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NOTICE

Subject: Upgradation of skill sets of persons employed in pharma manufacturing units

The Government of India had entrusted the work relating to development of qualification packs (National Occupational Standards) to the Life Sciences Sector Skill Development Council with the objective of upgrading the skills of persons employed in the Life Sciences sector in the country. Accordingly, the Life Science Skill Sector Development Council has, after an elaborate exercise and extensive consultations with industry, evolved the following modes for certification:


- (i) Post fresh skilling and assessment of eligible youth; and
- (ii) Post assessment under 'Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)' for existing workforce in industry.

2. The objective of the certification is to enhance the skills of the workforce engaged in pharmaceutical and Bio technology industry and enable organisations to effectively meet quality standards.

3. Keeping in view the objective of bringing substantial improvement in the quality of pharmaceutical products, it has become imperative that all personnel employed in pharmaceutical manufacturing units shall undergo the certification programmes developed by Life Science Skill Sector Development Council and with effect from 01.0.2018, no person shall be employed in any pharmaceuticals/bio pharmaceutical manufacturing units unless he has obtained a formal diploma or degree in the relevant area, or has been certified by the Life Sciences Sector Skill Development Council or equivalent organisation in the area in which he has been deployed.

4. All pharma manufacturing units in the country, are accordingly requested to take steps for ensuring that persons employed by them are duly trained and certified. In case of any assistance, the following can be contacted:

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