

Important information regarding conversion of NRD scheme into ARFL scheme from 1st October 2009

A pharmacist registered under the Pharmacy Act -1948 should annually renew his/her registration by the due date to retain his/her name on the Register of Pharmacists maintained by this office of Maharashtra State pharmacy Council (MSPC) .If a pharmacist fails to pay his/her renewal fee by the due date (Before the first day of April of the subsequent year) his/her name is removed from the register of pharmacists under section 34(2) of Pharmacy Act -1948.

In the year 1983 anticipating the difficulties of registered pharmacists to pay the renewal fees in time each year due to various constraints, Maharashtra State pharmacy Council had started Voluntary **Non Refundable Deposit (NRD)** scheme for renewal of pharmacy registration wherein the pharmacists signed a request form to participate in the same scheme and interest accrued on the deposit was adjusted against her/her annual renewal of pharmacy registration. Also the remaining amount if any was to be utilized by the council and in the event of conclusion of her/her registration the amount was to be treated as donation to the council. Thereafter the amount of NRD was revised by MSPC appropriately over a period of time. Presently the registration renewal status of all the registered pharmacists who have participated in NRD scheme of MSPC is up to date, i.e. valid up to 31st December 2009.

In accordance with rule 57(2) of Maharashtra State Pharmacy Council Rules-1969 and in compliance with the opinion received from the Law and judiciary Department of Government of Maharashtra and also considering fluctuating rate of interest received from the banks on the **Non Refundable Deposit (NRD)**, MSPC in its 92nd meeting has decided to convert the NRD (Non Refundable Deposit) scheme into **Advance Renewal fee in lump sum (ARFL) scheme**. Accordingly for all the pharmacists who have participated in the voluntary Non refundable Deposit (NRD) scheme for renewal of pharmacy registration by paying the appropriate amount on or before 1st October 2009, their Non Refundable Deposit with this council is automatically converted into renewal fees for proportionate number of years (@ Rs 50/-fifty per year which is present renewal fee) as under-:

- If a pharmacist has participated in voluntary NRD scheme by paying Rs 500/-, his/her registration is renewed from December 2009 for next 10 years i.e. till 31st December 2019
- If a pharmacist has participated in voluntary NRD scheme by paying Rs 1000/- his/her registration is renewed from December 2009 for next 20 years i.e. till 31st December 2029.
- If a pharmacist has participated in voluntary NRD scheme by paying Rs 1500/- his/her registration is renewed from December 2009 for next thirty years i.e. till 31st December 2039.

New Scheme for renewal of registration from 1st October 2009

In conformity with MSPC Rules 1969 (Rule NO- 57(2)) a registered pharmacist who wishes to renew his registration ,may voluntarily remit Advance Renewal fee in lump sum (ARFL) in order to avoid difficulties arising out of inadvertent failure to pay the renewal fees every year in time.

ARFL –Rs 1500/- for renewal of thirty years	}	You may opt for either of the three options
ARFL-Rs 1000/- for renewal of twenty years		
ARFL-Rs 500/- for renewal of ten years		

Above amount is mentioned considering present renewal fee of Rs 50/-(fifty only) per year. ARFL will change subject to fee revision, if any in future.

Remaining conditions related with this scheme are mentioned in ARFL application form and pharmacist is requested to go through same thoroughly before enrolling in it.