

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA DRUGS CONTROL ADMINISTRATION



Press Note

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Awareness on the "Third-Party Verification" feature available on the ODLS Portal of the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, for verifying the genuineness of the drug licence held by a wholesaler/distributor or a medical shop/pharmacy in Telangana.

Retail medical shops/pharmacies shall mandatorily verify the genuineness of the drug licence held by the wholesaler or distributor on the ODLS Portal of the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, before purchasing medicines.

Similarly, wholesalers/dealers shall mandatorily verify the genuineness of the drug licence held by a retail medical shop/pharmacy on the ODLS Portal of the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, before supplying medicines.

These measures ensure integrity in the supply chain of medicines and may prevent the entry of counterfeit drugs into the supply chain.

The ODLS Portal of the DCA, Telangana, under the Third-Party Verification feature, enables the verification of the genuineness of the drug licence held by a wholesaler or a retail medical shop/pharmacy.

The public may also verify whether a medical shop or pharmacy holds a valid licence issued by the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, through

the 'Third-Party Verification' feature on the ODLS Portal. Medicines shall be purchased only from licensed medical shops/pharmacies.

The Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, issues drug licenses for the stocking and selling of medicines in accordance with the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

Stocking and selling of drugs without a drug license is punishable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

Retail medical shops/pharmacies shall <u>mandatorily</u> verify the genuineness of the drug licence held by the wholesaler or distributor (located in Telangana) on the ODLS Portal of the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, before purchasing medicines.

Similarly, wholesalers/dealers shall mandatorily verify the genuineness of the drug licence held by a retail medical shop/pharmacy on the ODLS Portal of the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, before supplying medicines.

As per the modus operandi of offenders involved in spurious or counterfeit medicines and offenses related to habit-forming drugs, fake drug licenses are used to sell the stocks.

Hence, verification of the genuineness of drug licenses on the DCA Telangana portal at https://odls.telangana.gov.in/ThirdPartypublicview.aspx is mandatory before purchasing or selling medicines.

Wholesalers/Dealers who supply medicines to unlicensed entities, who are stocking and selling drugs without a drug license, are also punishable under

the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, and stringent action shall be taken against such Wholesalers/Dealers. Wholesalers/Dealers shall mandatorily ensure that the recipient entities hold a valid drug license before supplying medicines to them.

Public Awareness:

The public should avoid purchasing medicines from unlicensed sources and never buy medicines from unregulated websites or other online platforms. Purchasing medicines from such sources significantly increases the risk to public health, as they are unregulated. It is advisable to purchase medicines only from licensed medical shops, which typically display their drug licenses, issued by the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, conspicuously in a prominent place that is easily visible to the public.

Selling medicines without a license is an offense, and medicines purchased from unlicensed premises are <u>likely to be counterfeit products.</u>

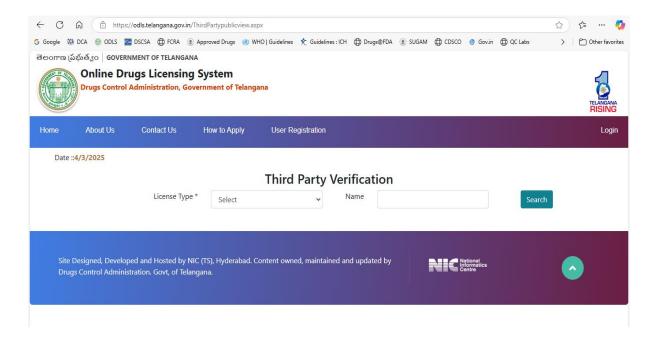
The public can verify whether a medical shop or pharmacy holds a license issued by the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, through the "Third-Party Verification" feature.

The public can enter the name of the pharmacy or medical shop in the search box provided under the "Third-Party Verification" section of the ODLS website at https://odls.telangana.gov.in/ThirdPartypublicview.aspx to verify the details of drug licenses issued by the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana. This enables the public to check whether the medical shop or pharmacy is authorized to sell medicines or not.

Step-1:

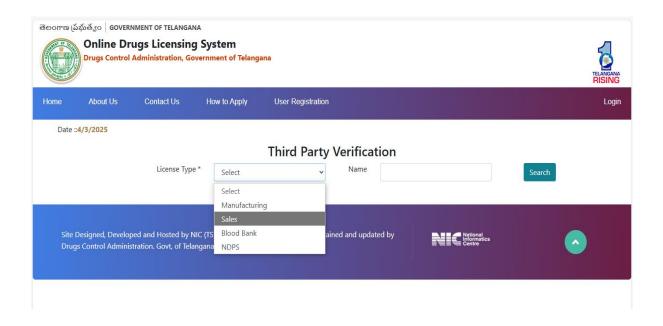
Visit the following website:

https://odls.telangana.gov.in/ThirdPartypublicview.aspx



Step-2:

Select "Sales" under the License Type.



Step-3:

Enter the name of the medical shop or distributor in the search box and click on "Search." The license details will be displayed on the page.



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