

# COMMUNIQUE

## Ministry of Health and Quality of Life

1. The Ministry of Health and Quality of Life hereby informs the public that, the following criteria have been included in the guidelines for the opening of retail pharmacies:

- (i) One Pharmacy for 2000 inhabitants, and
- (ii) A minimum distance of 200 meters (linear) between two pharmacies.

2. While considering an application for the opening of a retail pharmacy in a particular area, the Pharmacy Board will apply the abovementioned additional criteria under Section 18(4) (a) and (b) of the Pharmacy Act 1983.

3. The above requirements will not apply with respect to shopping malls and smart cities.

4. The updated guidelines may be downloaded from the website of the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life at <http://health.govmu.org> or, obtained from the office of the Registrar of the Pharmacy Board at the following address:

**The Registrar, Pharmacy Board**  
**Ministry of Health and Quality of Life**  
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