Respected Sir/Madam,

Attached herewith is a letter from Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE, New Delhi, addressed to all State Govts/UTs. Addl. Chief Secretary/Secretary/Commissioner of Deprt. of Higher & Technical Education, regarding incorporation of Graduate Pharmacy Aptitude Test (GPAT) Scores alongwith GATE Score, wherever required for funding or for admission purposes, for GPAT qualified candidates.

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You are kindly requested to direct the concerned organization under the purview of Deptt. of Higher & Technical Education accordingly as per details given in the attached letter.

Kindly acknowledge receipt

With warm regards,

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The Addl. Chief Secretary/Secretary/Commissioner
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Dear Sir,

As you are aware, a decision by M/HRD, Govt. of India, was taken in 2009 to conduct GPAT examination under the banner of AICTE. Prior to this, IITs were conducting GATE Examination for Pharmacy students also on behalf of The National Co-ordination Board for GATE, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource & Development, Govt. of India, New Delhi. Accordingly, the GPAT examinations are being conducted by AICTE since 2010. AICTE has been receiving requests from the Pharmacy student community to declare GPAT Score and its validity for all purposes, as equivalent to that of GATE Score. Since the origin of GPAT examination is from GATE examination only and both the examinations are conducted for graduate students on behalf of MHRD, New Delhi to decide about the eligibility criteria for disbursing scholarships for pursuing Post-Graduate Programme for Engineering, Architecture and Pharmacy.

In this regard, a meeting of the Advisory Committee for GPAT was organized at AICTE HQs, Nelson Mandela Road, New Delhi on 2nd August, 2017 to consider modifications in the existing criteria of GPAT Examination and increase the validity of GPAT examination Score from existing one year to three years from the date of announcement of results, to bring it at par with the GATE Score. As per the recommendation of the committee:

1. GPAT Score will be valid for a period of 3 years (at par with GATE rules) from the date of announcement of results.
   This will be effective from the GPAT examination conducted in January, 2017 batch onwards.
2. The eligibility criteria, scholarship, validity and all other applicable rules to GATE should also be made applicable for GPAT.
3. AICTE should communicate to UGC, DST, DBT, AYUSH, ICMR, CSIR, all Universities/Autonomous Institutions and other funding agencies to consider GPAT at par with GATE for all purposes as mentioned at point number 2 above.
4. Bachelor's Degree holders in Pharmacy and those who are in final year of such programs are ONLY eligible for GPAT examination.

Subsequently, above recommendations were also approved by the AICTE Executive Committee in its 109th (Emergent) Executive Committee Meeting held on 03rd August, 2017 at AICTE HQs. New Delhi. Accordingly, you are, requested to incorporate GPAT Score along with GATE Score, wherever required for any funding and admission purposes.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

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A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action please:-

1. Director/Principal, All Self Financing UG/PG Engg. Colleges/Institutions.
2. Additional Director (Univ.)
3. Deputy Director (IT) to host the above letter on the departmental web-site.
4. PS/DGTE.
5. PA/DTE.

Deputy Director
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