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A copy of the Railway Board's letter No. E(NG)II/2020/RR-1/25 dated 10.07.2026 along with Advance Correction Slip No. 296 to Indian Railway Establishment Manual Vol.1 (Revised Edition 1989) on the above subject is enclosed for information, guidance and necessary action.

Railway Board's letter dated 05.04.2018 (RBE No.54/2018) referred to therein has been circulated as PBC No. 72/2018.

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**RBE No.55/2026**

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR)**
**MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA)**
**(RAILWAY BOARD)**

**No. E(NG)II/2020/RR-1/25** **New Delhi, dated 10 .07.2026**

**The General Manager (P),**
**All Zonal Railways/Production Units/**
**Chairmen, Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs).**

**Sub:** Minimum educational qualification for open market recruitment to the post of Pharmacist Gr.III in the Medical Department on the railways.

**Ref:** Railway Board's letter No. E(NG)II/2001/RR-1/45 dated 05.04.2018 (RB No. 54/2018)

Attention is invited to instructions under reference prescribing, inter-alia, minimum educational qualification for open market recruitment to the post of Pharmacist, Grade-III in Level-5 of 7th CPC Pay Matrix as under:

> "10+2 in Science or its equivalent with Diploma in Pharmacy from recognized institution and registered as Pharmacist under the Pharmacy Act, 1948.
>
> OR
>
> Bachelor degree in Pharmacy (B. Pharma) from a recognized University or equivalent and Registered as a Pharmacist under the Pharmacy Act, 1948."

2. The review of educational qualification for direct recruitment from open market to the post of Pharmacist, Grade –III in Level-5 has been under consideration of this Ministry. Accordingly, the matter has been examined in consultation with Health and Pay Commission Directorate of this Ministry and it has been decided by the Board that the qualification for the post of Pharmacist, Grade Ill in Level-5 will be as under:-

> "Bachelor Degree in Pharmacy (Allopathic) from a Central or State Government recognized University or Institute and registered as Pharmacist under the Pharmacy Act, 1948.
>
> **OR**
>
> Doctor of Pharmacy from a Central or State Government recognized University or Institute and registered as Pharmacist under the Pharmacy Act, 1948."

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3. These instructions will be applicable from the date of issue of this letter. Cases already under process (where centralized employment notification has already been issued) will continue to be dealt in terms of earlier instructions.

4. Indian Railway Establishment Manual, Volume-1 may be amended incorporating the above changes as per Advance Correction Slip No.-----296-----enclosed.

DA: As above

**(U.K Tiwari)**
**Director, Estt.(N)**
**Railway Board**

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**For Principle Executive Director (IR)/ Railway Board**

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162 (2) **PHARMACIST** -Qualifications etc. for direct recruitment will be as under:-

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**OR**

Doctor of Pharmacy from a Central or State Government recognized University or institute and registered as Pharmacist under the Pharmacy Act, 1948."

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