

## **“Clarification on Qualified Persons”**

As per Sec 32(B) of The Pharmacy Act-1948 the 'Qualified Person' certificate holders, approved by State Drugs Control Administration, were registered in this Council (as per Sec 32(B), and consequent extension by two years thereafter "Qualified Person Certificates issued upto 31/12/1969" by Drugs Control Administration) upto 31/08/1978. In rare cases of re-registration by transfer from other State Pharmacy Councils, the fresh registration certificates issued by this Council may carry date of Registration after 31/08/1978 also.

As per order of A.P. Government issued in 2012, renewal of Registered Pharmacists without pass in Matriculation is stopped. Hence Qualified Persons who are registered in this Council but did not pass Matriculation are denied of renewal because of the above order.

Further as per Drug Licenses in Forms 20 & 21 and provision under Rule 65(15) of The Drugs & Cosmetics Act, the conditions of Registered Pharmacists don't apply to "Qualified Persons" for rendering their services.

Hence it is to clarify that whether qualified persons registered or not or their registrations are not renewed by this Council, their services have no bar as per provision u/r 65(15) of The Drugs & Cosmetics Act & Rules 1945.

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