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The Assistant Nurses Rules, Approval Instrument, 1952

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Whereas the General Nursing Council for England and Wales have, in pursuance of their powers under section 2 of the Nurses Act, 1943(**a**), and section 20 of the Nurses Act, 1949(**b**), made rules superseding the Assistant Nurses Rules, 1945 to 1950(**c**), and have submitted them 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 section 20 of the Nurses Act, 1949, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby approves the said rules in the form set out in the schedule hereto.

This instrument may be cited as the Assistant Nurses Rules, Approval Instrument, 1952, and shall come into operation on the first day of August, 1952.

SCHEDULE

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Nurses Acts 1943 *and* 1949

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales in the exercise of their powers under section 2 of the Nurses Act, 1943, and section 20 of the Nurses Act, 1949, hereby make the following Rules:—

PART I

General

1. These Rules may be cited as the Assistant Nurses Rules, 1952.

2.—(1) In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:—

"Approved Training Institution" means an Institution approved by the Council for the purpose of the training Rules as a Training School for assistant nurses or as part of a Training School for assistant nurses;

"Enrolled assistant nurse" means a person whose name is entered on the Roll;

(**a**) 6 & 7 Geo. 6. c. 17. (**b**) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 73.

(**c**) Text printed by J. S. Forsaith and Son, Ltd., 329, Bethnal Green Road, London, E.2, subject to Amendments contained in Rules scheduled to S.I. 1948/2714; Rev. XVI, p. 1074; 1948 I, p. 3169; S.I. 1949/1986; 1950/691: 1949 I, p. 2896; 1950 II, p. 117.

"Experience under supervision" means practical experience in the nursing of the sick acquired under the supervision of registered nurses in an approved Training Institution;

"Preliminary Training School" means the department of an approved Training Institution in which pupil assistant nurses receive preliminary instruction in the theory and practice of nursing prior to the commencement of their training in the wards;

"Pupil assistant nurse" means a person who is for the time being undergoing training for admission to the Roll, prior to passing the examination prescribed by these Rules;

"Student nurse" means a person who is for the time being undergoing training for admission to any part of the Register;

"Training" means training (*a*) in an approved Training Institution for assistant nurses and in the case of training in a part of a Training School for assistant nurses, in accordance with a Scheme of Training approved by the Council; and (*b*) in accordance with the syllabus contained in the Second Schedule to these Rules;

"The Act of 1919" means the Nurses Registration Act, 1919;

"The Act of 1943" means the Nurses Act, 1943;

"The Committee" means the Assistant Nurses Committee established by the Act of 1943;

"The Council" means the General Nursing Council for England and Wales;

"The Register" means the Register of Nurses formed and kept by the Council;

"The Registrar" means the person for the time being appointed to act as Registrar of the Council under section 4 of the Act of 1919, and includes any person duly authorised to act and acting on her behalf;

"The Roll" means the Roll of Assistant Nurses formed and kept by the Council.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(a), applies to the interpretation of these Rules as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament, and in these Rules words importing the feminine gender include the masculine, unless the contrary intention appears.

3. The Assistant Nurses Rules, 1945 to 1950, are hereby revoked.

PART II

Formation and Maintenance of Roll

4.—(1) The Roll shall contain the particulars set forth in the First Schedule to these Rules.

(2) Each person whose name is entered on the Roll shall be assigned an enrolment number.

(3) Every enrolled assistant nurse shall notify to the Registrar every permanent change of address, and for the purposes of these Rules the address last so notified shall be deemed to be her registered address.

5. Any person who is qualified under these Rules for admission to the Roll, other than a person who is so qualified under Rule 17 of these Rules, and who desires to have her name entered on the Roll shall apply to the Registrar, on a form to be supplied by the Council, for admission to the Roll, and at the time of such application shall pay an enrolment fee of three guineas. No applicant shall be entitled to have her name entered on the Roll unless she has produced such satisfactory references as to character as the Council may require.

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

6.—(1) Where before the 1st day of May, 1952, the name of an assistant nurse has been removed from the Roll in consequence of the failure of the said assistant nurse to apply for the retention of her name on the Roll in accordance with Rules then in force, the assistant nurse shall be entitled to apply to have her name restored to the Roll. The application for restoration shall be accompanied by a written explanation of the applicant's failure to apply for the retention of her name on the Roll, and by a fee of ten shillings and sixpence together with a fee in accordance with the following table, based on her age at the 1st day of May, 1950:—

TABLE

Age on 1st May, 1950.	*Fee required.* £ s. d.
55 years and over	10 6
50 to 54 years	1 1 0
45 to 49 years	1 11 6
35 to 44 years	2 2 0
30 to 34 years	2 12 6
Under 30 years	3 3 0

(2) If the Committee are satisfied with the explanation offered by the applicant and any references which they may reasonably require are satisfactory, they shall restore her name to the Roll.

(3) Where the name of an assistant nurse has been removed from the Roll for disciplinary reasons, the procedure for restoration of her name to the Roll shall be that laid down in Part VI of these Rules.

7. Where subsequent to her enrolment, the name of an enrolled assistant nurse has been or is included in the Register, her name may be removed from the Roll at her request.

PART III

Admission to the Roll

A. Conditions of admission by examination

8.—(1) For the purposes of section 2 (2) (*b*) of the Act of 1943, an Institution shall be approved by the Council either—

(*a*) as a Training School for assistant nurses capable of providing a complete training qualifying for admission to the Roll; or

(*b*) as a part of a Training School for assistant nurses capable of providing in association with one or more other Training Institutions under a Scheme of Training such complete training as aforesaid.

In approving a Training Institution to take part in a Scheme of Training provided by a group of such Institutions, the Council shall direct what proportion of the training period shall be spent in each of the participating Institutions.

The Council may, if they think fit, approve the same Institution both as a Training School and as a part of a Training School for assistant nurses.

(2) The Council shall prepare and keep lists of Institutions which are for the time being approved by the Council as Training Schools and as parts of Training Schools for assistant nurses respectively.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4) of this Rule, in respect of every Institution, other than an Institution vested in the Minister of Health, for which application is made to the Council for approval under paragraph (1) of this Rule, there shall be paid to the Council by the persons responsible for its management, the following fees:—

(*a*) in all cases on the making of the application, a fee of five guineas which shall be retained by the Council, whether or not approval of the Institution is granted;

(*b*) in the case of Institutions at which pupil assistant nurses may spend more than six months of their training, an additional fee of five guineas in respect of the first year, payable on receipt of notice of approval, and an annual fee of ten guineas in respect of each subsequent year during which the approval of the Council is continued, payable at the commencement of such year;

(*c*) in the case of Institutions at which pupil assistant nurses may spend not more than six months of their training, an annual fee of five guineas in respect of each year after the first year during which the approval of the Council is continued, payable at the commencement of such year.

(4) Where an Institution, other than an Institution vested in the Minister of Health, was approved by the Council prior to the 1st day of May, 1950, there shall be paid to the Council by the persons responsible for its management on each anniversary of the date of such approval, in respect of the ensuing year, during the period in which approval is continued, a fee of:—

(i) ten guineas where the Institution is one at which pupil assistant nurses may spend more than six months of their training, or

(ii) five guineas where the Institution is one at which pupil assistant nurses may spend not more than six months of their training.

9.—(1) The Council shall keep an Index of pupil assistant nurses and when an applicant has been accepted by an approved Training Institution as a pupil assistant nurse, the Institution shall submit to the Council within thirty days of the commencement of her training her full name, evidence of age, educational qualifications, date of commencement of training, and any other particulars which the Council may reasonably require, and in the case of candidates who under Rule 12 of these Rules are entitled to enter for the examination after a reduced period of training, particulars of the previous training as a student nurse, in order that the name of such pupil may be recorded in the Index.

(2) The minimum age for admission to training shall be eighteen years, and the name of an applicant shall not be entered in the Index of pupil assistant nurses until she has attained that age.

(3) If a pupil assistant nurse shall for any reason discontinue her training, the approved Training Institution concerned shall report the fact to the Council; and if she has at the time of such discontinuance completed not less than six months' training, the Institution shall send the Council a statement showing the training undergone by her.

10.—(1) The Council shall hold an examination at such times and subject to such provisions as they may from time to time determine.

(2) The examination shall be based on the subjects prescribed in the syllabus contained in the Second 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.

(3) The examination shall consist of a simple written test together with a test of practical efficiency, and shall be held in an approved Training Institution in which the candidate has received training.

(4) The entrance fee for the examination shall be three guineas, payable before the applicant's name is entered for the examination.

11. Subject to the provisions of Rule 12 of these Rules, a candidate may enter for the examination if:—

(*a*) her name is recorded in the Index of pupil assistant nurses, and

(*b*) she has attained the age of nineteen years, and

(*c*) she has since attaining the age of eighteen years undergone a course of not less than one year's training in an approved Training Institution, including a period of not less than four consecutive weeks' preliminary training in a

Preliminary Training School, or is due to complete such training by the last day of the month in which the examination is held, and

(*d*) she has been instructed in accordance with the syllabus contained in the Second Schedule to these Rules, and

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

(*f*) she has deposited with the Registrar a certificate signed by the Matron, or other responsible officer of the approved Training Institution or Institutions in which her training or instruction was given and carried out, verifying that the requirements specified in this Rule have been satisfied.

12.—(1) A person who has completed her training for admission to the Final Examination for any part of the Register shall be entitled to enter for the examination provided under Rule 10 of these Rules if:—

(*a*) her name is recorded in the Index of pupil assistant nurses, and

(*b*) she has attained the age of nineteen years, and

(*c*) she 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, and

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

(*e*) she has deposited with the Registrar a certificate signed by the Matron, or other responsible officer of the approved Training Institution or Intitutions in which her training or instruction was given and carried out, verifying that the requirements specified in this paragraph have been satisfied.

(2) A person who has had not less than one year's training for admission to the Final Examination for any part of the Register shall be entitled to enter for the examination provided under Rule 10 of these Rules if:—

(*a*) her name is recorded in the Index of pupil assistant nurses, and

(*b*) she has attained the age of nineteen years, and

(*c*) she has undergone three months' training as a pupil assistant nurse in the subjects prescribed in the Second Schedule to these Rules, or she has had not less than one and a half years' training for admission to any part of the Register, and

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

(*e*) she has deposited with the Registrar a certificate signed by the Matron, or other responsible officer of the approved Training Institution or Institutions in which her training or instruction was given and carried out, verifying that the requirements specified in this paragraph have been satisfied.

13. A candidate who enters for the examination and fails may enter for the examination again, but if she fails a second time she may be required to undergo further training or to acquire experience under supervision for a period not exceeding six months, as the Committee may decide, before being permitted to enter again for the examination.

14. A person shall be entitled in accordance with the provisions of Rule 5 of these Rules 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 11 of these Rules and since the completion of her year of training acquired experience under supervision for a period of at least one year, or

(*b*) passed the examination under the provisions of Rule 12 of these Rules and (except in the case of a person who has spent at least two and a half years in training for admission to the Register, other than the part

for mental nurses) acquired experience under supervision for a period 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 one and a half years but less than two and a half years.	six months.
Not less than one year but less than one and a half years.	nine months in addition to the three months' training required under Rule 12 (2) (*c*).
Time spent in training for the part of the Register for mental nurses:	*Period of experience under supervision required:*
Not less than one and a half years.	twelve months.
Not less than one year but less than one and a half years.	nine months in addition to the three months' training required under Rule 12 (2) (*c*).

and (2) deposited with the Registrar a certificate signed by the Matron, or other responsible officer of the approved Training Institution in which her period of experience under supervision was undergone, verifying that she has undergone the required period, that she is honest and of good moral character, and that her conduct has been satisfactory during the period of experience.

15. Every pupil assistant nurse shall, after she has passed the examination and while she is acquiring experience under supervision as provided by Rule 14 of these Rules, be known as a senior pupil assistant nurse.

16. Should it come to the notice of the Council that a candidate for entry to the examination, or a person 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, the Committee on being notified of the facts may, after giving her the opportunity of stating her case, and making such other reasonable investigations as may be necessary, refuse to admit her to the examination or, as the case may be, refuse to enter her name on the Roll, or defer enrolment for such a period as the Committee may think fit.

B. Conditions of admission of persons enrolled in Scotland or Northern Ireland

17. Any person whose name is entered on the Roll kept by the General Nursing Council for Scotland or by the Joint Nursing and Midwives Council for Northern Ireland, who makes application to the Registrar on a form to be supplied by the Council, and pays the under-mentioned fees, and produces a certificate issued by the Registrar of the Council on whose Roll her name is entered, to that effect, and a complete copy of such entry, shall be admitted to the Roll.

Where the person was enrolled in Scotland or Northern Ireland prior to the 1st day of May, 1950, there shall be payable at the time of application a fee of one guinea together with the appropriate fee set out in the table contained in paragraph (1) of Rule 6 of these Rules, based on her age at the 1st day of May, 1950.

Where the person was first enrolled in Scotland or Northern Ireland on or after the 1st day of May, 1950, there shall be payable on application a fee of four guineas.

C. Waiver of requirements

18. The Council may at their discretion in an exceptional case waive any of the requirements of Parts II and III of these Rules relating to the training, examination and admission of assistant nurses to the Roll.

PART IV

Certificate of Admission to the Roll

19. Every assistant nurse admitted to the Roll shall be granted a certificate stating that her name has been enrolled, and the date of enrolment, and such certificate shall be sealed with the Seal of the Council.

20. In the event of a certificate becoming lost or accidentally destroyed, the holder may apply to the Council for a fresh certificate, and the Council may, if they think fit, grant such fresh certificate upon payment by the applicant of a fee of ten shillings. A certificate issued under this Rule shall be marked "Duplicate".

21. Any person shall be entitled, upon payment to the Registrar of a fee of ten shillings, to be furnished with a certificate under the Seal of the Council certifying that a person is, or was at any date, or is not, or was not at any date, duly enrolled.

PART V

Removal of Name from the Roll

22.—(1) When it is brought to the notice of the Council that an enrolled assistant nurse (in this part of these Rules referred to as "the Respondent") has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanour, or where she is alleged to have been guilty of any misconduct, during the period in which her name is on the Roll or during any period in which her name has for any reason been excluded from the Roll, the Registrar, after making such further inquiries relative thereto as she thinks necessary, shall lay the matter before the Committee.

(2) The Committee may at any stage of the case take the advice of a Solicitor appointed by the Council, and may instruct him to obtain proofs of evidence in support of the allegations against the Respondent, and may, in such cases as they think fit, decline to proceed with the matter unless the evidence in support of the charge (other than evidence of a conviction) is verified by statutory declaration.

(3) Where it is proved to the Committee by the certificate of the competent officer of the Court in which the proceedings took place that the Respondent has been convicted of a felony or of any misdemeanour, and has been sentenced to a term of imprisonment, and that such conviction has not been subsequently quashed on appeal, the Committee may, forthwith and without further inquiry, remove the name of the Respondent from the Roll, and require her to surrender her certificate of enrolment and badge, if any, to the Registrar.

(4) In any other case in which the Committee decide to proceed, they shall invite the Respondent to furnish any written statement or explanation which she may desire to offer, and shall consider such statement or explanation.

Where in such a case the Committee decide that a prima facie case is made out for the removal of the Respondent's name from the Roll, they may direct the Registrar to arrange a hearing of the case and may direct the Solicitor to take all necessary steps for verifying the evidence to be submitted to the Committee and for obtaining the necessary documents and the attendance of witnesses.

23.—(1) Where the Committee decide that a case should proceed to a hearing, the Registrar shall send to the Respondent a notice in writing in the form set out in the Third Schedule to these Rules, specifying the nature and particulars of the charge against her, and informing her of the time and place of the meeting at which the case will be heard, and requiring her to send or deliver to the Registrar her certificate of enrolment and badge, if any, not later than the date

on which the hearing takes place. Such notice shall be sent by registered post to the registered address of the Respondent contained in the Roll, or if the Registrar has reason to believe that that address is not her present address, then to any later address which may be known to the Registrar, and shall be posted so as to allow at least twenty-one days to elapse between the day on which the notice is posted and the date fixed for the hearing.

(2) The Respondent shall be entitled to be represented at the hearing by a friend, or by Counsel or a Solicitor:

Provided that if she intends to be represented by Counsel or a Solicitor, not less than seven days' notice of such intention shall be given to the Registrar.

24. At the hearing of the case, the Solicitor, Registrar, or other person appointed by the Committee for the purpose shall first state to the Committee the facts of the case and the charge alleged against the Respondent, and shall then submit to the Committee the evidence in support of the charge, and the Respondent or her representative shall be entitled to cross-examine any witness appearing against her on matters relevant to the charge.

25. When the statement of the charge and the evidence in support thereof are concluded, the Respondent, or her representative, shall be invited by the Chairman to address the Committee and to tender evidence in answer to the charge, and the Solicitor, Registrar or other person appointed by the Committee for the purpose, shall be entitled to cross-examine any witness tendered in answer to the charge, and to reply upon the whole case, after the Respondent or her representative has replied.

26. If the Respondent does not attend, either personally or by a representative, the Committee may proceed to hear and determine the case in her absence.

27.—(1) Upon the conclusion of the case the Committee shall, after consideration of the relevant evidence, pronounce their decision either forthwith or at a later date in writing or at a subsequent meeting.

(2) If the Committee find the charges against the Respondent to be proved either in whole or in part, they may remove her name from the Roll.

28.—(1) The Registrar shall forthwith communicate with the Respondent by registered letter informing her of the decision of the Committee.

(2) The Registrar shall in the case of the removal of the Respondent's name from the Roll, retain the Respondent's certificate of enrolment and badge, if any, and shall remove her name from the Roll.

29. In the event of the removal of the name of an assistant nurse from the Roll under this part of these Rules, notification of the fact shall forthwith be sent by the Registrar to the General Nursing Council for Scotland and/or to the Joint Nursing and Midwives Council for Northern Ireland, if the Council are aware that the name of such assistant nurse is or was also enrolled in Scotland and/or in Northern Ireland.

30. In the event of the Council receiving a notification from the General Nursing Council for Scotland and/or the Joint Nursing and Midwives Council for Northern Ireland, that the name of any assistant nurse enrolled by either or both of those Councils has been removed from the Roll in Scotland or Northern Ireland by reason of a finding by such Council that such assistant nurse has been guilty of a felony, misdemeanour, or any misconduct, if the Registrar shall find that the name of the assistant nurse is also entered on the Roll, she shall inform her by registered letter that the Council have received such notification, and shall inquire of her whether she desires to show cause why her name should not also be removed from the Roll. If no answer is received by the Registrar within twenty-eight days after the despatch of such letter, or such longer period as the Council may allow if they are satisfied that there is sufficient reason for an extension of time, or if the assistant nurse replies that she does not desire

to show cause as aforesaid, then the Committee shall at their next convenient meeting direct the Registrar to remove the assistant nurse's name from the Roll. If the assistant nurse replies that she does desire to show cause as aforesaid, the Registrar shall lay the matter before the Committee. The Committee shall thereupon proceed to deal with the matter by way of a fresh hearing under this part of these Rules, as if the complaint had been originally made to the Council. The action of the Committee shall in due course be notified to the General Nursing Council for Scotland and/or the Joint Nursing and Midwives Council for Northern Ireland, as the case may be.

31. If any question shall arise as to the meaning or effect of this part of these Rules, or if any question or matter shall arise which is not provided for by this part of these Rules, such question or matter shall be decided by the Council.

PART VI

Restoration of Name to the Roll

32.—(1) Where the name of an enrolled assistant nurse has been removed from the Roll under Part V of these Rules, any application for its restoration to the Roll shall be made in writing addressed to the Registrar and signed by the applicant, stating the grounds on which the application is made.

(2) The application shall contain the names and addresses of two or more persons, of whom two shall be Justices of the Peace, ministers of religion, registered medical practitioners, or registered nurses, able and willing to identify the applicant and give evidence as to her character, and the nature of her employment both before and since the date of the removal of her name, and such other evidence as the Committee may require.

(3) The Committee may require the applicant to verify by a statutory declaration any statement made in her application, or any further statement which they may think necessary, and may, if they think fit, require the applicant to attend in person at a meeting of the Committee at which the matter is to be considered.

33. If, upon consideration of the application and of the evidence furnished in support of it, the Committee are satisfied that the name of the applicant should be restored to the Roll, they may direct the Registrar accordingly, and, upon payment by the applicant of the undermentioned fee or fees, her name shall be restored to the Roll and a new certificate shall be issued to her:—

(1) In all cases a fee of one guinea shall be payable.

(2) Where the name of the applicant was removed from the Roll prior to the 1st day of May, 1950, or where it was removed between that date and the 1st day of May, 1952, but the applicant had not paid the appropriate fee for the retention of her name on the Roll without limit of time in accordance with Rules then in force, the fee payable at the time of the application shall include in addition the appropriate fee set out in the table contained in paragraph (1) of Rule 6 of these Rules, based on her age at the 1st day of May, 1950.

34. In the event of notice being received by the Council from the General Nursing Council for Scotland and/or the Joint Nursing and Midwives Council for Northern Ireland that they have restored to their Roll the name of an assistant nurse whose name they had removed from their Roll, if the Registrar shall find that the name of such assistant nurse was removed from the Roll, it shall be the duty of the Registrar to lay the matter before the Committee. The Committee shall then consider the matter, and if necessary make inquiries and may, if they think fit, having regard to all the circumstances and at their discretion, likewise restore the name of such assistant nurse to the Roll, if she applies under and conforms to such of the provisions of this part of these Rules as the Committee shall require.

35. In the event of the restoration of the name of an assistant nurse to the Roll under this part of these Rules, notification of the fact shall forthwith be sent by the Registrar to the General Nursing Council for Scotland and/or the Joint Nursing and Midwives Council for Northern Ireland, if the Council are aware that the name of such assistant nurse is or was also enrolled in Scotland and/or Northern Ireland.

36. If any question shall arise as to the meaning or effect of this part of these Rules, or if any question or matter shall arise which is not provided for by this part of these Rules, such question or matter shall be decided by the Council.

PART VII

Rules with respect to the Uniform and Badge which may be worn by Enrolled Assistant Nurses

37. The uniform and badge of an enrolled assistant nurse shall be that described in the Fourth Schedule to these Rules.

38. The uniform in all its detail shall be strictly adhered to, and no alteration or embellishment of any kind shall be permitted. No unauthorised letters or devices, and no trimmings, lace or jewellery shall be worn on any part of the uniform, provided that this prohibition shall not apply to the wearing of the badge or of the ribbon or other insignia of any order, decoration, or medal conferred by the Sovereign, or of any foreign order, decoration, or medal accepted by permission of the Sovereign.

39. The wearing of the uniform by enrolled assistant nurses shall not be compulsory:

Provided that an enrolled assistant nurse who wears the uniform shall wear the whole uniform and not a portion thereof only.

40. No enrolled assistant nurse shall wear the uniform without a permit from the Registrar, which shall be issued free by the Council to every enrolled assistant nurse, at the time of her enrolment.

41. In the event of loss of, or damage to, the original permit, an enrolled assistant nurse desirous of obtaining a duplicate permit shall make application to the Registrar on a form to be supplied by the Council and shall pay a fee of two shillings and sixpence with her application. The fee payable for any further permit shall be five shillings.

42. A uniform shall be obtained only from a firm authorised by the Council to supply uniforms, and the permit from the Registrar shall be produced at the time of the order.

43. The material for a uniform shall be obtained only from a firm authorised by the Council to supply material which shall be of the kind, weight and colour laid down by the Council, and the uniform shall be made in accordance with the designs approved by the Council.

44. An enrolled assistant nurse shall not dispose of her uniform unless all distinguishing features have been previously removed therefrom.

45. The badge shall be issued by the Council to every assistant nurse at the time of her enrolment and shall remain the property of the Council. In the event of loss of, or damage to, a badge, application for a duplicate badge on payment of the sum of ten shillings and sixpence, may be made to the Registrar on a form to be supplied by the Council.

46. The badge may be worn with or without uniform, and shall, when worn by female assistant nurses, be affixed to the right side of the person.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Form of Roll

The Roll shall show in respect of each assistant nurse admitted the following particulars:—

(*a*) Enrolment number.
(*b*) Full names and, if married, maiden name.
(*c*) Permanent address.
(*d*) Date of enrolment.
(*e*) Qualifications. Under this heading shall appear the qualification in each case for admission to the Roll (including certificate of training, if any), the dates of obtaining such qualification, and the hospital or hospitals in which the qualifying training or experience has been received.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Syllabus of Training for Admission to the Roll

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.

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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, and 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.

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.

THIRD SCHEDULE

Form of Notice

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales
Assistant Nurses Committee

Nurses Act, 1943

To .....

of .....

Take notice that the charge (or charges) against you, particulars of which are set forth below, $\frac{\text{has}}{\text{have}}$ been brought to the notice of the Committee, and that the Committee propose to investigate such charge(s) at a meeting to be held at the offices of the Council, 23, Portland Place, London, W.1, at ..... $\frac{\text{a.m.}}{\text{p.m.}}$ on ..... the ..... 19 , and to determine whether your name should be removed from the Roll.

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

PARTICULARS OF CHARGE(S)

You are hereby required to attend before the Committee at the time and place mentioned above and to answer such charge(s), bringing with you all papers and documents in your possession relevant to the matter and any persons whose evidence you wish to lay before the Committee.

The following points should be carefully noted :—

(*a*) You are entitled to be represented at the hearing before the Committee by a friend, or by Counsel or a Solicitor, but if you propose to employ Counsel or a Solicitor, you must give written notice to the Registrar at the address mentioned above at least seven days before the hearing.

(*b*) It is imperative that you should either send to the Registrar before the date fixed for the hearing, or bring with you to the hearing your certificate of enrolment (and badge).

A copy of the Assistant Nurses Rules, 1952, is enclosed, and your attention is directed to Part V of those Rules.

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Registrar of the Council.

Date .....

FOURTH SCHEDULE

PART I

A. *Description of Uniform for Female Enrolled Assistant Nurses*

1. The basic colours shall be dark green, apple green, and bronze.

2. The outdoor uniform shall consist of :—

(*a*) An overcoat (lightweight or heavyweight); or approved raincoat; and/or costume worn with approved blouse; and

(*b*) A peaked cap with embroidered device in front; or beret with cockade and embroidered device; or double-crowned felt hat with cockade and embroidered device.

With any of the above uniforms there shall be worn brown shoes, brown stockings and brown gloves; a handbag, if carried, shall be of brown leather.

3. The indoor uniform shall consist of :—

(*a*) A washing frock to be worn with an approved apron, or

(*b*) a button-through washing frock to be worn without an apron, or

(*c*) a mess frock.

With any of the above uniforms there shall be worn brown shoes and brown stockings.

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 bronze plated metal letters.

Two pockets with flaps, one inside pocket.

All round belt with leather covered slide.

Lined to waist.

Lightweight :—Inverted pleat at back.
With or without belt.

Heavyweight :—Inverted pleat at back or vent.

(*b*) Material:

Lightweight:—Dark green suiting serge or similar material.

Heavyweight:—Dark green cheviot.

Raincoat

(*a*) Style:

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

(*b*) Material:

Approved special material of dark green rainproof cloth with interwoven lining of apple green wool.

Costume

(*a*) Style:

Jacket. Single breasted. Four regulation buttons.

Detachable epaulettes with embroidered device.

Two patch pockets with flaps, one inside pocket.

Seam centre back.

Skirt. Four piece. Flared. Seams centre back and front, and sides. Or alternatively: six gores. Flared.

(*b*) Material:

Dark green suiting serge or similar material.

Blouse No. 1

(*a*) Style:

Yoke and panel front. Coat collar and revers.

Built up shoulders. Bishop sleeves.

(*b*) Material:

Apple green wool, silk, cotton, or similar material.

Blouse No. 2

(*a*) Style:

Polo collar. Bishop sleeves.

Back gathered into shallow yoke.

(*b*) Material:

Apple green wool, silk, cotton, or similar material.

Washing Frock—A

(*a*) Style:

Bodice with yoke and panel front.

Fasten centre front with four regulation buttons.

Back plain.

Dark green drill detachable epaulettes with bronze plated metal letters.

Polo collar.

Built up shoulders. Elbow length sleeves with detachable half-sleeves.

Six piece skirt with panel back and front.

Two patch pockets with imitation flaps.

(*b*) Material:

Apple green drill.

Worn with: Square bib apron with straps.

American style cap.

Washing Frock—B

(*a*) Style:
Open centre front to hem, and fastened with nine regulation buttons.
Bodice with yoke and plain panel.
Coat collar and revers. Short sleeves.
Detachable epaulettes with bronze plated metal letters.
Two patch pockets with flaps.
(*b*) Material:
Apple green drill.
Worn without apron.
American style cap.

Mess Frock

(*a*) Style:
Yoke and plain panel front. Fastened with four regulation buttons.
Plain back. Plain sleeves.
All round belt with cloth covered slide.
Four piece skirt with inverted pleat in front and panel back.
Two patch pockets with flaps.
(*b*) Material:
Apple green wool.

C. *Badge and Lettering*

1. The badge shall be made of bronze and apple green enamel, and its size and design shall be as follows:—
Diameter $1\frac{5}{16}$ ins.
Outer edge: 5 petals of Tudor Rose. Between each petal a small Tudor Rose.
Centre: Figure of Hygeia with rose and daffodil design on either side, encircled by garter bearing the words, "The General Nursing Council for England and Wales".

2. The embroidered device shall consist of the letters S.E.A.N. worked in gold wire on a dark green background.

3. The metal letters on epaulettes shall consist of the letters S.E.A.N. in bronze plated metal.

PART II

A. *Description of Uniform for Male Enrolled Assistant Nurses*

1. The basic colours shall be dark brown, apple green, and bronze.

2. The outdoor uniform shall consist of:—
(*a*) An overcoat (lightweight or 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 bronze 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 bronze 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 or 9 registered buttons, with upstanding collar.
Inset belt at back, two pockets. Detachable half-sleeves.
Epaulettes of dark green bearing bronze plated metal letters of designation.
(*b*) Material:
Apple green drill.

C. *Badge and Lettering*

The badge, embroidered device and metal letters shall be identical with those prescribed for female enrolled assistant nurses.

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

The Seal of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was hereunto affixed this twenty-fifth day of July, 1952.

M. Henry,
Registrar.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health, this twenty-eighth day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-two.

(L.S.) *Iain Macleod,*
Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Rules approved by this Instrument are a consolidation of the Assistant Nurses Rules, 1945 to 1950, made by the General Nursing Council, with a number of amendments mainly of a purely drafting nature and the omission of former rules now spent.

Amendments include in particular:

Rule 13. A candidate who fails the examination is no longer required to enter for the next examination.

Rule 30. The procedure for removing from the Roll in England the name of an assistant nurse whose name has been removed from the Roll in Scotland or Northern Ireland has been amplified.