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## Terms of Reference

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### Professional Development and Learning Committee

1. To advise Council on the development of policy in all matters relating to pharmacy education and training and to keep abreast of national and international developments in the area of healthcare education training and, in particular, pharmacy education and training.
2. To oversee the delivery of programmes of education and training leading to initial qualification and specialization for student pharmacists, pharmacists and, where appropriate, to advise on programmes for pharmacy technicians.
3. To advise on the commissioning and the carrying out of research into the area of education, training, examination and assessment and the keeping and publication of relevant statistics.
4. To set standards for accreditation and to accredit programmes and courses for student pharmacists and pharmacists.
5. To appoint persons with relevant knowledge and experience to visit a recognised institution to carry out a review of a programme of pharmacy education and training.
6. To put in place an effective system of review and evaluation of education, training, examinations, qualifications, experiential learning, as appropriate, in the area of pharmacy.
7. To establish an effective system of examination, assessment and evaluation for student pharmacists and pharmacists in all areas of pharmacy.
8. To appoint examiners in accordance with the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland (Education and Training) Rules 2008 (S.I. No. 493 of 2008) and to make recommendations to the Registrar on the appointment of named independent professional accreditors, assessors, as appropriate.
9. To review, consider and approve matters and criteria in relation to the in-service practical training for student pharmacists.
10. To specify and/or to advise on the requisite standards of knowledge, skills, experience required of a registered pharmacist and the programmes of education and training to be completed by a registered pharmacist in order that he/she may act as a tutor pharmacist.
11. To oversee the development, implementation and quality assurance of a model of continuing professional development (CPD) in the area of pharmacy, including oversight of the Institute of Pharmacy activities and obligations.
12. To contribute to the development of the annual Service Plan and monitor performance against budget on a quarterly basis for the Professional Development and Learning Unit.
13. To report to Council on a regular basis on the actions of the Professional Development and Learning Committee through the Chairperson.
14. To consider and review risks and the mitigating measures to be taken.
15. To liaise with other Committees of Council as required.

16. To review the Terms of Reference of the Committee on an annual basis and make such recommendations to Council in relation thereto as may be deemed appropriate.
17. In accordance with Rule 24(3) of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland (Council) Regulations 2008, the Council hereby dispenses with the necessity to confirm acts of the Professional Development and Learning Committee provided they are undertaken within its stated terms of reference set out above.

<b>Reviewed by:</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Approved by:</b>	<b>Date</b>
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