STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1964 No. 1851

NURSES AND MIDWIVES

The Enrolled Nurses (Amendment) Rules, Approval Instrument 1964

Made - - - -	20*th November* 1964
Laid before Parliament	27*th November* 1964
Coming into Operation	30*th November* 1964

Whereas the General Nursing Council for England and Wales have, in pursuance of their powers under sections 2, 3, 10 and 30 of the Nurses Act 1957(**a**) and section 1 of the Nurses Act 1964(**b**), made rules amending the Enrolled Nurses Rules 1961(**c**) and have submitted them to the Minister of Health for his approval:

Now, therefore, the Minister of Health, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 32 of the Nurses Act 1957 and 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 Enrolled Nurses (Amendment) Rules, Approval Instrument 1964 and shall come into operation on 30th November 1964.

SCHEDULE

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Nurses Acts 1957, 1961 *and* 1964

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 2, 3, 10 and 30 of the Nurses Act 1957 and section 1 of the Nurses Act 1964 hereby make the following Rules:—

1. These Rules may be cited as the Enrolled Nurses (Amendment) Rules 1964.

2. The Interpretation Act 1889(**d**) applies to the interpretation of these Rules as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. The Enrolled Nurses Rules 1961 shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) In rule 2(1)—

For the definition of "Preliminary Training School" there shall be substituted the following definition:—

"preliminary training" means preliminary instruction in the theory and practice of nursing given to pupil nurses prior to the commencement of their training in wards and "preliminary training school" means the department of an approved Training Institution in which preliminary training is given.

(a) 5 & 6 Eliz. 2. c. 15.
(b) 1964 c. 44.
(c) Scheduled to S.I. 1961/1519 (1961 II, p.3105).
(d) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

After the definition of "pupil nurse" there shall be added the following definition:—

"registered mental nurse" means a nurse who is registered in the part of the Register containing the names of nurses trained in the nursing and care of persons suffering from mental disorder.

In the definition of "training" for the words "the syllabus" there shall be substituted the words "a syllabus" and after the words "contained in" there shall be added the words "Part I, Part II or Part III of".

After the definition of "training" there shall be added the following definition:—

"training for the Register" means training for admission to the Register in a Training Institution approved by the Council under rule 8 of the Nurses Rules 1961(a) and any reference to training for a particular part of the Register is a reference to training in accordance with the syllabus of training prescribed in Schedule 3 to those rules for the examinations qualifying a person to be admitted to that part of the Register".

(*b*) At the end of rule 4 there shall be added the following paragraph:—

"(4) an enrolled nurse shall notify the Registrar of a change of her surname whether occasioned by marriage or otherwise."

(*c*) In rule 5 for the words "of three guineas" there shall be substituted the words "in respect of her application for enrolment due under the provisions of section 3(3) of the Act of 1957".

(*d*) In rule 9(2) for the words "her full name" to the end of the paragraph there shall be substituted the words "or in the case of a person who is entitled under these Rules to enter for an examination held under rule 10 of these Rules by virtue of her training for the Register before her name is entered for that examination, the following particulars: her full name, evidence of age, educational qualifications, the date of commencement of training or particulars of her training for the Register as appropriate and any other particulars which the Council may reasonably require."

(*e*) For rules 10, 11 and 12 there shall be substituted the following rules:—

"10.—(1) The Council shall hold examinations at such times and subject to such conditions as they may from time to time determine.

(2) An examination held under this rule shall be based on the subjects prescribed in a syllabus contained in Part I, Part II, or Part III of the 2nd Schedule to these rules:

Provided that in the case of male pupils, the examination shall not extend to the subject indicated in section IV of the syllabus contained in Part III of the schedule as not applicable to the training of male pupil 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.

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

11.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this rule, a person may enter for an examination held under rule 10 of these Rules if:—

(*a*) she is of good character and her conduct has been satisfactory during the period of training; and

(*b*) she has completed the training prescribed for pupil nurses in rule 11A of these Rules or, being a person whose name is not included in the Register, has completed the training prescribed for a person who has undergone a period of training for the Register in rule 12 of these Rules.

(a) Scheduled to S.I. 1961/1520 (1961 II, p.3127).

(2) A person shall be deemed to have completed any prescribed training entitling her to enter for an examination if she is due to complete that training by the last day of the month in which the examination is held.

(3) A person shall not be entitled to enter for the examination by virtue of the training prescribed in sub-paragraphs (*a*) and (*b*) of rule 12(2) and (3) of these Rules unless she has passed the preliminary examination held under rule 10 of the Nurses Rules 1961 or an examination acceptable to the Council in lieu of the preliminary examination.

(4) Before entering for an examination a person shall deposit with the Registrar a certificate signed by the Matron or other responsible officer of the approved Training Institution or Institutions in which the prescribed training was undergone certifying that the requirements specified in paragraph 1(*a*) and (*b*) of this rule have been fulfilled.

11A.—(1) The training required under rule 11(1)(*b*) to enable a pupil nurse to enter for an examination held under rule 10 of these Rules shall be a course of training—

(*a*) of not less than 1 year's duration in the case of a candidate for an examination based on Part III of the 2nd Schedule to these Rules; and

(*b*) of not less than 18 months' duration in the case of a candidate for an examination based on Parts I or II of that schedule.

(2) Such a course of training shall include—

(*a*) a period of not less than 4 consecutive weeks' preliminary training in a Preliminary Training School and

(*b*) instruction in each of the subjects included in the syllabus on which the examination is based.

(3) For the purposes of this rule training in relation to an examination means training in accordance with the syllabus on which that examination is based.

12.—(1) The training required under rule 11(1)(*b*) to enable a person who has undergone a period of training for the Register to enter for an examination held under rule 10 of these Rules shall be the training specified in paragraph (2) or paragraph (3) of this rule in relation to the examination for which she is entering.

(2) The training for an examination based on the syllabus contained in Part I or Part III of the 2nd Schedule to these Rules shall be—

(*a*) not less than 2 years' training for any part of the Register other than the part for registered mental nurses; or

(*b*) not less than 2 years' training for the part of the Register for registered mental nurses and a course of not less than 6 months' training for the Roll in general nursing; or

(*c*) not less than 1 year's training for the part of the Register for registered mental nurses and a course of not less than 1 year's training for the Roll in general nursing; or

(*d*) not less than 1 year's training for any part of the Register other than the part for registered mental nurses and a course of not less than 1 year's training for the Roll in general nursing.

(3) The training for an examination based on the syllabus contained in Part II of the 2nd Schedule to these Rules shall be—

(*a*) not less than 2 years' training for the part of the Register for registered mental nurses; or

(*b*) not less than 2 years' training for a part of the Register other than the part for registered mental nurses and a course of not less than 6 months' training for the Roll in the nursing of the mentally disordered; or

(*c*) not less than 1 year's training for a part of the Register other than the part for registered mental nurses and a course of not less than

1 year's training for the Roll in the nursing of the mentally disordered ; or

(*d*) not less than 1 year's training for the part of the Register for registered mental nurses and a course of not less than 1 year's training for the Roll in the nursing of the mentally disordered.

(4) For the purposes of this rule training for the Roll in general nursing means training in accordance with the syllabus contained in Part I or Part III of the 2nd Schedule to these Rules and training for the Roll in the nursing of the mentally disordered means training in accordance with the syllabus contained in Part II of that schedule."

(*f*) In rule 13 the words " or to acquire experience under supervision " shall be omitted.

(*g*) For rule 14 there shall be substituted the following rule:—

14.—(1) A person who has qualified under rule 11A of these Rules to enter for an examination shall be entitled to be admitted to the Roll if—

(*a*) she is of good character and her conduct has been satisfactory during the period of training or experience under supervision as the case may be ; and

(*b*) she has passed an examination held under rule 10 of these Rules ; and

(*c*) in the case of a person who has passed an examination based on the syllabus contained in Part I or Part III of the 2nd Schedule to these Rules, she has when a pupil nurse or a student nurse acquired experience in general medical and surgical nursing, geriatric nursing and the nursing of sick children ; and

(*d*) in the case of a person who has passed an examination based on the syllabus contained in Part II of the 2nd Schedule to these Rules she has when a pupil nurse or a student nurse acquired experience—

(i) in the nursing of patients suffering from mental illness, including short stay and long stay patients and disturbed and physically sick patients or

(ii) in the nursing of mentally subnormal patients including children, adolescents, and adults and those who are physically handicapped, and in the education and training of these patients ; and

(*e*) in the case of a person who has passed an examination based on the syllabus contained in Part I or Part II of the 2nd Schedule to these Rules she has completed 2 years' training ; and

(*f*) in the case of a person who has passed an examination based on the syllabus contained in Part III of the 2nd Schedule to these Rules she has since the completion of training entitling her to enter for the examination acquired experience under supervision for a period of at least 1 year.

(2) A person who has qualified under rule 12 of these Rules to enter for an examination shall be entitled to be admitted to the Roll if she has fulfilled the requirements specified in sub-paragraphs (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) of the last preceding paragraph.

(3) A person shall at the time of making her application for admission to the Roll deposit with the Registrar a certificate signed by the Matron or other responsible officer of a Training Institution certifying that she has fulfilled the requirements of this rule entitling her to be admitted to the Roll.

(*h*) For rule 15 there shall be substituted the following rule:—

" 15. Every pupil nurse shall after she has passed the examination and before she is enrolled be known as a senior pupil nurse."

(*i*) After rule 16 there shall be added the following headings and rules:—

" Conditions of Admission by Practice, Knowledge and Experience of Nursing of Persons suffering from Mental Disorder

16A. A person shall be entitled to be admitted to the Roll on proving to the satisfaction of the Council—

(*a*) that she is of good character ;

(*b*) that she is over the age of 20 ;

(*c*) that she has before 1st December 1967 and after attaining the age of 18 years been bona fide engaged in practice as a nurse in attendance on persons suffering from mental disorder for the periods and under the conditions specified in the next following rule ; and

(*d*) that she has such knowledge and experience of nursing as to justify her admission to the Roll.

16B.—(1) Subject to the next following rule, the periods of practice, and the conditions of practice for the purposes of rule 16A(*c*) shall be:—

(*a*) not less than 2 years' whole-time practice under the supervision of a registered mental nurse carried out in a hospital, mental nursing home or other institution acceptable to the Council ; or

(*b*) not less than 5 years' whole-time practice under the supervision of a registered mental nurse.

(2) For the purposes of this rule, a person shall be deemed to have carried out a period of whole-time practice required under paragraph (1) of this rule if she has carried out periods of practice, whether whole-time or part-time, which in the aggregate amount to the required period of whole-time practice.

16C. A person who on the date of making application for admission to the Roll is engaged in nursing but who has failed by 1st December 1967 to complete a period of practice prescribed in rule 16B(1) may nevertheless be enrolled if—

(*a*) she has carried out since 1st December 1962 a period of practice under the conditions specified in paragraph (*a*) of that rule ; or since 1st December 1960 a period of practice under the conditions specified in paragraph (*b*) of that rule ; and

(*b*) the length of time by which she has failed to complete a prescribed period of practice is so short as in the view of the Council not materially to affect her fitness for enrolment.

Conditions of Admission by Knowledge and Experience acquired either before 17th March 1943 or before 1st January 1949

16D. A person shall be entitled to be admitted to the Roll on proving to the satisfaction of the Council—

(*a*) that she is of good character ;

(*b*) that she is engaged in nursing ; and

(*c*) that she has since attaining the age of 17½ years acquired knowledge and experience of nursing in the manner specified in the next following rule.

16E. The knowledge and experience of nursing entitling a person to be enrolled under rule 16D shall have been acquired in one of the following ways:—

(*a*) by not less than 2 years' whole-time training or experience in the nursing of the sick undergone or acquired, as the case may be, before 17th March 1943 under the supervision of trained nursing staff in a hospital or institution ; or

(*b*) by not less than 3 years' whole-time bona fide practice in the nursing of the sick carried out before 17th March 1943, including not less than 6 months' whole-time training or experience under the supervision of trained nursing staff in a hospital or institution ; or

(*c*) in the case of a person who before 17th March 1943, was a State Certified Midwife, by not less than 3 years' whole-time training or experience in the nursing of the sick or midwifery undergone or acquired, as the case may be, before that date, including not less than 6 months' whole-time training or experience in the nursing of the sick under the supervision of trained nursing staff in a hospital or institution ; or

(*d*) by 5 years' whole-time bona fide practice in the nursing of the sick carried out before 17th March 1943, including such nursing experience recently acquired before that date as would have been considered adequate by the Council ; or

(*e*) by not less than 2 years' whole-time training or experience in the nursing of the sick undergone or acquired, as the case may be, before 1st January 1949, under the supervision of trained nursing staff in a hospital or institution of which not less than 1 year was spent in the employment of one hospital or institution or in one or more hospitals or institutions under one authority ; or

(*f*) in the case of a person who before 1st January 1947, was a State Certified Midwife, by not less than 2 years and 6 months' whole-time training in the nursing of the sick or midwifery, undergone before that date, including not less than 6 months' whole-time training in the nursing of the sick under the supervision of trained nursing staff in a hospital or institution.

References

16F(1) For the purposes of rule 16A(*a*) and 16D(*a*), the applicant shall furnish to the Registrar the names and addresses of 3 persons willing and able to give evidence of her character. 1 of such persons shall be a householder not being a relation of the applicant who has known the applicant for not less than 3 years. 2 shall be persons under whom the applicant has worked for not less than 3 months being a matron, a chief male nurse, a registered mental nurse, a registered medical practitioner or other persons who in the opinion of the Council are suitable for the purpose.

(2) For the purposes of rules 16A(*b*) and 16D(*c*), evidence of the applicant's date of birth shall be sufficient if given to the Council by the applicant in the form of a birth certificate or a statutory declaration stating the date of birth.

(3) For the purposes of rule 16A(*d*), an applicant shall furnish to the Registrar the names and addresses of the persons specified in sub-paragraph (*a*) or (*b*) of this paragraph as are appropriate in her case who are willing to send to the Council a certificate relating to the professional efficiency of the applicant, that is to say—

(*a*) in the case of an applicant whose period of practice entitling her to be enrolled has been carried out under the conditions specified in rule 16B(1)(*a*), any 2 persons, such persons being a matron, chief male nurse or other senior nursing officer of a hospital or mental nursing home or other institution in which she has been employed or a registered medical practitioner under whom she has worked ; and

(*b*) in the case of an applicant whose period of practice entitling her to enrolment has been carried out under the conditions specified in rule 16B(1)(*b*), a registered mental nurse and a registered medical practitioner under whose supervision she has worked."

(*j*) for rule 17 there shall be substituted the following rule:—

"17.—(1) 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, pays any fee in

respect of such application for enrolment due under section 3(3) of the Act of 1957 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.

(2) The provisions of paragraph (1) of this rule shall not apply to a person whose name has been removed by the Committee from the Roll under Part V of these Rules."

(*k*) Rule 18 shall be omitted.

(*l*) In rule 24 in paragraph (1) for the words "recorded delivery service" there shall be substituted the words "registered post".

(*m*) In rule 34—

In paragraph (2)—

after the words "the application shall" there shall be added the words "where practicable";

after the words "two or more persons" there shall be added the words "with knowledge of the facts found against her"; and

the words "and such other evidence as the committee may reasonably require" shall be omitted.

After paragraph (2) there shall be added the following paragraph:—

"(2)A. The Committee may invite the applicant to amplify her application by making a statement in writing in relation to any facts which the Committee may consider to be material in making their decision."

For paragraph (3) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

"(3) The Committee may require the applicant to verify by statutory declaration any statement made in her application or on the invitation of the Committee."

(*n*) In rules 35, 41 and 43 for the words "recorded delivery" there shall be substituted the words "registered post".

(*o*) In the 2nd Schedule—

In the title the words "SYLLABUS OF" shall be omitted; after the title there shall be inserted the following Parts—

"PART I

1964 SYLLABUS OF TRAINING IN GENERAL NURSING

Section I

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF NURSING

Introduction: development of nursing.

An outline of the National Health Service, and the nurse's place within it.

Principles and practice of nursing.

First Aid.

Section II

THE HUMAN INDIVIDUAL AND HIS CARE

An elementary knowledge of:—

Personal development of the individual.

Promotion of individual and communal health.

The structure and function of the human body, including nutrition.

Section III

OUTLINE OF THE CAUSE, COURSE AND TREATMENT OF DISEASE

An elementary knowledge of the causes of disease and principles of treatment as a background to understanding the nursing care given to patients.

Nursing care of patients with medical, surgical and chronic conditions; nursing of infants and children.

PART II

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING IN PSYCHIATRIC NURSING

Section I

PSYCHIATRIC NURSING

Introduction: development of nursing.

Outline of Mental Health Services.

An elementary knowledge of the legal and administrative aspects of mental disorder.

A general outline of either:—

(*a*) mental illness or

(*b*) mental subnormality.

A general understanding of the nursing care and management of either:—

(*a*) mentally ill patients or

(*b*) mentally subnormal patients.

General principles of occupational therapy; social therapy, and after care.

First Aid.

Section II

THE HUMAN INDIVIDUAL AND HIS CARE

An elementary knowledge of:—

Personal development of the individual.

The promotion of individual and communal health.

The structure and function of the human body, including nutrition.

Section III

Care of patients who are ambulant and patients confined to bed."

For the existing heading "Part I" there shall be substituted the headings

"PART III

1949 SYLLABUS OF TRAINING IN GENERAL NURSING"

Section I".

For the existing headings "Part II" "Part III" "Part IV" and "Part V" there shall be substituted respectively the headings "Section II" "Section III" "Section IV" and "Section V".

(*p*) In the 4th Schedule—

In Part I—

For paragraph A.2 and 3 there shall be substituted the following paragraphs—

"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; or tricorn shape felt hat with cockade and embroidered device; or a white peaked crash helmet made in accordance with the specification of the British Standards Institution for protective helmets for motor cyclists.

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 or without an approved apron, or

(*b*) a mess frock.

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

In paragraph B for the item "Raincoat" there shall be substituted the following item—

"Raincoat

(*a*) style:

"Burberry" design.

(*b*) Material:

Dark green gaberdine; showerproof

or

(*c*) Style:

Double breasted; 3 buttons; 2 way collar with additional button at neck. Slanting welted pockets; inset sleeves; half belt stitched to waist; vent back.

Detachable epaulettes with plated metal letters.

(*d*) Material:

Approved special material of dark green rainproof cloth with interwoven lining of applegreen cloth".

In paragraph B for the items "Washing Frock—A" and "Washing Frock—B" there shall be substituted the following item—

"Washing Dress

(*a*) Style.

Princess style. No waist seam.

Concealed front fastening. Opening to hip line or through to hem. Round neck. White collar. Short sleeves. Self cuffs, white cuffs or no cuffs. Two inset pockets on bodices with buttons to take square bib apron. All round stitched belt of self material. Pocket in right side seam. Dark green flash on right bodice with old-gold embroidered insignia.

(*b*) Material

Apple green cotton or a blended fabric of synthetic and/or natural fibres having satisfactory antistatic and washing properties.

Worn with or without:—

Square bib apron without straps.

American style cap."

In Part II—

At the end of paragraph A.2(*c*) there shall be inserted the following words—

"or a white peaked crash helmet made in accordance with the specification of the British Standards Institution for protective helmets for motor cyclists."

Under the item "Washing Duty Coat" for sub-paragraph (*b*) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph.

"(*b*) Material:

Apple green or white drill."

C. A. Smaldon,
Chairman of Council

The Seal of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was hereunto affixed on 6th November 1964.

(L.S.)

M. Henry,
Registrar

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health on 20th November 1964.

(L.S.)

Kenneth Robinson,
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 amend the Enrolled Nurses Rules 1961 (S.I. 1961/1519).

The amendments in particular—

(*a*) prescribe for the first time a course of training for the roll in the nursing of mentally disordered patients and also prescribe a revised course of training for the roll in general nursing;

(*b*) enable persons who have had before 1st December 1967, certain experience in the nursing of mentally disordered patients to be enrolled without undergoing a course of training or passing an examination;

(*c*) enable persons to be enrolled who have had certain nursing experience before 17th March 1943, or before 1st January 1949, which would have enabled them to be enrolled under rules made under the Nurses Act 1943 (6 & 7 Geo. 6. c. 17) had they applied to be enrolled within the time limits laid down in those rules;

(*d*) enable persons who have completed various specified periods of training for the register to sit for their examination for the roll after a reduced period of training for the roll, or without further training for the roll, as the case may be.