

MAHARASHTRA STATE PHARMACY COUNCIL

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL STAKEHOLDERS

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF PRIORITY AREA 19 (PA 19) AND REFORMS UNDER EASE OF DOING BUSINESS (EODB) INITIATIVES

MSPC has resolved to undertake Simplified Pharmacist Registration process in accordance with Priority Area 19 of the Central Government's Deregulation Docket – Phase II, and in pursuance of the directives issued by the Hon'ble Chief Secretary and the Hon'ble Secretary, Medical Education Department, Government of Maharashtra.

The Maharashtra State Pharmacy Council (MSPC) is transitioning to a simplified online registration system that requires significantly fewer documents than the previous process. In line with its recent resolution, MSPC is launching these digital reforms in phase-wise manner starting August 19, 2026 with continuous efforts underway to achieve timelines.

APPLICABILITY

This simplified registration procedure applies to candidates complying with the provisions of the Pharmacy Act, 1948, who possess a registrable qualification from a PCI-approved institute (under Section 12 of the Act). The procedure covers applicants from Maharashtra, other states, and inter-state transfer cases, provided they reside in Maharashtra and provide mandatory proof of residence (an Aadhaar card showing a Maharashtra address).

KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE REFORM

- **Digi Locker Integration:** Mandatory Digi Locker registration and automated identity verification will be integrated directly into the online portal, which must be completed prior to the generation of a login ID by the applicant for new registration.
- Applicants who are not yet registered on Digi Locker can easily create a account. A link and user manual to the official Digi Locker guide would be available on the MSPC portal as a ready reference, requiring only their Aadhaar details and linked mobile number to register."
- **Self-Declaration & Reduced Paperwork:** All applicants will benefit from a system that accepts a Self-Declaration Undertaking to be signed and uploaded by applicant. Reforms drastically reduce document requirements, relaxes the need for personal appearance, and removes redundant paperwork such as identity slips and affidavits. Registration will be granted on the strength of core essential documents and self-declaration, shifting primary validation to backend digital verification, email, and/or letter correspondence. These reforms aim to reduce personal appearance requirements in major cases, barring a few exceptions at the discretion of the Registrar and/or Council authorities.

- **Relaxed NOC Protocol:** For applicants registered with other State Pharmacy Councils, verification will be handled internally by MSPC. However, any applicable NOC verification charges must be paid directly by the applicant to their parent council.
- **Mandatory initial scrutiny at the college level** has been replaced with direct data validation by the MSPC via Digi Locker, allowing applicants to fetch their documents directly. Alternatively, if document retrieval via Digi Locker is not possible for any reason, validation/confirmation of qualification would be completed through official emails or direct written correspondence with the pharmacy college/issuing authorities from MSPC. If the issuing authority charges a verification fee, it must be paid by the applicant via the prescribed mode.
- **Provisional Registration Timeline:** MSPC will try its best to issue a Provisional Registration Number to eligible candidates within an estimated 15 to 21 working days. This provisional status is valid for 90 days, allowing candidates to commence professional practice without delay while backend verification runs concurrently from office end.
- **Auto-Conversion & Verification Delays:** Upon positive backend validation, the provisional status automatically converts to a Permanent Registration retaining the same number. If verification is not received within the stipulated timeframe, the case will be presented before the Council's committee, and the application may be cancelled alongside the forfeiture of all paid fees.

REGULATORY SAFEGUARDS

- **Hold on Adverse Data:** Provisional registration will be placed on HOLD immediately if negative, contradictory, or fraudulent data is detected, followed by a mandatory 15-day show-cause notice.
- **Severe Penal Action:** Submitting false declarations or forged documents will result in summary cancellation, permanent debarment, and strict penal action under Sections 36 & 41 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 (including Jan Vishwas Act amendments), alongside further legal and criminal prosecution as per the Council's resolution.

GUIDELINES & SUPPORT PROTOCOL

- **Manual Guidelines:** Detailed, step-by-step manuals, updated/revised document lists, and self-declaration undertaking formats would be published directly on the official website (www.mspcindia.org).
- Due to automated processing frameworks and a high volume of applications, individual queries made via personal email or phone calls will be difficult to answer. Stakeholders are advised to refer to the website user manuals, revised document lists, and approved undertaking formats.

13th August 2026

By Order,

Registrar, Maharashtra State Pharmacy Council