital, is not feasible. As a result, the quality of education is being compromised by several institutes and faculty requirement is specially being compromised;*
- iii. *The PCP will focus on structured surveillance of the existing pharmacy institutes, with special emphasis on the enhancement of standard of teaching. The aim is to improve the quality of education and skill development of students at the current institutes.*

3. This decision shall, however, not be applicable to applications, complete in all respect, received by the PCP before till May 30, 2025 These applications will be processed in accordance with all legal and procedural formalities applicable at that time.

4. This is being communicated in pursuance of the decision taken by the Council in its 62<sup>nd</sup> meeting on March 1, 2025, and after the approval of the President of the Pharmacy Council of Pakistan.



*(Signature)*  
18/3/2025

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