

RASHTRASANT TUKDOJI MAHARAJ NAGPUR UNIVERSITY, NAGPUR

FACULTY OF MEDICINE

Direction No. 2 of 2013

**DIRECTION GOVERNING THE EXAMINATION LEADING TO THE DEGREE OF
PHARMACY (CREDIT AND GRADE BASED SEMESTER PATTERN)**

(Issued under section14(8) of the Maharashtra University Act 1994)

WHEREAS, Maharashtra University act No. xxxv of 1994 has come into force with effect from 22nd July 1994 and has been amended from time to time.

AND, WHEREAS, the University Grants Commission, New Delhi vide letter no. D.O. No. F-2/2008/(XI Plan), Dated 31st January 2008 regarding new initiatives under the XI Plan-Academic reforms in the University has suggested for improving quality of higher education and to initiate the Academic reform at the earliest.

AND,

WHEREAS, the Board of Studies in Pharmaceutical Sciences in its meeting held on dt. 5th January 2013 prepared the syllabi and scheme of examination for the B. Pharm. Degree course and recommended for starting of credit & grade based semester pattern in Faculty of Medicine from the academic session 2013-14

AND,

WHEREAS, faculty of Medicine in its meeting held on dt. 7th January 2013 has decided to update the existing syllabi for the award of degree of Bachelor of Pharmacy commensurate with the curricula existing in the various universities in India and with a view to include the latest trends in the Pharmacy stream as well as to design it to suit to the needs of the industries and corporate houses.

AND,

WHEREAS, the Dean, faculty of Medicine has consented to the syllabi and the scheme of examination for the award of B. Pharm. Degree

AND,

WHEREAS, Vice-Chancellor, R.T.M. Nagpur University, Nagpur approved the recommendations so made by the Dean, Faculty of Medicine as required under section 38(a) of the act.

AND,

WHEREAS, it is expedient to provide an ordinance for the purpose of prescribing revised scheme of examination.

AND,

WHEREAS, ordinance making involve a time consuming process, therefore, I, Dr. V.S. Sapkal, Vice-Chancellor, Rashtrasant Tukdoji Maharaj, Nagpur University, Nagpur in exercise of the powers vested under Section 14(8) of the Maharashtra University Act of 1994 do hereby issue the following Directions-

This direction shall be called R.T.M. Nagpur University direction governing Graduate Programme in Pharmaceutical Sciences (B. Pharm) under Semester, Credit & Grade system. This system is offered to all the students appearing for the graduate programme in Pharmaceutical Sciences offered by the R.T.M. Nagpur University from the Academic Year 2013-2014.

This direction shall come into force from the Academic Year 2013-2014.

1. Definitions:-

In this direction, unless the context otherwise requires.

- a. **“University”** means R.T.M. Nagpur University
- b. **“Graduate Programmes”** means Degree course in Pharmaceutical Sciences (B. Pharm).
- c. **“Student”** means student admitted to Graduate programme in Pharmaceutical Sciences under this direction.
- d. **“Degree”** means Graduate in Pharmaceutical Sciences (B. Pharm).
- e. **”Board of studies”** means Board of Studies of the University in Pharmaceutical Sciences.
- f. **“Academic Council”** means Academic Council of R.T.M. Nagpur University.
- g. **“Fees”** means the fees prescribed by the University/Shikshan Shulk Samiti of Government of Maharashtra for the Graduate Programme in Pharmaceutical Sciences from time to time.

- h. **“Credit”** means the unit by which the course work is measured. In these direction one credit means 1 hour of teaching work or 1.5 hours of practical work per week for 15 weeks in a Semester
- i. **“Grade Letter”** is an index to indicate the performance of a student in a particular course (Paper). It is the transformation of actual marks secured by a student in a course/paper. Grade letter are O, A, B, C, D, E, F.
- j. **“Grade Point”** is the weightage allotted to each grade letter depending on the range of marks awarded in a course/paper.
- k. **“Credit Points”** refer to the product of No. of credits multiplied by the Grade Point for a given course/paper.
- l. **“Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA)”** refers to the performance of a student in a given semester. SGPA is based on the total credit points earned by a student in all the courses and the total number of credits assigned to the courses/papers in a semester.
- m. **“Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)”** refers to the cumulative Grade Point Average weighted across 4 semesters of III and IV year of the course i.e. Semester V to VIII.
- n. **“ATKT”** refers to allowed to keep term in higher semester.

2. Admission:-

- a. Admission to Graduate Programme in Pharmaceutical Sciences shall be governed by the admitting authority of the Maharashtra state/ University.
- b. Admission to Graduate Programme in Pharmaceutical Sciences shall be on yearly basis for particular academic session by the paying prescribed fees.
- c. Subject to his compliance with the provisions of this Direction and of other Directions in force from time to time, an applicant for admission to:
 - A) The First B. Pharm. Examination (Semester I and II) shall have passed not less than one academic year previously-
 - i) the diploma in Pharmacy Examination from an Institution recognized by the Pharmacy Council of India.
 - or ii) the 12th Standard Examination of the Maharashtra State Higher Secondary Education Board with English, Physics, Chemistry and Biology or Mathematics as subjects of study at the 12th standard;
 - or iii) an examination recognized as equivalent thereto in such subjects and with such standards of attainments as may be prescribed.
 - B) The Second B. Pharm. Examination (Semester III and IV) shall have passed not less than one academic year previously the First B. Pharm. Examination of the University.
 - C) The Third B. Pharm. Examination (Semester V and VI) shall have passed the Second B. Pharm Examination of the University not less than one academic year previously.

D) The Final B. Pharm. Examination (Semester VII and VIII) shall have passed the Third B. Pharm Examination of the University not less than one academic year previously.

3. Duration of Course:-

Duration of the Graduate Programme in Pharmaceutical Sciences shall be of eight semesters (four academic years) as prescribed by Board of Studies of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

4. Examination:-

Examination of all subjects of all semesters of Graduate Programme in Pharmaceutical Sciences shall be conducted by the R.T.M. Nagpur University as per the scheme of Examination prescribed by Board of Studies of Pharmaceutical Sciences

5. The fees for the examination shall be as prescribed by the Executive Council from time to time and whenever any change is made in the fees prescribed for any particular examination that shall be notified through a notification for information of the examinees concerned.
6. An applicant for admission to an examination shall satisfy the Head of the Department/Principal in the Terminal and other Tests conducted during the academic year regarding his suitability to take the examination.
7. The maximum marks allotted to the sessional examination in each paper, the written part and the practical part for each of the Eight Examinations shall be as indicated in Appendices I, II, III and IV.
8. The scope of the subjects shall be as indicated in the syllabus
9. The Head of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences/Principal shall maintain in his office, a complete record of the marks obtained by the candidates in the sessional examinations. He shall, not less than 15 days before the commencement of the Examination, send to the Registrar, in a sealed cover the final marks in sessional examinations obtained by every applicant. No collegiate candidate shall be allowed to appear at an examination unless he obtains 40% of the total marks allotted to the sessionals of all subjects taken together for that examination.
10. In order to pass an examination, an examinee shall obtain not less than 45% of the total marks allotted to each theory and practical subject in the university and sessional Examination taken together as shown in the concerned Appendix.
11. There shall be no classification of successful examinees at First, Second and Third B. Pharm. Examinations.
12. Division of successful examinees at the Final B. Pharm. Examinations shall be determined on the basis of aggregate marks obtained at the Third and Final B. Pharm. Examinations (Semester V, VI, VII & VIII) taken together.
13. CGPA equal to 6.75 and above shall be considered as equivalent to First Class which shall be mentioned on Grade Card of VIII Semester as a foot note and all other successful examinees in the second division.
14. CGPA equal to 7.00 and above shall be considered as distinction in that particular subject
15. Explanation: Distinction shall be awarded at the Third and Final B. Pharm. Examinations separately.

16. An unsuccessful examinee at the First (I and II semester), Second (III and IV semester) or Third B. Pharm. (V and VI semester) Examination who fails to secure the prescribed minimum marks in not more than four theory papers, and not more than three practical examinations may, at his option, be admitted to a subsequent examination in that paper or practical only on payment of a fresh fee. An examinee under this provision shall be allowed to keep terms in the next higher class. He may take both examinations simultaneously, but his result at the higher examination shall not be declared unless he is declared successful at the lower examination.
17. The facility of provisional admission in next higher class will be restricted to two preceding qualifying semester examination. In the event the candidate has additional backlog of earlier semesters then such a candidate would not be eligible for provisional admission in any event.
18. An examinee failing in more than four theory papers and more than three practicals in particular year of the course may, at his option, appear as an ex-student at a subsequent examination in the subjects in which he has failed, on payment of fresh fee. If he clears the subject in which he has failed, he shall be declared to have passed the examination. An examinee availing of exemptions under the provisions of this paragraph shall not be allowed to keep terms at the next higher class.

Provided that an examinee, in the event of failing to pass the examination not succeeding in clearing enough number of subjects to bring him within the ambit of paragraph 16 shall be allowed to keep terms at the next higher class after the declaration of his subsequent result.

19. An unsuccessful examinee may, at the discretion of the Head of the Department/Principal, be permitted, for such period as the Head of the Department/Principal consider necessary, to attend a further course of instruction in a paper or practical, as the case may be. In such a case the Head of the Department/Principal shall award fresh sessional marks on the basis of his fresh performance as per provision.
20. Students successful at the First, Second and the Third B. Pharm. old course examinations shall be admitted to the next higher class B. Pharm. new course, but shall be permitted to appear at the higher class new course examinations provided that they submit a certificate from the Head of the Department/Principal of the college (Pharmacy) stating that they have satisfactorily undergone a course of study in all the subjects of new Course of earlier old B. Pharm. classes.
21. The absorption scheme of the graduate programme will be effective till the introduction of new syllabus with new absorption scheme.
22. Provisions of Ordinance No. 7-A relating to Condonation of Deficiency of Marks for passing an Examination shall apply to the examinations under this Ordinance
23. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Ordinance the Degree of Bachelor of Pharmacy shall not be conferred upon a person unless:

He undergoes a Practical Training of not less than 8(Eight) weeks after taking the Third or Final B. Pharm. Examination in a Pharmaceutical concern approved by the Head of the Department/Principal and unless the Head of the Department /Principal certified that the person has satisfactorily completed the said Practical or Industrial Training as the case may be.

24. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Ordinance no person shall be admitted to any of the examinations under this ordinance, if he has already passed the same examination or an equivalent examination of any other Statutory University.
25. Successful examinees at the First B. Pharm., Second B. Pharm., and Third B. Pharm. Examinations shall be entitled to receive a certificate signed by the Registrar and those successful at the Final B. Pharm. Examination shall on payment of the prescribed fees receive a Degree, in the prescribed form, signed by the Vice-Chancellor.

Nagpur:

Date: 6.2.2013

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Vice-Chancellor