Central Council Of Homoeopathy

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Notification

In exercise of the powers conferred by clauses (i), (j) and (k) of section 33 and subsection (i) of section 20 of the Homoeopathy Central Council Act, 1973 (59 of 1973), the Central Council of Homoeopathy, with the previous sanction of the Central Government hereby makes the following regulations, namely:-

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Part I - PRELIMINARY

Short title, extent and commencement ¹

- (1) These regulations may be called the Homoeopathy (Post Graduate Degree Course) Regulations, 1989.
- (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

Definitions

In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires -

- (a) "Act" means the Homoeopathy Central Council Act; 1973 (59 of 1973);
- (b) "Course" means a course of study in the subjects referred to in the sub-regulation (3) of regulation 3.²
- (c) "M.D.(Hom)" means a postgraduate degree in Homoeopathy (Doctor of Medicine in Homoeopathy) as prescribed in these regulations.³
- (d) "Homoeopathic College" means a Homoeopathic Medical College or an institute affiliated to a University and recognised by the Central Council for post-graduate course;
- (e) "Inspector" means an Medical Inspector appointed under sub-section (1) of section 17 of the Act;
- (ea) "Post Graduation in Homoeopathy" means a Post Graduate qualification in Homoeopathy recognized as per the provisions of the Act;⁴
- (f) "Visitor" means a Visitor appointed under sub-section(1) of Section 18 of the Act;
- (g) "President" means the President of the Central Council.
- (h) "Schedule" means the Schedule annexed to the said Act;
- (i) "Syllabus" and "Curriculum" mean the Syllabus and Curriculum for study as prescribed by the Central Council under these regulations;⁵
- (j) "Teaching Experience" means teaching experience in the subject concerned in a Homoeopathic College and includes teaching experience in the subjects of Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynecology gained in a Medical College, recognized by the Medical Council of India.
- 1 : As amended vide H(PGDC) M.D.(Hom) Amendments Regulations, 1992 and again vide H(PGDC) M.D.(Hom) Amendments Regulations, 2001.
- 2: Substituted vide H(PGDC) Amendments Regulations, 2001
- 3: Substituted vide H(PGDC) Amendments Regulations, 2001
- 4: New clause inserted vide H(PGDC) Amendments Regulations, 2001
- 5: Omitted vide H(PGDC) Amendments Regulations, 2001
- 6: Substituted vide H(PGDC) Amendments Regulations, 2001

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- 3. Subjects of specialization for Post Graduation in Homoeopathy:
 - (1) The Specialties of Post Graduate Degree Course in Homoeopathy shall be in the subjects as mentioned in clauses (b) of sub-regulation (3).
 - (2) The course shall be of three years duration, including one year of house-job, during which the candidate shall be a resident in the campus and shall be given training as per the provisions of sub-regulation (2) of regulation 10.
 - (3) The course shall comprise of the followings, namely: -
 - (a) General Subjects
 - (i) The Man in Health (Holistic Concept);
 - (ii) The Man in Disease (Holistic Concept); and
 - (iii) History of Medicine, Scientific Methodology, including Research Methodology and Statistics.
 - (b) Special Subjects
 - (i) Organon of Medicine with Homoeopathic Philosophy;
 - (ii) Homoeopathic Materia Medica including applied aspects;
 - (iii) Repertory;
 - (iv) Homoeopathic Pharmacy;
 - (v) Practices of Medicine;
 - (vi) Paediatrics; and
 - (vii) Psychiatry.

A candidate for M.D. (Hom) shall opt one of the special subjects as his specialty at the time of admission and the degree shall be awarded in that specialty.

7: Substituted vide H(PGDC) Amendments Regulations, 2001.

Part III - Admission to Course

- 4. (1) No candidate shall be admitted to M.D. (Hom) course unless the possesses the degree of : 8
 - (i) Bachelor of Homeopathic Medicine and Surgery or equivalent qualification in Homeopathy included in the Second Schedule to the Act, after undergoing a course of study of not less than five year and six months duration including one year compulsory internship; or
 - (ii) Bachelor of Homoeopathic medicine and Surgery (Graded Degree) or equivalent qualification in Homoeopathy included in the Second Schedule to the Act, after undergoing a course of study of not less than two years' duration.
 - (2) The university or the authority prescribed by the Central Government or the State Government, as the case may be, shall select candidates on merit for Post Graduate Course. Preference shall be given to candidates who have worked in rural areas for two years in respects of one seat in each subject as per merit.
- **8:** Clause (iii) of sub-regulation (1) of regulation 4 omitted vide H(PGDC) Amendments Regulations, 1992, and, regulation 4 substituted vide H(PGDC) Amendments Regulations, 2001.

Part IV - Syllabus

5. Syllabus for Post Graduate Degree M.D. (Hom.)

The following shall be syllabus for general and special subjects in M.D.(Hom.) course namely: -

A. GENERAL SUBJECTS

- (i) The man in Health (Holistic Concept):

 Structural, functional and psychological organization of Man and his adaptation to the environment, in health and includes an integrated study of Anatomy, Physiology, Bio-Chemistry, Biophysics, Psychology for practical application of the knowledge in clinical medicine.
- (ii) The man in Disease (Holistic Concept):

 Structural, functional and psychological organization of the Sick and his environment and includes the study of Pathology (Psychological, functional and structural deviations for the state of Health), a probe into the evolutionary phenomenon of disease, paying attention to the cause effect relationship (viz., the effects of extrinsic (micro-organism, parasites, viruses and other stimuli) and intrinsic (susceptibility based on miasms) factors along with their current interpretations and the abnormal expressions of the sick pervading his whole being);
- (iii) History of Medicine, Scientific Methodology including Research Methodology and Statistics:
 - (a) History of Medicine-evolution with special emphasis on Hahnemann's contribution to Medicine in General.
 - (b) Basic concepts of Logic, Philosophy and Scientific Methodology and Bio-Statistics.

B. SPECIAL SUBJECTS

(I) Organon Of Medicine With Homoeopathic Philosophy:

- (i) Hahnemannian concepts of Homoeopathy (Principles and Practice) A deep understanding of the subject is essential for making a critical and analytical appreciation and evaluation of it. This attempt has to be made by resources and reference to all relevant writings of Hahnemann on the subject.
- (ii) Homoeopathic Philosophy
 - A study of the interpretations and views of the stalwarts in Homoeopathy lie Kent, Stuart Close, H.A. Robert, J.H. Allien, Dunham and Richard Hughes on Hahnemannian concepts and fundamentals of Homoeopathy is essential. It also aims at making a comparative study of various philosophies with a view to bring out relative merit of the individual contribution to the Hahnemannian concepts of Homoeopathy.
- (iii) Practice of Homoeopathy in Medicine
- (iv) Practice of Homoeopathy in Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynecology.

(II) Homoeopathic Materia Medica Including Applied Aspects:

- (i) Basic Materia Medica
 - (1) Source of Materia Medica, Drug proving and collection of symptoms, classification of symptoms, construction of Materia Medica, types of Materia Medica.
 - (2) Science and Philosophy of Materia Medica.
 - (3) Study of Materia Medica.
 - (4) Scope and limitations of Materia Medica.
 - (5) Sources of Drugs, family or group characteristics and drug relationship.
- (ii) Comparative Materia Medica.Comparative study of symptoms, drug pictures and therapeutic indications of all drugs.
- (iii) Practice of Homoeopathy in Medicine.
- (iv) Practice of Homoeopathy in Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynecology.

(III) Repertory:

- (i) Case taking:
 - (a) Dynamics and methods.
 - (b) Case analysis.
 - (c) Anamnesis
 - (d) Evaluation of symptoms.
- (ii) Repertories and repertorisation:
 - (a) Source and origin of the Repertory;
 - (b) Different types of Repertories;
 - (c) Merits and demerits;
 - (d) Methods of Repertorisation.

(IV) Homoeopathic Pharmacy:

- (i) Source, identification, collection, preparation, potentisation, preservation, prescription, dispensing of Homoeopathic Drugs;
- (ii) Standardization of drugs and vehicles through analytical methods and techniques. Biological, mechanical, chemical, toxicological properties and characteristics. Laboratory methods of drug study. Medical and nonmedical uses of drugs;
- (iii) Homoeopathic Drug proving, spheres of action and affinities;
- (iv) Potency, posology, duration of action;
- (v) Experimental Pharmacology
- (vi) Drug Laws and legislation relating to Homoeopathic Pharmacy:

 A basic idea about the Drugs and Cosmetic Act, 1940 (23 of 1940);
 The Prevention of illicit traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (46 of 1988);
 The Drugs (Control) Act, 1950 (25 of 1950), The Drugs and Magic

Remedies (Objectionable Advertisement) Act, 1954 (21 of 1954);

The Medicinal and Toilet Preparation (Excise Duties) Act, 1955 (16 of 1955);

The Poisons Act, 1919 (12 of 1919);

The Homoeopathy Central Council Act, 1973 (59 of 1973);

and The Pharmacy Act, 1948 (6 of 1948).

A general idea about the rules regulations made under the aforesaid Central Acts on the subject and concerned State Acts, rules and regulations.

(vii) Industrial Pharmacy;

(V) Practice Of Medicine:

- (i) General Medicine including Tropical Medicine;
- (ii) Miasmatic Study of Medicine;
- (iii) Diagnostic procedures in view of latest technology;
- (iv) Practice of Homoeopathy in General Medicine including Tropical Medicine;

(VI) Paediatrics:

- (i) Diseases of children including nutritional, behavioral disorders, Preventive aspects of Pediatrics;
- (ii) Miasmatic Study;
- (iii) Diagnostic procedures;
- (iv) Practice of Homoeopathy in Paediatrics;

(VII) Psychiatry:

- (i) Applied Psychiatry;
- (ii) Miasmatic Evaluation;
- (iii) Practice of Homoeopathy in Psychiatry;

Note: A thorough knowledge of deeper understanding in the recent advances made and discernible in the subjects, keeping in view the tenets of Homoeopathy, shall be required in the following topics, namely:

- (1) Dynamics and methods of case taking.
- (2) Diagnosis and differential diagnosis of diseases with various physical, clinical and laboratory findings.
- (3) Analysis and synthesis of cases with Hahnemannian evolutional totality.
- (4) Selection of medicine including repertorisation and comparative study of Materia Medica.
- (5) Selection of Potency and dose.
- (6) Second prescription.
- (7) Remedy response and prognosis.
- (8) Management of the cases in general, therapeutic and accessory treatment in which case oriented method of study shall be adopted by integrating all disciplines.
- 9: Substituted vide H(PGDC) Amendments Regulations, 2001.

Part V - Examination

- 6. (1) The examination shall be conducted in two parts namely ¹⁰:
 - (a) M.D. (Hom.) Part I, which is to be held six months after completion of house job of one year's duration.
 - (b) M.D. (Hom.) Part II, which is to be held one year and six months after Part I examination.
 - (2) Every candidate seeking admission to Part I of the examination shall submit application to the University with the following documents, namely: 11
 - (a) a certificate from the Principal or Head of the institution about the completion of the course of studies in the subjects in which the candidate seeks admission to the examination; and
 - (b) a certificate of having completed one year house job in a Homoeopathic hospital.
 - (3) Every candidate seeking admission to Part II of the examinations shall submit a dissertation of not less than 10000 words. The dissertation shall form the basis of viva-voce examination.
- 7. Part-I M.D. (Hom.) Examination 12
 - (a) Part I M.D.(Hom.) examination shall be held in general subjects and it shall consist of :
 - (i) one theory paper in each of general subjects of not less than three hours duration;
 - (ii) Viva-Voce/Practical examination in each general subject, to be held by not less than three examiners together out of which one shall be the Supervisor (Guide);
 - (b) The three examiners shall jointly assess the knowledge of the candidate for recommending the result to the University as passed or failed.
- 8. (1) (a) Every candidate shall prepare and submit four printed or typed copies of dissertation embodying his own research and contribution in advancing the knowledge in the subject to the University for approval not later than six months prior to the holding of Part II examination. ¹³
 - (b) The dissertation shall be submitted to the Guide/Supervisor at least three months before the time fixed for submitting it to the University, and the Guide/Supervisor shall certify that the work has not previously formed the basis for award of any post graduate degree or diploma and that the work is the record of the candidate's personal efforts and submitted to the University duly countersigned by the Guide/Supervisor.
 - (c) The examiners appointed to conduct the examination shall scrutinize the dissertation and jointly report whether the dissertation be accepted or rejected or may make suggestion, as they deem fit.

- (d) The candidate shall be allowed to appear for the Part II examination three months after the examiner accepts the dissertation. Provided that the candidate, whose dissertation has not been accepted, may be permitted to resubmit the same within a period of six months and not more than one year after rejection.
- (2) Every candidate seeking admission to Part II of the examination shall submit an application to the University with the following, namely:
 - (a) a certificate showing that he has passed part I Examination; and
 - (b) a certificate from his guide about the completion of studies in the subjects in which the candidate is seeking admission to the examination.
- (3) Part II M.D.(Hom.) examination shall be held in the subject of specialty opted by the candidate at the time of admission, and shall consist of:¹⁴
 - (i) Two written theory papers, each of not less than three hours duration.
 - (ii) One practical/clinical examination, including Viva-Voce, in the subject specialty, to test the candidate's acumen and his ability and working knowledge in the practice of the specialty and there shall be three examiners together, including one Supervisor (Guide) in the subject, for examining the candidate.
 - Provided that all the three examiners shall jointly assess the knowledge of the candidate for recommending the result to the University as passed or failed.
- 9. Requirements for Post Graduate Teaching centre: 15
 - (1) The Central Council may after evaluation permit a Homoeopathic College or Institute or Hospital to start Post Graduate courses in Homoeopathy.
 - (2) Every such college, institute or hospital shall have a department of the concerned specialty and shall also have the following additional facilities, namely:
 - (i) one full time professor in the department of specialty.
 - (ii) one Reader/Assistant Professor.
 - (iii) staff such as Attendants, Technicians, etc. as deemed necessary depending upon the department.
 - (iv) departmental library.
 - (v) out-patient department and in-patient department with all facilities including separate clinical laboratory.
 - (vi) three beds shall be earmarked per student for each clinical subject of specialty.
 - 3. (a) A Homoeopathic College, institute or hospital desirous to start a Post Graduate course in Homoeopathy, having no under graduate teaching facility, shall have a minimum of 25 bed hospital with attached laboratory for routine investigative procedure.
 - (b) It shall also have facility to teach general subjects as stated in regulation 5 or submit a certificate that they have a Memorandum of Understanding with a nearby undergraduate Homoeopathic college recognised by the Central Council.

(c) While submitting applications for permission to start such Post Graduate Course, they shall also submit a no objection certificate from the State Government and provisional affiliation from concerned University.

10. Training:

- (1) Period of Training: The period of training for M.D. shall be 3 years after full registration including one year of house job. ¹⁶
- (2) Method of Training: The emphasis should be on in service training and not on didactic lectures. The candidate should take part in seminars, group discussions, clinical meetings etc., The candidate should be required to write a thesis or dissertation with detailed commentary which should provide the candidate will necessary background of training in research methods and techniques along with the art of writing research papers and learning and making use of library. The candidate shall be a resident in the campus and shall be given graded responsibility in the management and treatment of patients entrusted to his care. He shall participate in teaching and training of undergraduate students or interns. Adequate number of posts of clinical residents or tutors shall be created for this purpose.
- 11. The examination shall consist of (I) written papers; (ii) oral including practical and (iii) clinical (in clinical subjects).

Provided that a candidate who fails in the examinations may appear again in the next examination without undergoing further course of study. 17

12. (1) Student Guide ratio: 18

The student-supervisor (Guide) Ratio shall be 3:1 [three students and one supervisor (Guide)]:

Provided that where it is not feasible for a Supervisor (Guide) to supervise the candidate or candidates in any area of the specialty, there shall be one additional Co-supervisor/Co-guide.

(2) (a) Educational qualification and experience of Supervisor (Guide):

A person shall possess the following qualifications and experience for being eligible to be a supervisor (Guide), namely:

- (i) M.D.(Hom.) included in the Second Schedule to the Act, and
- (ii) Teaching experience of not less than seven years as an Assistant Professor in the subject concerned or clinical experience of ten years in a Government organization:

Provided that up to a period of five years from the date of commencement of the Homoeopathy (Post Graduate Course)
M.D.(Hom.) Amendment Regulations, 2001. If Supervisors (Guides) with qualification and experience as laid down in items (i) and (ii) above are not available then teaching staff of professor cadre holding a recognized Degree/Diploma qualification in Homoeopathy of not less than four year duration with twenty years professional experience (including ten years teaching experience in the subject concerned in a Homoeopathic College) may be appointed.

Provided that the Supervisor of a specialty shall remain the Supervisor for that specialty only.

(b) Educational qualification and experience for selection of Co-Supervisor (Co-Guide):

Post Graduate Degree Qualification in the special subject with experience as stated in clauses (a) or seven years teaching experience as Associate Professor in a college recognized by the Medical Council of India.

13. Examiners:

- (1) The criteria for examiners shall be the same as of the Supervisor (Guide) or Co-Supervisor (Co-Guide) as the case may be. ¹⁹
- (2) A panel of examiners shall be prepared by the University for a period of five years which shall be approved by the Central Council. ²⁰
- (3) One of the examiners out of the panel shall be appointed as Supervisor (Guide) or Co-Supervisor (Co-Guide) as the case may be. ²¹
- (4) At least 50% of the examiners shall be external examiners.
- 10: Substituted vide H(PGDC) Amendments Regulations, 2001.
- 11: Substituted vide H(PGDC) Amendments Regulations, 2001.
- 12: Substituted vide H(PGDC) Amendments Regulations, 2001.
- 13: Substituted vide H(PGDC) Amendments Regulations, 2001.
- **14:** Amended vide H(PGDC) Amendments Regulations, 1992, and then substituted vide H(PGDC) Amendments Regulations, 2001.
- **15:** Substituted vide H(PGDC) Amendments Regulations, 2001.
- **16:** Omitted vide H(PGDC) Amendments Regulations, 2001.
- 17: Inserted vide H(PGDC) Amendments Regulations, 2001.
- 18: Substituted vide H(PGDC) Amendments Regulations, 2001.
- 19: Substituted vide H(PGDC) Amendments Regulations, 2001.
- 20: Substituted vide H(PGDC) Amendments Regulations, 2001.
- 21: Substituted vide H(PGDC) Amendments Regulations, 2001.

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- 14. Notwithstanding anything contained in these regulations, the University may allow admission of external candidates to appear in the Post Graduate examination for a period of eight year from the commencement of the Homoeopathy (Post Graduate Degree Course) M.D. (Hom) (Amendment) Regulations, 2001 for three subjects, namely, Materia Medica, Homoeopathic Philosophy, and Repertory only subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions, namely:
 - (I) Admission to the examination:
 - (1) A candidate who has passed the final examination of a diploma course in Homoeopathy of not less than four years duration shall be eligible for admission to the examination as an external candidate, if such candidate:
 - (a) holds full time regular post not below the rank of Assistant Professor, or
 - (b) has teaching experience of not less than seven years in recognized Homoeopathic Medical College, or
 - (c) has ten year of professional experience.
 - (2) the candidate shall register his name two years before the final examination.
 - (3) The candidate shall prepare and submit to his Supervisor/Guide a dissertation nine months prior to the holding of the final examination. The Supervisor/Guide approve the same six months prior to final holding of the final examination.
 - (II) Papers for examination:

The examination shall comprise of the following papers namely:

- (a) Materia Medica (Materia Medica Pura and Applied)
- (b) Homoeopathic Practice of Medicine (including Gynecology and Obstetrics)
- (c) Organon of Medicine and Philosophy.
- (d) Repertory.
- (III) Examiners :

The criteria for selection of examiners shall be as given in regulation.

22: Substituted vide H(PGDC) Amendments Regulations, 2001.