The Assistant Nurses (Amendment) Rules, Approval Instrument, 1949

1949 No. 1986

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M.H. 109778

Whereas the General Nursing Council for England and Wales have, in pursuance of their powers under section 2 of the Nurses Act, 1943(**a**), amended the Assistant Nurses Rules, 1945(**b**) and 1948(**c**), and have submitted the amendments to the Minister of Health for his approval:

Now, therefore, the Minister of Health, in exercise of his powers under section 16 of the Nurses Act, 1943, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby approves the said amendments in the form set out in the schedule hereto.

This instrument may be cited as the Assistant Nurses (Amendment) Rules, Approval Instrument, 1949, and shall come into operation on the first day of November, 1949.

SCHEDULE

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

THE NURSES ACT, 1943

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales in the exercise of their powers under section 2 of the Nurses Act, 1943, hereby make the following Rules:—

1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Assistant Nurses (Amendment) Rules, 1949, and shall be read as one with the Assistant Nurses Rules, 1945 and 1948 (hereinafter called the principal Rules).

(2) These Rules and the principal Rules may be cited together as the Assistant Nurses Rules, 1945 to 1949.

2. In paragraph (1) of Rule 2 of the principal Rules, there shall be inserted after the words "admission to the Roll", contained in the definition of "Pupil Assistant Nurse", the words "prior to passing the examination prescribed by these Rules".

3. Paragraph (2) of Rule 20 of the principal Rules is hereby revoked and there shall be substituted therefor the following paragraph:—

"(2) The examination shall be based on the subjects mentioned in Parts I to V of the Syllabus contained in the Fifth Schedule to these Rules: Provided that in the case of male pupils, the examination shall not extend to the subject indicated in Part IV of the Syllabus as not applicable to the training of male Pupil Assistant Nurses".

(**a**) 6 & 7 Geo. 6. c. 17.
(**b**) Printed by J. S. Forsaith & Son, Ltd., 329, Bethnal Green Road, E.C.2.
(**c**) Scheduled to S.I. 1948 (No. 2714) I, p. 3169.

4. Paragraphs (*b*) and (*d*) of Rule 22 of the principal Rules are hereby revoked and there shall be substituted therefor the following paragraphs:—

"(*b*) The candidate has attained the age of 19 years.

(*d*) The candidate has since attaining the age of 18 years undergone a course of not less than one year's training in a Complete School or in a group of Component Schools of which period not less than four consecutive weeks shall have been spent in preliminary training as provided in paragraph (*c*) of this Rule."

5. Rule 23 of the principal Rules is hereby revoked and there shall be substituted therefor the following Rule:—

"Rule 23.—(1) A candidate who has completed her trâining for admission to any Part of the Register shall be entitled to enter for the examination provided that

(*a*) the candidate's name is on the Index of Pupils;

(*b*) the candidate has attained the age of 19 years;

(*c*) the candidate has passed the Preliminary Examination for admission to the Register and is eligible for the Final Examination for any Part of the Register or has entered for the Final Examination and has been unsuccessful;

(*d*) the candidate is honest and of good moral character and her conduct has been satisfactory during the period of training, and

(*e*) the candidate has deposited with the Registrar a certificate signed by the Matron, Superintendent Nurse or other person occupying a similar position in each of the Training Schools in which her training was carried out, verifying the requirements specified in sub-paragraphs (*c*) and (*d*) of this paragraph.

(2) A candidate who has had not less than one year's training for admission to any Part of the Register shall be entitled to enter for the examination provided that

(*a*) the candidate's name is on the Index of Pupils;

(*b*) the candidate has attained the age of 19 years;

(*c*) the candidate shall also have undergone three months' training as a Pupil Assistant Nurse in accordance with the Syllabus contained in the Fifth Schedule to these Rules, or where she shall not have undergone such period of three months' training as aforesaid, she shall have had not less than one and a half years' training for admission to any Part of the Register;

(*d*) the candidate is honest and of good moral character and her conduct has been satisfactory during the period of training, and

(*e*) the candidate has deposited with the Registrar a certificate signed by the Matron, Superintendent Nurse or other person occupying a similar position in each of the Training Schools in which her training was carried out, verifying the requirements specified in sub-paragraphs (*c*) and (*d*) of this paragraph."

6. Rules 25 and 26 of the principal Rules are hereby revoked.

7. After Rule 24 of the principal Rules there shall be inserted the following Rules:—

"Rule 25.—A candidate shall be entitled to make application to the Registrar for her name to be entered on the Roll, who has:—

(1) (*a*) passed the examination under the provisions of Rule 22 of these Rules and then undergone a year's practical experience under trained supervision in a Training School approved under these Rules: Provided that a candidate who has commenced training prior to the 1st day of June, 1950, and has passed the examination after undergoing a course of not less than two years in a Preliminary Training School and a Complete School or in a Preliminary Training School and a group of Component Schools, of which period not less than one year shall have been spent in the nursing of the chronic sick, shall not be required to undergo a year's practical experience after passing the examination, or

(*b*) passed the examination under the provisions of Rule 23 of these Rules and (except in the case of a candidate who has spent at least 2½ years in training for admission to the Register other than the Part for Mental Nurses) has undergone a period of practical experience in the nursing of the sick under trained supervision calculated as follows:—

Time spent in training for admission to the Register, other than the Part for Mental Nurses:	*Period of experience under supervision required:*
Not less than 1½ years but less than 2½ years =	six months.
Not less than 1 year but less than 1½ years =	nine months in addition to the three months' training required under Rule 23 (2) (*c*).

Time spent in training for the Part of the Register for Mental Nurses:	*Period of experience under supervision required:*
Not less than 1½ years =	twelve months.
Not less than 1 year but less than 1½ years =	nine months in addition to the three months' training required under Rule 23 (2) (*c*).

(2) deposited with the Registrar a certificate signed by the Matron, Superintendent Nurse or other person occupying a similar position in the Training School in which her period of experience under supervision was carried out, verifying that the applicant has undergone the required period of experience and that the applicant is honest and of good moral character and that her conduct has been satisfactory during the period of experience.

Rule 25A.—Every Pupil Assistant Nurse shall after she has passed the examination and while she is undergoing practical experience under trained supervision as provided by Rule 25 of these Rules be known as a Senior Pupil Assistant Nurse.

Rule 26.—Should it come to the notice of the Council that a candidate for entrance to the examination or a candidate who has passed the examination but has not had her name entered on the Roll, has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanour or has been guilty of conduct which had she been an enrolled Assistant Nurse would in the opinion of the Committee have rendered her liable to disciplinary action under these Rules and to the removal of her name from the Roll, the Committee may, after having given the candidate an opportunity of stating her case and after making such reasonable investigations as may be necessary, refuse to admit her to the examination or, as the case may be, refuse to place her name on the Roll or defer enrolment for such a period as the Committee may think fit."

8. The Fifth Schedule to the principal Rules is hereby revoked and there shall be substituted therefor the following Schedule:—

"FIFTH SCHEDULE

TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR ADMISSION TO THE ROLL OF ASSISTANT NURSES

PART I.	Introduction .. ..
PART II.	Body Structure and Functions in Health—Elementary Hygiene—The Laws of Healthy Living—The Maintenance of Health .. ..
PART III.	First Aid .. ..
PART IV.	General Nursing: Domestic Cleanliness and Hygiene of the Wards—Handling of Equipment—Routine Nursing Procedures—Care of Patients .. .. ..
PART V.	The Nursing Duties and Attention Required During Illness—The Main Features of Disease .. .. ..

PART I

Introduction

Development of nursing—its value to the community.

The nurse's place and responsibility in the hospital and health services.

The nurse's relationship with her patients, her colleagues, the medical, administrative and other hospital staffs.

The patient as an individual. The effect of illness and separation from familiar background on the behaviour of children and adults.

PART II

Body Structure and Functions in Health—Elementary Hygiene—The Laws of Healthy Living—The Maintenance of Health

An elementary knowledge of:—

The structure and functions of the human body applied to the normal.

Hygiene: The laws of healthy living as these affect the individual and the community, and are applied to the home. The maintenance of health. The importance of promoting good health. The factors which cause deterioration in health and how these may be dealt with by the individual, in the family and in the community.

Nutrition: Purpose of food. Types of food and accessory food factors. Preparation and serving of food. Principles and methods of simple cookery.

PART III

First Aid

The principles and practice of first aid.

PART IV

General Nursing: Domestic Cleanliness and Hygiene of the Wards—Handling of Equipment—Routine Nursing Procedures—Care of Patients

Domestic Cleanliness. Ward Hygiene.

Equipment. Handling and care of equipment in common use, including bed accessories and utensils.

Routine Nursing Procedures. Preparation and making of beds and cots. Positions used in nursing. Admission of patients. Immersion and blanket bathing. Care of mouth, skin, hair, nails, hands and feet. The treatment of verminous patients. The giving and removing of sanitary utensils. Care of helpless and incontinent patients. Prevention of bedsores. Taking temperature, pulse and respiration rate. Charting. Serving meals and feeding helpless patients. Care of ambulant patients. Ambulance duties. Care of the dying and Last Offices. Care of patients' property. Care and custody of medicines. Giving medicines. Technique of giving hypodermic injections. Safe custody of poisons, i.e. disinfectants. Preparation of lotions in common use. Observation and disposal of urine, faeces, sputum and vomit. Collection of specimens. Simple urine tests. Giving and receiving reports. Writing ward reports.

Special Nursing Procedures. Preparation for method of carrying out the following: sponging patient, swabbing and bathing eye. Preparation for examination of throat. Application of ice-bag, compresses, fomentations, poultices, liniments and ointments. Application of strapping, elastoplast and simple splints. Preparation for application of plaster of Paris. Preparation for administration of oxygen. Use of dry and moist inhalations. Use of steam kettle and steam tent. Preparation for examination of vagina* and rectum. Giving enemas. Passing a flatus tube. The use and care of common surgical appliances, e.g. trusses, colostomy belts.

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* Not applicable to the training of male pupil assistant nurses.

Surgical cleanliness and surgical nursing care. Sterilization of articles in common use. Disinfectants in common use. Disinfection. Preparation for surgical dressings. Conduct of simple dressings. Preparation of patients for, and care of patients recovering from, minor operations.

Ward administration in connection with: visits of ministers of religion; patients' visitors; transfer and discharge of patients; care of hospital property and of patients' property.

Knowledge of procedure to be adopted in the case of seriously ill patients; accidents and emergencies in the ward; fire precautions.

PART V

The Nursing Duties and Attention Required During Illness—The Main Features of Disease

Introduction. The importance of the early recognition of the signs and symptoms of disease. General principles of nursing care.

Nursing care and observation of infants and children. Bathing, feeding and clothing. Symptoms and signs of minor ailments.

Principles of nursing care in Infectious Diseases. Infection. Modes of transmission and prevention of spread of infection, e.g. tuberculosis, gastro-intestinal disorders, common infections of childhood.

Special aspects of disease in old age and in the chronically ill. The importance of providing occupation and of getting patients up."

9. The Sixth Schedule to the principal Rules shall be amended as follows:—

(1) After the words "Sixth Schedule" there shall be inserted the words "Part I".

(2) At the end of Part I of the Schedule there shall be inserted the following Part:—

"PART II

Uniform and Badge which may be worn by male enrolled Assistant Nurses

A. Description of Uniform

1. The basic colours shall be dark brown, apple green and bronze.
2. The outdoor uniform shall consist of:—
   (*a*) An overcoat (lightweight); or overcoat (heavyweight); or approved raincoat; and
   (*b*) A dark brown lounge suit worn with white shirt, and dark green tie; and
   (*c*) A dark brown peaked cap with embroidered device in front; or dark brown beret with embroidered device in front; or dark brown forage cap with two small regulation buttons in front and embroidered device.
3. The indoor uniform shall consist of:—
   A washing duty coat.

With any of the above uniforms there shall be worn:—

Dark brown socks, brown boots or shoes and with the outdoor uniform dark brown or chamois gloves.

B. Particulars of Items of Uniform

Overcoat

(*a*) Style:

Double breasted, Lancer front. Regulation buttons.
Worn button-to-throat or open to third button.
Detachable epaulettes with plated metal letters.
Two pockets with flaps, one inside pocket.
All round belt with leather covered slide.
Lined to waist.

(*b*) Material:

Lightweight: Dark brown serge.

Heavyweight: Dark brown cheviot.

Raincoat

(*a*) Style:

"Burberry" design, detachable epaulettes with plated metal letters.

(*b*) Material:

Approved special material of dark brown rainproof cloth.

Suit

(*a*) Style:

Plain lounge suit, single or double breasted, with regulation detachable buttons.

Trousers, with or without turn-ups.

(*b*) Material:

Dark brown suiting serge or similar material.

Shirt

White poplin shirt with detachable semi-stiff collar.

Tie

Dark green tie.

Washing Duty Coat

(*a*) Style:

Coat to knee length, with wide wrap. Button-over front fastening with 8/9 registered buttons, with upstanding collar.

Inset belt at back, two pockets. Detachable half-sleeves.

Epaulettes of dark green bearing metal letters of designation.

(*b*) Material:

Apple green drill.

C. Badge and Lettering

The badge, embroidered device and metal letters are identical with those prescribed for female enrolled Assistant Nurses."

Seal

(Signed) *Dorothy M. Smith,*
Chairman of the Council.

The Seal of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was hereunto affixed this 23rd day of September, 1949.

M. Henry,
Registrar.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this twenty-sixth day of October, nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

(L.S.)

Aneurin Bevan,
Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Instrument, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The amending rules made by the General Nursing Council provide for miscellaneous amendments to the rules relating to admission to the examination for Assistant Nurses, including the lowering of the age of admission from twenty years to nineteen, and the reduction of the period of training prior to the examination from two years to one year.

The rules relating to enrolment have been amended to provide for a candidate undergoing a year's practical experience under trained supervision, after passing the examination and before enrolment. Consequential amendments have been made to meet the case of candidates who have previously trained for admission to the Register.

The Training syllabus contained in the Fifth Schedule to the rules has been revised, and the Sixth Schedule has been divided into 2 parts, of which Part II now prescribes the uniform to be worn by male enrolled Assistant Nurses.

NURSES, SCOTLAND

The General Nursing Council for Scotland (Amendment) Rules, 1949, Approval Instrument, 1949

1949 No. 983 (S. 62)

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Whereas the General Nursing Council for Scotland, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 3 of the Nurses Registration (Scotland) Act, 1919(a), on the twenty-fifth day of March, 1949, made the General Nursing Council for Scotland (Amendment) Rules, 1949, and have submitted the said Rules to the Secretary of State for approval:

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 16 of the Nurses (Scotland) Act, 1943(b), I do hereby approve the said Rules in the form set out in the schedule hereto.

This Instrument may be cited as the General Nursing Council for Scotland (Amendment) Rules, 1949, Approval Instrument, 1949, and shall come into operation on the 24th day of May, 1949.

Arthur Woodburn,
One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh.
20th May, 1949.

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 5. c. 95. (b) 6 & 7 Geo. 6. c. 33.