

BENEFITS TO SOCIETY

Through the regulation of the profession the Council ensures that:

- ◆ Competent and qualified pharmacists are licensed to practise
- ◆ The standard of training for pharmaceutical students is of high quality
- ◆ Shops licensed as pharmacies are of the highest standards for the delivery of quality pharmaceutical services

COLLABORATION

To facilitate the achievement of its objectives, the Council is forging alliances with many private sector agencies, Statutory Bodies and NGO's these include:

- UTech - School of Pharmacy
- National Council on Drug Abuse
- National Health Fund
- Tax Administration Support Department
- Council for persons with disabilities
- Companies Office of Jamaica
- Office of Director of Public Prosecutions
- Health Insurance Companies
- Jamaica Anti-doping Commission

MISSION

Our mission is to maximise pharmacy's contribution to the protection of the health and welfare of the Jamaican people.

In accordance with our authority under the Pharmacy Act and its Regulations, we aim to ensure the maintenance of the highest standards of conduct and practice.

We are pledged to the advancement of Pharmacy and promote the pursuit of excellence in life-long learning and research.

Guided by a spirit of commitment to integrity, honesty and cooperation, we shall achieve our goal.

VISION

To facilitate the growth and development of the profession and pharmaceutical industry through education, regulation, collaboration, training and research



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BACKGROUND

The Pharmacy Council is a body corporate which was established in 1975 under the Pharmacy Act of 1966. The Council consists of ten(10) members who are appointed by the Minister of Health, one of which the Minister appoints as Chairman.

The Minister selects four (4) persons who are usually chosen from the pharmaceutical distributive sector, consumer groups or other disciplines. The Pharmaceutical Society of Jamaica nominates the other six(6) persons.

The Tenure of the Council Members is for a period not exceeding three(3) years, and each member shall be eligible for reappointment.

The Council appoints and employs a Registrar who performs the duties of Secretary to the Council, as well as Pharmacy Inspectors and other officers for the proper execution of the provisions of the Pharmacy Act and Regulations.

The Council meets on the last Thursday of each month except for the months of August and December.

A Registration Appeal Tribunal is established for the purpose of hearing appeals from the Council.

FUNCTIONS

The functions of the Council are:

- ◆ To register Pharmacists, Pharmaceutical Students, Pharmacies and Owners of Pharmacies
- ◆ To regulate the training of pharmaceutical students
- ◆ To register persons as authorized sellers of poisons
- ◆ To ensure the maintenance of proper standards of conduct of those registered under the Pharmacy Act
- ◆ To ensure compliance with requirements under the Pharmacy Act

COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

- ◆ Education committee
- ◆ List committee
- ◆ Standards committee
- ◆ Finance committee
- ◆ Disciplinary committee

WHO AUDITS THE COUNCIL?

The affairs of the Council are guided primarily by the Pharmacy Laws. The provisions of the Public Bodies Management Act and the Financial Administration Audit Act also provides guidance for the board and secretariat.

HOW DOES THE COUNCIL DISSEMINATE INFORMATION?

- ◆ Council's Continuing Education Seminars (emphasis on laws, policies and guidelines and regulation)
- ◆ Council's website , E-mail
- ◆ Newsletter (PCJ Update), Facsimile
- ◆ Telephone, Personal Consultations

POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES

- ◆ Pharmacy Internship programme
- ◆ Pharmacist preceptor training
- ◆ Foreign Trained Pharmacists Qualify Examination
- ◆ Continuing Education Programme
- ◆ Pharmacy Owners seminar
- ◆ Procedure manual for establishment of pharmacies
- ◆ Clients Charter
- ◆ Clients Complaint Instrument
- ◆ Clients database
- ◆ PCJ update
- ◆ Pharmacists registration Handbook
- ◆ List of Registered pharmacies