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)

Made - - - -	20*th May*, 1949
Laid before Parliament	23*rd May*, 1949
Coming into Operation	24*th May*, 1949

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.

SCHEDULE

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL for SCOTLAND (AMENDMENT) RULES, 1949, dated 25th March, 1949, made by the GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL for SCOTLAND under Section 3 of the NURSES REGISTRATION (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1919 (9 and 10 Geo. 5 Ch. 95)

The General Nursing Council for Scotland in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 3 of the Nurses Registration (Scotland) Act, 1919, hereby make the following Rules:—

1. These Rules may be cited as the General Nursing Council for Scotland (Amendment) Rules, 1949, and shall be read as one with the existing Rules for General Nurses and other parts of the Register made by the Council under the Nurses Registration (Scotland) Act, 1919.

2. Part X General of said existing Rules shall be renumbered Part XI, and Rule 30 shall be renumbered 40.

3. The existing Rules with respect to the Uniform and Badge which may be worn by Registered Nurses and the relative Schedule are hereby revoked, and the following Rules shall be added to said existing Rules for General Nurses and other parts of the Register:—

"X. *RULES with respect to the UNIFORM and BADGE which may be worn by REGISTERED NURSES*

30. The Uniform and Badge which may be worn by Nurses registered under the Nurses Registration (Scotland) Act, 1919, (in this part of the Rules referred to as "Registered Nurses"), shall be the Uniform and Badge described in Schedule VIII to these Rules.

31. The Uniform in all its details 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, or the Badge of a Nursing Training School.

32. The wearing of the Uniform by a Registered Nurse shall not be compulsory, provided that a Registered Nurse who wears the Uniform shall wear the whole Uniform and not a portion thereof only.

33. No Registered Nurse shall wear the Uniform without a Permit from the Registrar.

34. A Permit to wear a Uniform shall be issued on Registration and shall be embodied in the Retention fee receipt for each year. If a second Permit is required in any year for any cause satisfactory to the Council the same shall be supplied for a fee of 2s. 6d. and the fee payable for any further Permit shall be 5s.

35. 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.

36. 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.

37. A Registered Nurse shall not dispose of her Uniform unless all distinguishing features have been previously removed therefrom.

38. The Badge shall be obtained only on production of a Permit obtainable from the Council.

39. The Badge may be worn with or without uniform but will not be worn on the left side."

4. After Schedule VII to the said existing Rules for General Nurses and other parts of the Register there shall be added the following Schedule:—

"SCHEDULE VIII

Uniform and Badge which may be worn by Registered Nurses

A. DESCRIPTION OF UNIFORM for Female Nurses.

The basic colours are Navy blue, Cambridge blue, and Silver.

The Outdoor Uniform consists of:—

1. Motoring Coat (heavy weight) or
2. Overcoat (light weight) or
3. Raincoat or
4. Costume worn with blouse and
   (*a*) Peaked Cap with Badge in front or
   (*b*) Beret with cockade and Badge or
   (*c*) Shallow double crowned felt hat with cockade and Badge or
   (*d*) Tricorne shape felt hat with cockade and Badge.

With any of the above Uniforms must be worn:—

Navy, black, or chamois gloves.
Navy or black shoes.
Coloured stockings.
Handbags if carried shall be navy or black in colour.

The Indoor Uniform consists of:—

1. Washing frock to be worn with apron.
2. Button-through washing frock to be worn without apron.
3. Mess frock.

With any of the above Uniforms must be worn:—

Navy or black shoes.
Coloured stockings.

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OVERCOAT

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

Material

Lightweight:—Men's Suiting Serge, Navy.
Heavyweight:—Navy Cheviot.

RAINCOAT

Style

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

Material

Approved special material of Navy blue rainproof cloth with interwoven lining of Cambridge blue wool.

Costume

Style

Jacket. Single breasted. Four Regulation Buttons.
Detachable epaulettes with silver wire embroidered letters.
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.

Material

Men's Navy blue Suiting Serge.

Blouse No. 1

Style

Yoke and Panel Front. Coat collar and revers.
Built up shoulders. Bishop sleeves.

Material

Cambridge blue Wool, Silk, or Cotton.

Blouse No. 2

Style

Polo collar. Bishop sleeves.
Back gathered into shallow yoke.

Material

Cambridge blue Wool, Silk, or Cotton.

Blouse No. 3

Style

Tailor-cut shirt, or plain overblouse.
Detachable polo collar which may be fastened under Registered Tie with plain gold safety pin.

Material

Cambridge blue Wool, Silk or Cotton, or
Ivory white Silk, or white Cotton.

Washing Frock—1

Style

Bodice with yoke and panel front.
Fasten centre front with four Regulation Buttons.
Back plain.
Navy blue Drill detachable epaulettes with metal plated 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.

Material

Pale blue Drill.
Worn with—Square bib apron without straps.
St. Bartholomew's Hospital Indoor Cap (shoulder length)
or
American Style Cap (Organdie).

Washing Frock—2

Style

Open centre front to hem, and fastened with nine Regulation Buttons.
Bodice has yoke and plain panel.
Coat collar and revers. Short sleeves.
Detachable epaulettes with plated metal letters.
Two patch pockets with imitation flaps.

Material

Pale blue Drill.
Worn without apron.
St. Bartholomew's Hospital Indoor Cap (shoulder length)
or
American Style Cap (Organdie).

MESS FROCK

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.

Material

A Cambridge blue woollen material.

B. DESCRIPTION OF UNIFORM for Male Nurses.

The basic colours are Navy blue, Cambridge blue and Silver.

The Outdoor Uniform consists of:—

1. Heavy or light-weight overcoat or
2. Raincoat.
3. Navy blue lounge suit worn with Airforce blue shirt.
4. Registered tie or black tie, and
   (*a*) Peaked cap with embroidered badge in front.
   (*b*) Beret with embroidered badge in front.
   (*c*) Forage cap with embroidered badge side front left.

The Indoor Uniform consists of:—
Washing Duty coat.

With any of the above Uniforms must be worn:—
Navy or black socks.
Black boots or shoes.
With Outdoor Uniform dark brown or chamois gloves shall be worn.

OVERCOAT

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 and one inside pocket.
All round belt with leather covered slide.
Lined to waist.

Material

Navy cheviot or navy serge.

RAINCOAT

Style

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

Material

Approved special material of Navy blue rainproof cloth with interwoven lining of Cambridge blue wool.

SUIT

Style

Plain lounge suit single or double breasted.
With Regulation detachable buttons.
Trousers—with or without turn-ups.

Material

Navy blue suiting serge or similar material.

SHIRT

Airforce Blue regulation shirt with detachable semi-stiff collar.

HATS

1. Navy blue peaked cap with embroidered badge in front.
2. Navy blue beret with embroidered badge in front.
3. Navy blue forage cap with two small Registered buttons in front and embroidered badge side front left.

WASHING DUTY COAT

Style

Coat to knee length with wide wrap. Button-over front fastening with eight or nine Registered buttons with upstanding collar. Inset belt at back and two pockets. Detachable half-sleeves. Epaulettes of Navy blue bearing metal letters of designation.

Material

Cambridge blue drill.

C. BADGE AND LETTERING AND TIE

Silver Badge.—The Badge is made of silver and blue enamel. The design of the Badge is a St. Andrew's Cross in white on a blue ground encircled by a garter bearing the words "Registered General Nurse", "Registered Male Nurse", "Registered Mental Nurse", "Registered Nurse for Mental Defectives", "Registered Sick Children's Nurse", or "Registered Fever Nurse", as the case may be.

Embroidered Badge.—The appropriate letters of designation worked in silver wire on a Navy blue background.

Metal letters on epaulettes. Plated metal letters of designation indicating the Part or Parts of the Register on which the nurse is registered as follows:—

General Register (Registered General Nurse)—R.G.N
Part of the Register for Male Nurses (Registered General Nurse)—R.G.N.
Mental Nurses—R.M.N.
Nurses for Mental Defectives—R.M.D.N.
Sick Children's Nurses—R.S.C.N.
Fever Nurses—R.F.N.

REGISTERED TIE

The registered tie shall be of the three basic colours, Navy blue, Cambridge blue and Silver in widths of ½ inch."

Framed by the General Nursing Council for Scotland this Twenty-fifth day of March, 1949.

(Sgd.) RUTH H. PECKER,
Registrar,
General Nursing Council for Scotland.

5, Darnaway Street,
Edinburgh.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The amendments to the existing Rules of the General Nursing Council for Scotland which are approved by this Instrument provide for the new styles of uniform which may now be worn by Registered Nurses.