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### **MEMO REGARDING REVISED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023**

The first version of Policies and Procedures for International-Accreditation, International-Preaccreditation, and Provisional International-Accreditation of Professional Degree Programs in Pharmacy in Countries other than the United States and Its Territories were adopted by the ACPE Board of Directors on June 17, 2022. They will be effective on January 1, 2023.

Following is a summary of the most significant changes:

- All Certification-related terms have been changed to the corresponding “International-Accreditation” term (***note hyphen***).
- Glossary: new terms have been added.
- Addition of a requirement for a school/institution to sign and submit to ACPE an agreement acknowledging the new terminology and the implications thereof with respect to eligibility of graduates to apply for licensure as a pharmacist in the USA, and confirming compliance with the new Policies and Procedures prior to the status of the program(s) being redesignated in alignment with the new terminology (see Paragraph 2). Schools and institutions that fail to comply with all ACPE’s requirements will not be entitled to use the new terminology for their program(s).
- Addition of a requirement for schools and institutions to fully disclose (on websites, other applicable media, publications, admission application documents, etc.) the purpose, benefits, and limitations of International-Accreditation, including that International-Accreditation does not confer on graduates direct eligibility for licensure in the United States (see Paragraphs 3, 8.7, and 9.9).
- Addition of implications and consequences for schools and institutions that provide false or misleading information about the benefits of International-Accreditation for graduates of an Internationally-Accredited program, or fail to make the required disclosures or comply with other related requirements, up to and including withdrawal of International-Accreditation Status for schools that fail to comply in a timely manner with ACPE requests to remove or correct any false or misleading information and comply with any other related requirement (see Paragraph 3).
- Addition of a requirement that schools and institutions get a written acknowledgment from already enrolled and incoming students that the program’s International-Accreditation Status does not confer on them direct eligibility for licensure in the USA (see Paragraph 9.10).
- Revision of text relating to submission of the Letter of Intent for an application for International-Accreditation or International-Preaccreditation (see Paragraphs 11.1 and 12.1).

If you have any questions related to the revised Policies and Procedures, please direct them to the undersigned.

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