



Circular No. (06/2021)

From	Department of Healthcare Professions / Ministry of Public Health
To	All Licensed Pharmacists and Pharmaceutical Factories in the State of Qatar
Subject	Adding "Industrial Pharmacist" to the Approved Pharmacist Scopes and Defining the Scope of Practice and Registration Requirements
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"The Department of Healthcare Professions (DHP) presents to you its compliments"

In its pursuit to meet the needs of the pharmaceutical sector in the State of Qatar, and to ensure that the pharmaceutical industry is supported by qualified pharmacists working as per international best practices, DHP has developed the Industrial Pharmacist Scope and specified its scope of practice and registration requirements.

It is worth mentioning that, in coordination with the Credentialing Committee, the Permanent Licensing Committee (PLC) - in its 13th meeting dated 28/6/2021 - has approved the mentioned scope with its registration requirements, including the qualifying exam.

Industrial Pharmacist applicants must pass the Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) exam conducted by the Pharmacy and Drug Control Department. However, they are not required to sit for the Prometric Exam, and their practice is limited to the pharmaceutical factories.

Licensed Industrial Pharmacists - who are planning to change their scope to work in community of hospital pharmacies - have to pass the Prometric exam and meet all registration/licensing requirements mentioned in the [Guidelines for Pharmacists](#) on the DHP website.

This circular is effective from the date of its issuance, and all licensed pharmacists working in the industrial field shall apply for Change Scope of Practice to Industrial Pharmacist through the Electronic Registration/Licensing System not later than September 30, 2021.

Attachments:

- Industrial Pharmacists registration/licensing requirements.

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Criteria	Industrial Pharmacist
Definition	<p>The Industrial Pharmacist is a professional who holds a current, valid license issued under a national authority or board that authorizes them to practice their professions and use the title Industrial Pharmacist.</p> <p>The Industrial pharmacists conduct research, testing and analysis in the development of medicines and production of pharmaceuticals and related supplies. They use the latest methods, technologies, and processes to develop new medications.</p> <p>The healthcare professional is involved in implementing, monitoring, quality control and management of pharmaceutical production activities according to the current Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP). GMP is a system for ensuring that products are consistently produced and controlled according to quality standards.</p> <p>The industrial pharmacist should demonstrate ethical conduct in their practice and should be held accountable for the safety of the consumers and put their interest as a priority.</p>
Practice Settings	<p>Industrial Pharmacists practice in a wide variety of settings i.e.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pharmaceutical Factories ▪ Pharmaceutical manufacturing companies and agents ▪ Pharmaceutical research organizations
Education	<p>Bachelor's degree in pharmacy from accredited educational institutions</p>
Scope of Practice	<p>The scope of practice of the industrial pharmacist may include but is not limited to the following tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinates in planning and organizing the manufacturing process of the company. • Handle raw materials used in pharmaceutical manufacturing process of preparation, pharmaceutical filling, sterilization, as well as packaging operations according to global pharmaceutical specifications. • Implements operation manuals, production plans and programs. • Monitors drugs manufacturing activities in compliance with the requirements of GMP. • Assists in pilot scale trials of products under development. • Ensures that there is discipline and good working culture among the staff.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensures the safety condition of production personnel and work environment Ensure that all necessary testing is carried out • Approve sampling instructions, specifications, test methods and other Quality control procedures • Inspection, investigation and taking of samples to monitor factor that may affect product quality. • Ensure Compliance with technical or regulatory bodies • Handling of recall of finished products Handling of complaints and investigation • Determine the types of regulatory submissions or internal documentation that are required in situations such as proposed device changes or labeling changes. • Advise scientists and manufacturers on regulatory requirements with explaining regulations, policies, or procedures.
Licensure	Industrial Pharmacist must apply for Licensure through the Department of Healthcare Practitioners (DHP).
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 2-years' experience in the field of Pharmacy/Pharmaceutical Industry • Exemption from the experience requirement applies on Qataris, offspring of Qatari Women and offspring of residents who graduated from universities in Qatar or accredited universities abroad, and all Qatar University Graduates (DHP Circular No. 24/2020).
Competency validation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant shall pass the GMP exam conducted at the Pharmacy and Drug Control Department. • Verification of the educational qualifications and relevant graduate clinical experience.
Other Requirement for Evaluation & Registration	<p><i>(Refer to DHP requirements for license Registration/Evaluation)</i> https://www.dhp.org.qa/en/Documents/Guidelines%20for%20Pharmacists.pdf https://dhp.moph.gov.qa/en/Pages/Home.aspx</p>
Requirements for License Renewal	<p><i>(Refer to DHP requirements for license Renewal)</i> https://www.dhp.org.qa/en/Documents/Guidelines%20for%20Pharmacists.pdf</p>
<p>Note: Applicants with a break from practice please see DHP "Break from Practice Policy". https://dhp.moph.gov.qa/en/Documents/Policy%20on%20Break%20from%20Practice.pdf</p>	