STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1962 No. 146 (S. 6)

NURSES AND MIDWIVES

The Central Midwives Board for Scotland (Amendment) Rules, 1961, Approval Instrument, 1962

Made - - - - 19*th January*, 1962
Coming into Operation 19*th January*, 1962

Whereas the Central Midwives Board for Scotland in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 5 of the Midwives (Scotland) Act, 1951(a), have made the Central Midwives Board for Scotland (Amendment) Rules, 1961, on 3rd September, 1961, and have submitted the said Rules to the Secretary of State for approval; and whereas the said Rules have, in terms of sub-section (1) of section 34 of the said Act, been communicated to the Executive Committee of the General Medical Council and no representations have been made by them:

Now therefore in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 34 of the Midwives (Scotland) Act, 1951, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, the Secretary of State hereby approves the said Rules in the form set out in the Schedule hereto.

This Instrument may be cited as the Central Midwives Board for Scotland (Amendment) Rules, 1961, Approval Instrument, 1962.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland this 19th day of January, 1962.

(L.S.) (Sgd.) *T. D. Haddow*,
Secretary.

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SCHEDULE

THE CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD FOR SCOTLAND (AMENDMENT) RULES, 1961, DATED 3RD SEPTEMBER, 1961, MADE BY THE CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD FOR SCOTLAND UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE MIDWIVES (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1951(a).

The Central Midwives Board for Scotland in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 5 of the Midwives (Scotland) Act, 1951, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Rules:—

1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Central Midwives Board for Scotland (Amendment) Rules, 1961.

(2) These Rules and the Rules made by the Central Midwives Board for Scotland under the Midwives (Scotland) Act, 1951, and approved by the Secretary of State for Scotland on 15th November, 1957(b), (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Rules") and on 18th July, 1958(c), may be cited together as the Central Midwives Board for Scotland Rules, 1957 to 1961.

(a) 14 & 15 Geo. 6. c. 54. (b) *See* S.I. 1957/2011 (1957 I, p. 1381).
(c) *See* S.I. 1958/1192 (1958 II, p. 1701).

2.—(1) For Rule 2 of Rules B of the principal Rules there shall be substituted the following Rule—

"For the purpose of determining the proper course of training, pupils shall be classified in three categories :—

(1) Women who produce the certificate of registration in any of the undermentioned Parts of the Registers of the General Nursing Councils of Scotland or England and Wales, or of the Joint Nursing and Midwives Council for Northern Ireland or of the Joint Nursing and Midwives Council for Eire (An Bord Altranais) or, at the discretion of the Board, in corresponding parts of the Register of Nurses in force in any part of the Commonwealth, viz. :—

(*a*) The General Part containing the names of Registered General Nurses ;

(*b*) The Supplementary Part containing the names of Registered Sick Children's Nurses ;

(*c*) The Supplementary Part containing the names of Registered Fever Nurses.

(2) Women who produce the certificate of enrolment in the Roll of Nurses of the General Nursing Councils of Scotland or England and Wales, or of the Joint Nursing and Midwives Council for Northern Ireland.

(3) Women who are not qualified as above."

(2) In Rule 4 (1) of Rules B there shall be inserted after the words "Certificate of registration" the words "or enrolment".

(3) For Rule 12 of Rules B of the principal Rules there shall be substituted the following Rule—

"The first period of training shall be one of six consecutive calendar months in the case of pupils to whom Rule B 2 (1) applies, one of twelve consecutive calendar months in the case of pupils to whom Rule B 2 (2) applies and one of eighteen calendar months in all other cases."

(4) For Rule 14 of Rules B of the principal Rules there shall be substituted the following Rule—

"(i) A pupil whose first period of training extends over twelve consecutive calendar months shall during such period—

(*a*) attend a course of at least forty lectures on the subjects listed in Rule B 38, such course to extend over the whole period of training and to be supplemented by practical demonstrations and tutorial classes ; at least five of the lectures and some of the practical demonstrations must be on the subjects listed (*m*) in Rule B 38 ;

(*b*) conduct antenatal examinations on not fewer than fifty pregnant women and receive instruction in the care and supervision of women during the course of pregnancy, including the booking of cases and the keeping of records ;

(*c*) receive clinical instruction in the conduct of labour, including the witnessing of not fewer than twenty labours ;

(*d*) attend not fewer than ten labours within the approved training institution, making the full necessary examination during the course of labour and personally delivering the child and afterbirth ;

(*e*) attend and nurse no fewer than forty lying-in women and their infants, in the case of patients nursed in the approved training institution during the time the patients are in such institution, and in the case of patients nursed in their own homes during the fourteen days immediately following labour ;

(*f*) so far as possible receive instruction on venereal diseases ; in the prevention and treatment of ophthalmia neonatorum and puerperal sepsis.

(ii) A pupil whose first period of training extends over eighteen consecutive calendar months shall—

(*a*) during a period extending over not less than the first six months of her training—

(1) receive theoretical and practical instruction in the elementary principles of general nursing, the use of nursing appliances and the methods of taking and recording the pulse-rate, the temperature, and the respiration-rate, and

(2) attend a course of theoretical and practical instruction in general anatomy, in the subjects listed (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) in Rule B 38 and in the physiology and hygiene of the normal infant (including the elementary bacteriology of infant infections and the importance of "barrier nursing").

(*b*) during the succeeding months of her training receive instruction as provided in heads (*a*)-(*f*) of paragraph (i) of this Rule".

(5) In Rule 28 (*c*) of Rules B for the words "at least sixty cases in the previous twelve months, and can provide adequate accommodation and facilities for her pupils" there shall be substituted the words "to the satisfaction of the Board an adequate number of cases in the previous twelve months, and can provide teaching facilities for her pupils".

(6) In Rule 2 (i) (*b*) of Rules C, the words "In 5 of these cases trilene" to end shall be deleted.

Made by the Central Midwives Board for Scotland this third day of September, 1961.

(Sgd.) J. BRUCE DEWAR,
Chairman.

(Sgd.) DOROTHY S. YOUNG,
Secretary.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The main change made by the Rules approved by this Instrument is to enable a State Enrolled Nurse to complete training as a midwife in eighteen months instead of two years. They also prescribe Part I of the training to be undergone by pupil midwives who are State Enrolled Nurses. The other matters dealt with comprise minor changes in the curriculum of other pupil midwives, in the number of maternity cases to be dealt with annually by midwife teachers and in the rules regarding the administration of analgesia.