

# Nepal Pharmacy Council

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# Introduction

- Basic function of NPC is to work for quality assurance of pharmacy human resources as per the need of the country
- NPC was Established in 2058 through Nepal Pharmacy Council Act, 2057
- Consists of nine member committee and a registrar appointed by GoN
- Provision of registration of Pharmacist & Pharmacy Assistant

# Key Functions-1

1. To **prepare policies, plans and programs** as may be required to operate the **pharmacy profession** in a managed and systematic manner and **implement these policies**.
2. To give **recognition to educational institutes and their degrees teaching**
3. To prescribe **details of the curricula, terms of admission, examination system** of the educational institute teaching the pharmacy.
4. To prescribe **minimum standards** for pharmacy education
5. To **withdraw recognition** if educational institute fail to maintain the standards.

# Key Functions-2

6. To **fix qualifications required to carry on pharmacy profession**
7. To **register the name** of pharmacist and pharmacy assistant
8. To prescribe **code of conduct**
9. To abrogate from registration if a **pharmacist and pharmacy assistant violates the prescribed professional code of conduct.**

# Major Activities

1. Licensure examination (three times a year) & registration
2. Monitoring and supervision of colleges to see the compliance of standard prescribed by council
3. Providing No Objection Certificate (NOC) for foreign study
4. Provide Good Standing Letter
5. Information update of Pharmacist & Pharmacy Assistant

# Academic Programs

Province	Number of Institutions Registered			Available Seats in Year 2073/74							
				Below Diploma Level		Diploma Level		Bachelor Level		Masters & Above	
	Diploma	UG	PG	No.	% Filled	No.	% Filled	No.	% Filled	No.	% Filled
1	5	1	1**	NA	NA	200	100%	20	60%	10	20%
2	2	1	0	NA	NA	40	100%	0	NA	NA	NA
3	18	15	1	NA	NA	720	100%	475	90%	24	100%
4	1	2	1	NA	NA	40	100%	70	90%	20	60%
5	6	2	0	NA	NA	240	100%	60	90%	NA	NA
6	0	0	0	NA	NA	0	100%	0	0	NA	NA
7	1	0	0	NA	NA	40	100%	0	0	NA	NA
<b>Total</b>	<b>28*</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>1280</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>605</b>		<b>54</b>	

**\*5 others affiliated from CTEVT which are yet to recognize from the council \*\* started but yet to recognize**

Success Rates of Council Examinations in First Attempt  
[% of students who passed the council examinations in their first attempt]

<b>Programs</b>	<b>Type of Institutions</b>		
	<b>Public</b>	<b>Private</b>	<b>Foreign</b>
Below Diploma Level	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>
Diploma Level	+++	++	<b>NA</b>
Bachelor Level	+++	++	+
Masters & Above	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>

# Success rate on license exam

Exam	Diploma	BPharm	Foreign	Nepali
1 <sup>st</sup>	68.6%	100.0%	NA	NA
2 <sup>nd</sup>	91.6%	85.9%	NA	NA
3 <sup>rd</sup>	37.8%	65.3%	NA	NA
4 <sup>th</sup>	25.2%	51.2%	NA	NA
5 <sup>th</sup>	52.1%	40.2%	NA	NA
6 <sup>th</sup>	41.2%	63.7%	NA	NA
7 <sup>th</sup>	45.6%	38.4%	32.8%	48.7%
8 <sup>th</sup>	33.6%	68.4%	51.7%	79.6%
9 <sup>th</sup>	31.0%	39.9%	NA	NA



## Density of Health Professionals (FY 2073/74)

Professionals by Level	Total Registered	No. of professionals per 10,000 population
Below Diploma Level	NA	NA
Diploma Level	6326	2.18
Bachelor Level	3123	1.07
Masters & Above	1500 (approx out of 6326)	NA
<b>Total health professionals</b>	<b>9449</b>	<b>3.26</b>

*Note: Diploma might have acquired Bachelor degree & Bachelor to Masters.*

# Registered Health Professional Status and Targets

*[Number of registered health professionals in the last 3 years and the targets for 4 years)*

Levels	No. of Professionals			Target in Number			
	2070/71	2071/72	2073/74	2074/75	2075/76	2076/77	2077/78
Below Diploma Level	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Diploma Level	3888	4083	6142	7500	10000	12000	15000
Bachelor Level	1693	1791	2898	3500	4500	6000	8000
Masters & Above	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>Total Health Professionals</b>	<b>5581</b>	<b>5874</b>	<b>9040</b>	<b>11000</b>	<b>14500</b>	<b>18000</b>	<b>23000</b>

# Major Achievements in FY 2073/74

- Three license examination conducted
- Implementation of minimum standard to conduct MPharm program
- Implementation of code of ethics for inspection team
- Surprise inspection of all diploma and degree college and feedback for improvement
- Relative improvement in infrastructure and facilities of colleges
- Improvement in documentation

# Key Opportunities in Federal Context

- Registration of pharmacist and pharmacy assistant can be done at province level
- Monitoring and supervision can be made effective

# Key Challenges in Federal Context

- Formation of provincial council is not possible before amendment of council act
- Uniformity of work in different provinces
- Allocation rights, duties and responsibilities of provincial council
- Human resource and infrastructure for federal and provincial council

# Way Forward

- Amendment of existing act and regulations in the federal concept
- Online application for registration
- Use of IT in documentation
- Harmonization on the role of council and degree awarding authorities
- A coordination committee of council should be constituted under the MoH to make uniformity in the council functions

**Thank you**