

FROM THE REGISTRAR'S DESK



WELCOME MESSAGE

On behalf of the Management and Staff of the Pharmacy Council of Nigeria (PCN), I welcome all our esteemed stakeholders to the month of February 2026. As the Council’s regulatory activities continue to deepen and gain momentum, all colleagues are reminded to promptly complete their registration requirements for both individual and premises licences, in line with the provisions of the

Pharmacy Council of Nigeria (Establishment) Act, 2022. Please note that penalties for late registration or licence renewal will be enforced after the statutory deadlines, as prescribed by law. Our colleagues in the Registration and Licensing Departments remain readily available to provide guidance and support where needed.

I would also like to express my sincere appreciation for the kind messages, goodwill, and prayers extended to me on my birthday, January 15, 2026. I pray that God, in His infinite mercy, grants us all abundant reasons to celebrate in the year ahead.

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Month under review

EDUCATION & TRAINING

In January, a total of two hundred and twenty-seven (227) fresh pharmacy graduands were inducted into the pharmacy profession. The graduands were from the following institutions: Olabisi Onabanjo University, Sagamu, Ogun State; Bayero University, Kano; Dora Akunyili College of Pharmacy, Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State; and Madonna University, Elele, Rivers State.

A supplementary induction was also conducted for sixteen (16) graduands from: Gombe State University, Gombe State, and Delta State University, Abraka, Delta State. The supplementary induction also included one (1) FPGOP candidate.

Additionally, one hundred and seventy-five (175) foreign-trained pharmacists who were successful after the second cycle of the 2025 Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Orientation Programme (FPGOP) were inducted into the pharmacy profession.

The Council congratulates all newly inducted pharmacists and wishes them a successful and fulfilling professional career.



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EDUCATION & TRAINING

FPGOP 2026 First Cycle

Registration is open for the First Cycle of the 2026 Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Orientation Programme (FPGOP), scheduled to hold from 12 April to 22 May 2026 at two (2) PCN-designated centres: Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto, Sokoto State (North) and Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Lagos, Yaba, Lagos State (South). Interested applicants are advised to apply and consult the PCN website or visit the nearest PCN Office for enquiries. The application deadline is Friday, 3 April 2026. Further details on required documents and other information have been published on PCN's social media platforms (Facebook, X, and LinkedIn).

PEP 2026 First Cycle

Applications are open for the First Cycle of the 2026 Pre-Registration Examination for Pharmacists (PEP). Interested candidates are to apply online via www.pcnmcpd.com/pep/. The examination is scheduled to hold on Saturday, 14 March 2026, at all PCN-accredited centres nationwide, with the registration deadline on Friday, 6 March 2026. Applicants are advised to consult the PCN PEP Manual (available for sale at PCN offices nationwide) or visit the nearest PCN Office for further enquiries.



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PROGRAMMES COORDINATING DEPARTMENT

Participation in World Bank Health Security Project Orientation

The PCN participated in a one-day Pre-Workplan Orientation Meeting by the World Bank on 16 January 2026 in Abuja. The meeting was held for Federal Implementing Entities under the Health Security Project in Western and Central Africa (HeSP) Nigeria Phase II Project, which seeks to tackle health security vulnerabilities within the region with World Bank support.

Stakeholder Engagement on private Sector Malaria Case Management

In collaboration with the National Malaria Elimination Programme (NMEP), PCN participated in a two-day stakeholder engagement and State Training of Trainers (ToT) on the Private Sector Malaria Case Management Project across eight (8) States of the Federation: Kaduna, Jigawa, Katsina, Niger, Yobe, Adamawa, Taraba, and Osun States. The project aims to train Community Pharmacists (CPs) and Patent and Proprietary Medicines Vendors (PPMVVs) on the provision of quality malaria care services in communities using the test, treat, and track approach.

Participation in National Self-Care Coordination Committee Meeting

PCN also participated in the First Quarter National Self-Care Coordination Committee (NSCC) meeting held at Bolton White Hotel, Abuja, on Tuesday, 27 January 2026. The meeting focused on sharing updates and discussing progress on the implementation of the National Self-Care Programme, among other key agenda items.

Collaboration on PRIME Malaria Intervention

PCN held an inception meeting with Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) on the Private Retailers for Improved Malaria Outcomes (PRIME) Project on Friday, 30 January 2026 in Abuja. The Project will be implemented in two States namely: Kaduna and Katsina.

The Project is aimed at improving access to quality-assured and affordable malaria diagnostics and treatment, leveraging the reach of Community Pharmacists (CPs) and Patent and Proprietary Medicine Vendors (PPMVVs) in underserved communities with limited access to care

COURTESY VISITS



Courtesy call by the Association of Pharmaceutical Products Marketers of Nigeria (APPMAN) on the Registrar on 19 January 2026.



Visit by the management of Medipool on 23 January 2026, a Federal Government initiative aimed at promoting pooled procurement of medicines as a strategy to reduce the cost of medicines.



Courtesy call on the Registrar by a team from the Zamfara State Government to the PCN to seek guidance on the establishment of the Federal University of Health Sciences, Gusau, on 20 January 2026.



Familiarisation visit by the Solina Centre for International Development and Research (SCIDaR) to the Registrar on 21 January 2026.



On 30 January 2026, the Public Private Partnership/Diaspora Unit of the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (FMoH&SW) paid an advocacy visit to the Registrar to request support for the Nigerian Diaspora Advanced Health Programme.



Courtesy Visit by Executives of the Association of Hospital and Administrative Pharmacists of Nigeria (AHAPN) to the Registrar on 30 January 2026.

Courtesy visit by the Registrar to the office of Dr Sununu Yusuf Tanko, Honourable Minister of State for Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Reduction, on 26 January 2026.



The new month presents yet another opportunity for us to strengthen our collective commitment to excellence and service delivery in the pharmacy profession. As we continue to build on the progress of previous month, we look forward to deeper collaboration, impactful initiatives, and shared successes that will advance healthcare in Nigeria.

Wishing you a productive and fulfilling February ahead.

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