



Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

Between

Solanki Brothers Council for Open and Distance

Learning (SBCODL), India

And

Eczacılık Eğitimi Programlarını Değerlendirme ve

Akreditasyon Derneği (ECZAKDER), Turkey,

for

MoU for Global Engagement: SBCODL, ECZAKDER –

Joint Membership, Accreditation, Academic

Recognition, and Institutional Excellence

Date: Aug 06, 2025

1. Introduction

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into by and between:

The Solanki Brothers Council for Open and Distance Learning (SBCODL) is a **non-governmental, non-profit, and independent** educational quality assurance and accreditation agency, established in 2022 and registered under the Government of India. Officially recognized by **NITI Aayog** (Government of India), SBCODL provides comprehensive quality assurance, academic benchmarking, and institutional accreditation services across India and internationally.

As a **non-governmental body**, SBCODL supports schools, colleges, universities, and professional education institutions through structured processes such as academic audits, institutional reviews, quality assurance, accreditation, and capacity-building partnerships. The Council operates across traditional, blended, campus-based, and distance learning environments, including those in the health, medical, pharmacy, and technical education sectors.

Its mission is grounded in **educational innovation, pedagogical excellence, and global academic collaboration**, contributing meaningfully to quality education both regionally and globally.

Eczacılık Eğitimi Programlarını Değerlendirme ve Akreditasyon Derneği (ECZAKDER): A non-profit association in Turkey responsible for evaluating and accrediting pharmacy education programs. Recognized by the **Turkish Higher Education Council (YÖK)**, ECZAKDER aims to enhance the quality and consistency of pharmacy education in Turkey and abroad by establishing and applying clear quality standards and by supporting institutions in achieving excellence.

This MoU reflects the shared vision of both organizations to strengthen academic quality, institutional effectiveness, and global collaboration in the field of pharmacy and allied health education.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this MoU is to establish a cooperative relationship between SBCODL and ECZAKDER to:

- Promote collaboration in the evaluation and accreditation of pharmacy and health-related programs.
 - Support the development of global quality standards in pharmaceutical education.
 - Enable joint initiatives in capacity building, research, and academic exchange.
 - Advance the internationalization of educational programs through shared knowledge and best practices
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3. Areas of Collaboration

Both parties agree to explore and engage in the following areas of cooperation:

- Exchange of best practices and expertise in quality assurance and accreditation of pharmacy programs.
- Joint development of evaluation frameworks for distance, hybrid, campus-based, and international pharmacy education.
- Co-organization of academic events, seminars, evaluator training workshops, and capacity-building programs.
- Collaboration on research and publications in the field of pharmacy education, quality assurance, and accreditation.
- Facilitation of student and faculty mobility programs, exchange of evaluators, and mutual recognition opportunities.
- Support for affiliated institutions in obtaining joint or dual accreditation under agreed quality criteria.
- Development of quality indicators, benchmarks, and rating tools for pharmacy and allied health education.
- Exchange of peer review and accreditation methodologies.
- Participation in site visits, academic audits, and institutional reviews as observers or peer reviewers.
- Joint organization of international seminars, QA forums, and collaborative webinars.
- Research collaboration on academic quality, governance, innovation, and pharmacy and allied health education.

4. Roles and Responsibilities

SBCODL Shall:

- Act as the coordinating and authorized body for MoU-related activities in India.
- Lead the coordination of collaboration initiatives in India and the broader South Asian region.
- Recommend institutions within its network for evaluation, accreditation, and capacity-building support.
- Promote ECZAKDER's standards, methodologies, and accreditation services across its affiliated and partner institutions.
- Provide quality assurance support to institutions through evaluations, site visits, reviews, and internal audits.
- Maintain regular communication with ECZAKDER and keep stakeholders informed of collaborative developments.
- Facilitate the sharing of evaluators, research findings, and quality assurance strategies between both organizations.

ECZAKDER Shall:

- Lead pharmacy-specific accreditation and evaluation initiatives under this MoU.
- Provide subject-matter expertise, evaluation tools, and quality standards relevant to pharmacy education.
- Train evaluators, academic reviewers, and institutional leaders in quality assessment practices.
- Facilitate recognition opportunities for SBCODL-affiliated institutions meeting accreditation benchmarks
- Provide frameworks, standards, and expert panels for quality assurance in pharmacy education.
- Lead training programs and evaluator certification initiatives.
- Support benchmarking and institutional recognition across global networks.

Joint Responsibilities

- Design and implement mutually agreed projects and activities under specific Terms of Reference (ToR).
- Ensure transparency, accountability, and quality in all collaborative deliverables.
- Co-develop and disseminate joint publications, reports, and outcomes.
- Ensure open, timely, and effective communication and coordination of all joint activities.
- Uphold the highest standards of ethical practice, confidentiality, and mutual respect.
- Periodically review and assess the effectiveness of collaborative initiatives and revise strategies as needed.
- Appoint liaison officers from both SBCODL and ECZAKDER to oversee implementation and ensure smooth coordination of MoU activities.

5. Implementation Oversight

- Each organization shall appoint a Liaison Officer to monitor and coordinate the MoU's implementation.
- Projects and collaborative activities will be governed by separate Terms of Reference (ToR).
- All official communication regarding the MoU will be directed to:
 - **Dr. Arvind Singh, Chairman, SBCODL – Email: chairman@sbiea.co.in**
 - **Prof. Dr Sibel Süzen, International Coordinator of ECZAKDER Email: sibel2264@gmail.com**

6. National Coordination (India)

- SBCODL may offer **quality assurance recommendations or self-regulated support** to its partner institutions in India, based on site visits, document reviews, and internal evaluation reports.
 - In India, SBCODL will serve as the **coordinating and authorized body** for the **implementation and monitoring** of this Memorandum of Understanding.
 - SBCODL shall manage liaison responsibilities, represent the MoU in official forums, and submit periodic reports on institutional progress and evaluations to **ECZAKDER**.
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6. Use of Logos and Branding

- Both parties authorize the **mutual use of official logos** for co-branded certificates, promotional materials, joint reports, and official communications associated with this partnership.
 - Each party retains its logo ownership, and usage must adhere to agreed brand guidelines.
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7. Membership and Certificate Issuance

- Institutions approved under this MoU may receive **Joint Membership or Joint Accreditation Certificates**, co-endorsed by SBCODL and **ECZAKDER**.
 - All such certificates will be issued based on compliance with agreed evaluation criteria, jointly administered by both organizations.
 - A **digital verification mechanism** may be developed to validate the credentials issued under this MoU.
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8. Term and Termination

- This agreement shall come into effect upon signing by both parties and shall remain in force for an **indefinite period**.
 - Any party may **terminate this MoU** by providing **three (3) months written notice**.
 - Amendments, deletions, or updates to this MoU must be made in writing and approved by both parties.
 - Upon withdrawal of one party, the remaining party may continue activities under a revised agreement or terminate the program entirely.
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09. Governing Language

- The official language for this MoU and related communications shall be **English**
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10. Dispute Resolution

- Disputes or concerns arising from this MoU shall be resolved through **consultation, negotiation, or mediation**. A mutually agreed panel may be formed in cases requiring third-party review.
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11. Legal Status

- This MoU is a **non-binding agreement**, reflecting the shared commitment of both parties to cooperate in good faith. All future legal or financial arrangements will be governed by separate agreements.
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12. Signatories

For Solanki Brothers Council for Open and Distance Learning (SBCODL):

Name: Dr. Arvind Singh

Title: Chairman

Email: chairman@sbiea.co.in

Signature: _____

Date: Aug 06, 2025

For Eczacılık Eğitimi Programlarını Değerlendirme ve Akreditasyon Derneği (ECZAKDER):

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Signature: _____

Date: 06-08-2025_____