STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1961 No. 810

NURSES AND MIDWIVES

The Midwives (Amendment) Rules, Approval Instrument, 1961

Made - - - - *24th April,* 1961

Whereas the Central Midwives Board have, in pursuance of their powers under section 4 of the Midwives Act, 1951(a), made rules amending the Midwives Rules, 1955 to 1960(b), and the said rules are set out in the schedule to this instrument;

And whereas the Executive Committee of the General Medical Council have not made any representations with respect to the said rules;

Now, therefore, the Minister of Health, in exercise of his powers under section 30 of the Midwives Act, 1951, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby approves the said rules.

This instrument may be cited as the Midwives (Amendment) Rules, Approval Instrument, 1961.

SCHEDULE

The Central Midwives Board, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Section 4 of the Midwives Act, 1951, hereby make the following Rules:—

General

1. These Rules may be cited as the Midwives (Amendment) Rules, 1961, and shall come into operation on the first day of June, 1961.

2.—(1) These Rules shall be included in the Midwives Rules, 1955 to 1960, and with those Rules may be cited together as the Midwives Rules, 1955 to 1961.

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

Amendment to Section B of the Midwives Rules, 1955

3. The following Section and Schedule shall be substituted for Section B of the Midwives Rules, 1955, and the Schedule thereto:—

"SECTION B

RULES REGULATING COURSES OF TRAINING, THE CONDUCT OF EXAMINATIONS, THE REMUNERATION OF EXAMINERS, THE ISSUE OF CERTIFICATES, AND THE CONDITIONS OF ADMISSION TO THE ROLL.

General

1. In the Rules in Section B unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:—

"approved training institution" means an institution or organisation approved by the Board in accordance with the provisions hereinafter contained

(a) 14 & 15 Geo. 6. c. 53.
(b) 1955/120, 1959/162, 1960/1105 (1955 I, p. 1145; 1959 II, p. 1974; 1960 II, p. 2626).
(c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

for the training of pupils, or for instruction in obstetric nursing, and in relation to either the first or second period of training means an institution approved in respect of that period;

"instruction in obstetric nursing" means instruction of student nurses in obstetric nursing in accordance with Rule B.5 conducted in an approved training institution;

"student nurse" means a woman who is undergoing training for admission to the general part of the Register of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales;

"pupil" means a woman whose name is entered on the Register of Pupils in accordance with Rules B.4 to B.8 of these Rules;

"lecturer" means a person approved by the Board in accordance with the provisions hereinafter contained as a lecturer in subjects in which instruction is required by these Rules;

"lying-in period" means a period being not less than 10 days nor more than 28 days after the end of the labour during which the continued attendance of a midwife is requisite;

"teacher" means a person approved by the Board in accordance with the provisions hereinafter contained as responsible for the teaching of student nurses or pupils in an approved training institution;

"teaching district midwife" means a person approved by the Board in accordance with the provisions hereinafter contained for teaching pupils during that part of their training that takes place in the patients' own homes;

"the prescribed form" means such form as may be prescribed by the Board from time to time.

2.—(*a*) Notwithstanding anything hereinafter contained, the Board may refuse to register as a pupil, or to admit to examination or to the Roll, or to issue a certificate to, any woman whom they consider to be physically, mentally or morally unfit to be a midwife.

(*b*) In the event of a woman proposing to become a pupil, or being a pupil, presenting to the Board a birth, baptismal or other certificate required by these Rules which has been altered or falsified in any way, the Board shall be entitled to postpone her registration as a pupil or her admission to examination, or to refuse to register her as a pupil or to admit her to examination or to the Roll.

3. The Board may dispense with the requirements of the Rules of Section B in any case in which they think fit.

Registration of Pupils

4. A woman proposing to become a pupil shall apply through the approved training institution at which she proposes to take the first period of her training to the Board, on the prescribed form and in her own handwriting, to have her name entered upon a Register of Pupils to be maintained by the Board, and shall at the same time produce—

(*a*) (i) if her name appears on the general part of the Register of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, by virtue of having passed the examination of that Body and she has had at least three years' training which has included, during the latter half of such training, instruction in obstetric nursing, in accordance with Rule B.5, evidence, satisfactory to the Board, that she has fulfilled the foregoing requirements.

(ii) if her name appears on the general part of the Register of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, the General Nursing Council for Scotland, the Joint Nursing and Midwives Council for Northern Ireland, or An Bord Altranais, Eire, or on the part thereof containing the names of nurses trained in the nursing of sick children, by virtue of having passed the Examination of one of those Bodies or some other Examination recognized by the General Nursing Council for England

and Wales, and she has had at least three years' training or any equivalent therefor which may from time to time be recognized by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, evidence, satisfactory to the Board, that she has fulfilled the foregoing requirements; or

(iii) if her name appears on the part of the Register of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, the General Nursing Council for Scotland, the Joint Nursing and Midwives Council for Northern Ireland, or An Bord Altranais, Eire, containing the names of nurses trained in the nursing and care of persons suffering from infectious diseases; or in the part thereof containing the names of nurses trained in the nursing and care of persons suffering from mental disorders; or in the separate section of the last-mentioned part thereof as trained in the nursing and training of the mentally subnormal, by virtue of having passed the Examination of one of those Bodies or some other Examination recognized by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, and she has had the required period of training which may from time to time be recognized by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, evidence, satisfactory to the Board that she has fulfilled these requirements; or

(iv) if her name for the time being is entered upon the Roll of Assistant Nurses formed and kept by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, the General Nursing Council for Scotland, or the Joint Nursing and Midwives Council for Northern Ireland, by virtue of having passed the Examination of one of those Bodies, and she has had the required period of training which may from time to time be recognized by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, evidence, satisfactory to the Board, that she has fulfilled these requirements; or

(v) if her name appears on the Register of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy and she has passed the Final Examination for the Orthopaedic Nursing Certificate; or if she holds a certificate of the British Tuberculosis Association, having in these cases completed the recognized period of training, evidence, satisfactory to the Board, that she has fulfilled these requirements; or

(vi) in any other case, evidence, satisfactory to the Board as to the general education which she has had;

(*b*) a certificate of birth or infant baptism, or such other evidence as to her age as is satisfactory to the Board; and

(*c*) two certificates of good moral character from persons of responsible position to the effect that they have known the applicant for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the date of her application, and that they are satisfied that she is trustworthy, sober, and of good moral character.

5. Instruction in obstetric nursing shall extend over a period of not less than 3 months and shall include:—

(*a*) 10 lectures of which at least 2 shall be on the infant, covering the following subjects:—

(i) the female reproductive organs and the breasts;

(ii) the physiology and management of normal pregnancy;

(iii) the physiology, mechanism and management of normal labour;

(iv) the physiology and management of the puerperium;

(v) an introduction to common complications which may arise in pregnancy, labour and the puerperium;

(vi) the physiology and care of the normal infant, breast and artificial feeding;

(vii) an introduction to common complications affecting the infant;

(viii) an introduction to the care of the premature infant;

(*b*) taking and recording not less than 5 case histories and examining not less than 10 pregnant women ; including urine analysis and estimation of the blood pressure ;

(*c*) observing not less than 6 normal labours, including reception and admission treatment ; care and comfort given during labour ; the complete delivery and immediate care of mother and infant ;

(*d*) observing the nursing care of not less than 10 mothers and infants for 10 days following delivery ;

(*e*) when possible, making one or more visits with a domiciliary midwife and attending a local authority antenatal clinic.

6. A woman shall not be registered as a pupil if she is under the age of 20 years or, save at the discretion of the Board, if she is over the age of 50 years.

7. The names of all pupils who have been on the Register of Pupils for 5 years and have not been admitted to the Roll shall be erased therefrom. The Board may, however, restore to the Register, for such period as they think fit, any name so erased.

8. A report from the approved training institution shall be made to the Board within 4 calendar months from the beginning of a pupil's first period of training if the general education of the pupil is inadequate or she is otherwise unsuited to be a midwife. On consideration of such a report the Board may remove the name of the pupil from the Register of Pupils.

Course of Training

9.—(*a*) The training of a pupil shall comprise theoretical, practical and clinical instruction and attendance on, and the nursing of, cases. Such training shall be at approved training institutions and under lecturers and teachers and shall be in two periods: (i) a first period, which the pupil shall complete before presenting herself for the First Examination, and (ii) a second period, which the pupil shall complete before presenting herself for the Second Examination.

(*b*) All practical instruction shall be carried out under the supervision of a teacher or a teaching district midwife.

10. A pupil must, except during such holidays as may be approved by the Board, devote the whole of both periods of her training to preparation for her examinations, and must not be engaged on any other work of whatsoever nature.

11. A pupil shall not begin her training until she has been notified by the Secretary that her name has been entered on the Register of Pupils, and immediately she begins the first period of training she shall forward to the Board a certificate signed by a teacher as to the date of the beginning of training.

12. The first period of training shall extend over 4 consecutive calendar months in the case of pupils to whom Rule B.4 (*a*) (i) applies ; over 6 consecutive calendar months in the case of pupils to whom Rule B.4 (*a*) (ii) applies ; over 12 consecutive calendar months in the case of pupils to whom Rule B.4 (*a*) (iii), (iv) and (v) apply and over 18 consecutive calendar months in all other cases.

13. A pupil whose first period of training extends over 4 consecutive calendar months shall during such period—

(*a*) attend a course of 28 lectures of which at least 3 must be on the infant, and which must cover the following subjects :—

(i) the midwife's part in health education and preparation for motherhood, including her understanding of the emotional needs of women during pregnancy, labour and the puerperium ;

(ii) revision of the anatomy and physiology of the reproductive organs and the breasts ;

(iii) revision of the physiology and management of normal pregnancy ;

(iv) revision of the physiology and management of normal labour ;

(v) revision of the physiology and management of the puerperium ;

(vi) the symptoms and signs suggesting departure from the normal in the puerperium;

(vii) puerperal pyrexia;

(viii) toxaemia, haemorrhage and other obstetric complications; their causes, prevention and treatment and the part played by the midwife in their management;

(ix) the care of the breasts under normal and pathological conditions, the recognition of disturbances of their function;

(x) the recognition and management of:—

(*a*) congenital abnormalities and of disorders occurring during the first month of life with special reference to those in which skilled medical or surgical treatment may be necessary;

(*b*) infections in the infant with special reference to the responsibilities of the midwife in connection therewith;

(*c*) prematurity;

(xi) resuscitation of the newborn;

(xii) the use of special drugs in connection with midwifery; their dosage and strength; mode of administration and their dangers and antidotes;

(xiii) maternal mortality, neonatal mortality and still-births; the meaning of these terms and the steps taken to reduce such mortalities;

(*b*) conduct antenatal examinations on not less than 40 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 less than 5 labours;

(*d*) attend not less than 10 labours within the approved training institution, making full examination during the course of labour and personally delivering the mother of the infant and afterbirth;

(*e*) attend and nurse not less than 20 lying-in women and their infants during the time the patients are in the approved training institution.

14.—(*a*) Subject to the provisions of this Rule and of Rule B.13 a pupil shall during her first period of training—

(i) attend a course of at least 38 lectures (including at least 5 on the infant) on the subjects enumerated in Rule B.38, extending over a period of six months. The course of lectures shall be supplemented by practical demonstrations and tutorial classes;

(ii) conduct antenatal examinations on not less than 50 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;

(iii) receive clinical instruction in the conduct of labour, including the witnessing of not less than 20 labours;

(iv) attend not less than 10 labours within the approved training institution, making full examination during the course of labour and personally delivering the mother of the infant and afterbirth;

(v) attend and nurse not less than 40 lying-in women and their infants during the time the patients are in the approved institution.

(*b*) In the case of a pupil to whom Rule B.4 (*a*) (ii) applies for "20 labours" in paragraph (*a*) (iii) of this Rule and for "40 lying-in women" in paragraph (*a*) (v) of this Rule there shall be substituted respectively "10 labours" and "20 lying-in women".

(*c*) A pupil to whom Rule B.4 (*a*) (vi) applies shall during a period of not less than 6 months immediately preceding the training referred to in paragraph (*a*) of this Rule—

(*i*) 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;

(ii) attend a course of theoretical and practical instruction in general anatomy, and in the physiology and hygiene of the mother and infant.

15. On beginning her second period of training a pupil shall forward to the Board a certificate, signed by a teacher giving the name of the approved training institution at which the training will be received and the date of the beginning of training.

A pupil may begin the second period of training after completing the first period and prior to passing the First Examination, but, if she is not successful at the First Examination on the first occasion on which she is entitled to enter for it, any part of the second period of training which she may have completed before passing the First Examination shall not be counted towards the period prescribed in Rule B. 17. Instruction received in the administration of analgesia may, however, be counted towards that prescribed in Rule B. 18 (*b*).

16. A pupil who does not begin the second period of training within 6 months of passing the First Examination may be required by the Board to receive such further instruction, prior to beginning the second period, as the Board may prescribe.

17. The second period of training shall extend over not less than 6 consecutive calendar months, not less than 3 months of which must be spent in domiciliary practice in all cases, and the pupil shall during such period—

(*a*) attend not less than 5 lectures delivered by one or more lecturers on the subjects enumerated in Rule B. 39 (*c*) to (*g*);

(*b*) attend and take responsibility for the antenatal care of not less than 20 pregnant women, such responsibility including the booking of cases, the keeping of records and the reporting of cases;

(*c*) attend and take responsibility for not less than 20 women during labour. Some of these cases may be taken at an approved training institution, but at least 10 must be attended in the patients' own homes;

(*d*) attend and nurse not less than 20 lying-in women and their infants. At least 10 of these must be attended and nursed in the patients' own homes during the lying-in period. A case attended and nursed in the approved training institution must be attended and nursed during the time the patient remains in such institution;

(*e*) attend at least 5 sessions at a Child Welfare Centre approved by the Board for the purpose, and receive, at the centre or elsewhere, practical instruction in the care and management of infants, with special reference to the first month of life;

(*f*) attend clinical demonstrations on venereal diseases or lecture demonstrations on this subject which must be illustrated, including instruction in the facilities provided for treatment.

18.—(*a*) During the second period of training the pupil must keep careful and detailed records, in such form as the Board may prescribe from time to time, of all work done and training received (including full notes on mother and infant). Such records shall be signed by a teacher as the Board may require.

(*b*) During either the first or second period of training a pupil-midwife shall receive theoretical and practical instruction in anaesthesia and analgesia in midwifery practice as follows—

(i) 3 lecture demonstrations by a specialist anaesthetist;

(ii) the administration of an analgesic to at least 15 patients in labour by means of an apparatus or method approved by the Board under the general supervision of a specialist anaesthetist and under the detailed supervision of a midwife who is experienced in the use of the apparatus or method or of a resident medical officer who is similarly experienced.

It shall be the responsibility of the institution approved to provide the second period of training to ensure that a pupil-midwife has in fact received this instruction prior to entering for the Second Examination, and that certificates to this effect are submitted in accordance with Rule B. 34.

19. If in either the first or second period a pupil's training is interrupted for a period of more than three consecutive working days owing to her own illness or other emergency the Board, on application made by the pupil through a teacher, may allow, subject to such conditions as they think fit, the training taken prior to the interruption to be counted towards the prescribed period of training, provided that such period of absence is made up at the end of the period of training. Every application must be accompanied by a medical certificate or other evidence satisfactory to the Board according to the nature of the emergency. Any such interruptions of three consecutive working days or less which, when added together, amount to more than four days in any period of 6 months shall likewise be notified to the Board and made up at the end of the period of training.

In cases of interruption of training for reasons other than illness of the pupil, emergency or the holidays approved by the Board, the training received prior to such interruption cannot be counted.

Approval of Training Institutions

20. Applications for the approval of institutions for the training of student nurses in obstetric nursing and for the training of pupils shall be submitted to the Board on the prescribed form.

21. An institution shall not be approved in respect of instruction in obstetric nursing unless that instruction is to be carried out under an approved teacher.

22. An institution shall not be approved in respect of the first period of training unless—

(*a*) at least 500 confinements take place in it annually;

(*b*) it has antenatal beds and associated with it an antenatal clinic and a post-natal department;

(*c*) the medical staff includes a medical practitioner with special experience, satisfactory to the Board, in obstetric work, and a medical officer with special experience, satisfactory to the Board, in paediatric work; and

(*d*) there is a resident medical officer (who may be one of such persons as are mentioned in paragraph (*c*) of this Rule) approved by the Board as of sufficient seniority and experience;

provided that the Board may approve an institution which does not satisfy the foregoing requirements if such action appears to the Board to be desirable in the interests of the training of pupils.

23.—(*a*) An institution shall not be approved in respect of the second period of training unless the number of confinements dealt with annually in association with it for training purposes is at least 300, of which at least 100 are domiciliary cases; provided that the Board may approve an institution which does not satisfy these requirements if such action appears to the Board to be desirable in the interests of the training of pupils.

(*b*) An institution shall not be approved in respect of instruction in analgesia unless—

(i) the institution is one training pupils or medical students or is providing post-certificate courses for midwives or holding postgraduate courses for medical practitioners, or is otherwise considered by the Board as suitable for approval;

(ii) the institution has attached to it a specialist anaesthetist;

(iii) the resident medical officer or the midwife who would undertake the detailed supervision of the practical work is experienced in the use of the apparatus or method on which the instruction at the institution will be based.

24. The Board in approving institutions shall take into consideration the number and the qualifications of the members of the permanent medical and midwifery staff, the equipment for teaching purposes, the facilities for study by the student nurses or pupils, and all other matters having relation thereto. The Board may

cause the institution and the facilities for training therein to be inspected by a member or an officer of the Board or other competent person, whose report shall be considered when the question of approval is determined.

25. The Board may at any time terminate the approval of an institution and may limit the number of student nurses or pupils in training at any one time in an approved training institution.

Approval of Lecturers and Teachers

26. Applications for the approval of persons as lecturers, as teachers, and as teaching district midwives shall be submitted to the Board in the prescribed form.

27. The lectures on the subjects of Rules B.5, B.13 and B.38 must be delivered by persons who have been approved for the purpose by the Board as having qualifications and experience satisfactory to the Board in the subjects upon which they will lecture.

28. The lectures on the subjects of Rule B.39 (*c*) to (*g*) must be delivered by the medical officer of health of a local supervising authority or by a medical practitioner who is a member of the staff of such officer, or, by permission of the Board, by a medical practitioner who has had experience, satisfactory to the Board, in the subjects in question. Such persons shall be deemed to be persons approved by the Board as lecturers in the said subjects.

29. Unless the Board otherwise determine in any particular case, a person shall not be approved as a teacher unless she has practised as a midwife for at least three years and produces evidence, satisfactory to the Board, that she is competent to be responsible for the teaching of student nurses or pupils.

30. Unless the Board otherwise determine in any particular case, a person shall not be approved as a teaching district midwife unless she produces evidence, satisfactory to the Board, that she is competent to teach pupils.

31. The Board shall limit the number of pupils received at any one time by a teacher.

32. The Board reserve the right to review the approval of persons as lecturers, teachers, or teaching district midwives at any time.

Conduct of Examinations

33. A pupil shall present herself for the First Examination within 6 months of the date on which she completes her first period of training and shall present herself for the Second Examination within 6 months of the date on which she completes her second period of training.

A pupil who does not sit for examination in accordance with this Rule may be required by the Board to undergo such further training as the Board may prescribe before presenting herself for examination. The Board may waive the observance of this Rule in cases of illness of a pupil or other emergency.

34. A pupil shall not be entitled to be admitted to an examination unless her name is on the Register of Pupils and she produces certificates to the effect that she has undergone the training prescribed in these Rules. Such certificates must be in the prescribed form and must be signed by the lecturers and the teacher and, in the case of second period training, by the teaching district midwife from whom the pupil has received her practical teaching.

35. A pupil who intends to present herself for either examination must send notice of such intention and such fee as may be determined by the Board with the approval of the Minister of Health to the Secretary at least 6 weeks before the date fixed for the commencement of the examination. The certificates of training required by Rule B.34 shall be sent to the Secretary at the same time or at any subsequent date, not being less than 7 days before the date fixed for the commencement of the examination. Until such certificates have been received and accepted by the Secretary a pupil shall not be deemed to have entered for the examination.

36. If a pupil who has paid the fee for entry to an examination is prevented by illness from completing her entry, or attending at or completing her examination, and she produces a medical certificate or other evidence of illness satisfactory to the Board, the fee payable by her for admission to one subsequent examination shall, if the Board so determine, be half the appropriate fee.

37. The Secretary shall send to each pupil accepted for the First Examination, at the address furnished by her for the purpose, a card of admission to the written part of the examination, and shall personally or by deputy hand to each pupil attending the written part of the examination a card of admission to the oral part of the examination. The Secretary shall send to each pupil accepted for the Second Examination, at the address furnished by her for the purpose, a card of admission to that examination.

Any pupil presenting herself at either part of the First Examination, or at the Second Examination, without her card of admission will be liable to exclusion.

38. The First Examination shall be partly written and partly oral, and shall comprise the following subjects:—

(*a*) general physiology; the principles of hygiene and sanitation as regards home, diet and person; the midwife's part in health education and preparation for motherhood, including her understanding of the emotional needs of women during pregnancy, labour and the puerperium.

(*b*) infection; its causes and the means taken to prevent it; asepsis; the preparation and use of antiseptics in midwifery; the disinfection of the person, clothing and appliances; the use of rubber gloves and masks;

(*c*) the anatomy and physiology of the female pelvis and its organs, and of the breasts;

(*d*) the physiology, diagnosis and management of normal pregnancy; the hygiene and care of the pregnant woman and the unborn infant; examination of the urine and estimation of blood-pressure;

(*e*) the symptoms and signs suggesting departure from the normal in pregnancy;

(*f*) the physiology, mechanism and management of normal labour;

(*g*) the symptoms and signs suggesting departure from the normal in labour;

(*h*) the physiology and management of the puerperium, including the taking and recording of the pulse-rate, the temperature and respiration-rate; the use of nursing appliances;

(*i*) the symptoms and signs suggesting departure from the normal in the puerperium;

(*j*) puerperal pyrexia, including puerperal sepsis; causes, prevention, symptoms and signs;

(*k*) toxaemia, haemorrhage and other obstetric complications; their causes, prevention and treatment and the part played by the midwife in their management;

(*l*) the care of the breasts under both normal and pathological conditions; the recognition of disturbance of their function;

(*m*) the physiology and care of the infant, including the establishment and maintenance of breast feeding and, when necessary, artificial feeding, with special reference to the first month of life, and the management of the prematurely born infant;

(*n*) resuscitation of the newborn infant when required and the recognition of congenital abnormalities and of disorders occurring during the first month of life, with special reference to those in which skilled medical or surgical treatment may be necessary;

(*o*) ophthalmia neonatorum and other infections in the infant, with special reference to the responsibilities of the midwife in connexion therewith;

(*p*) the venereal diseases in women and young infants; their symptoms, signs and dangers, and the risk of contagion; the midwife's responsibility for advocating early and continued treatment;

(*q*) the use of such drugs and solutions as may be required in practice; the conditions which call for their use; their dosage and strength; the mode of administration or application and their dangers;

(*r*) maternal mortality, neonatal mortality and stillbirths; the meaning of these terms and the steps taken to reduce such mortalities.

39. The Second Examination shall be oral, clinical and practical. A candidate may be required to answer questions on the following subjects:—

(*a*) practical midwifery;

(*b*) analgesia in childbirth;

(*c*) the records kept by her in compliance with Rule B.18;

(*d*) social legislation, national insurance and social conditions;

(*e*) public health and preventive aspects of antenatal care;

(*f*) mothercraft, infant care and the principles of nutrition; including the methods of teaching these subjects;

(*g*) the duties of the midwife as described in the rules and notices of the Board, and her relationship with the local health authorities and other authorities and organisations by whom she may be employed or with whom she may come into contact.

40. A candidate detected copying from another candidate's paper or from a book or other document may be required to leave the examination room by the person in charge of the examination. Such candidate will not be allowed to complete the examination and will be liable to exclusion from all future examinations.

41. A pupil who has failed either examination of the Board and has not succeeded in passing the examination immediately following the one at which she has failed may be called upon to undergo such further training as the Board may prescribe before again presenting herself for examination.

Scale of Remuneration of Examiners

42. The scale of remuneration of the examiners shall be such as may from time to time be recommended by the Board and approved by the Minister of Health.

Issue of Certificates: Admission to Roll

43. The name of a candidate successful at the First Examination shall be entered on the record maintained by the Board of all pupils who have passed that examination. A Certificate, to be known as the First Certificate, in the form set out in the Schedule to Section B shall be awarded to each candidate successful at the First Examination whose first period of training has extended over 4 or 6 consecutive calendar months in accordance with the terms of Rule B.12. The entry of a pupil's name on such record or the award of such First Certificate shall not entitle a pupil to admission to the Roll or authorise her to hold herself out to be certified under the Act.

44. A Certificate, in the form set out in the Schedule to Section B, shall be awarded to each candidate successful at the Second Examination, and every such candidate shall be admitted to the Roll.

45. The names of all women admitted to the Roll shall appear on the Roll (or, if the Roll be divided into two parts, on the appropriate part thereof) in alphabetical order.

46. Any person whose name appears on the Roll of Midwives kept by the Central Midwives Board for Scotland, or by the Joint Nursing and Midwives Council, Northern Ireland, shall, on making application on a form supplied by the Board for the purpose, and paying such fee as may be determined by the Board with the approval of the Minister of Health and producing a certificate by the Board or Council to whose Roll she has been admitted, to the effect that her name appears on such Roll, be entitled to be admitted to the Roll.

SCHEDULE TO SECTION B

Certificates awarded by the Board

The First Certificate

(See Rule B.43)

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD

Date .....

We hereby certify that ..... has completed the first period of training prescribed for pupil-midwives and has passed the First Examination of the Central Midwives Board.

..... Chairman.

..... Secretary.

Note:—This Certificate does not entitle the pupil whose name is inscribed hereon to admission to the Roll of Midwives or authorize her to hold herself out as certified under the Midwives Act, 1951.

Certificate of Enrolment as a Midwife

(See Rule B.44)

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD

Date .....

No. .....

We hereby certify that ..... having passed the First and Second Examinations of the Central Midwives Board, and having otherwise complied with the rules made in pursuance of the Midwives Act, 1951, is entitled by law to practise as a Midwife in accordance with the provisions of the said Act and subject to the said rules.

..... Chairman.

..... Secretary. "

Amendment to Schedule to Section H of the Midwives Rules, 1955 to 1960

4. In the Schedule to Section H of the Midwives Rules, 1955 (which schedule describes the uniform to be worn by certified midwives) for the item "Working dress" there shall be substituted the following item:—

"Working dress.

Style: Bodice and skirt. Buttoned through. Bodice—plain with small roll collar of self material. Three buttons. Two saddle pockets. Short sleeves with turn back cuffs of self material. Skirt—gored, concealed fastening, two shaped patch pockets.

Material: Stewart blue cotton or a blended fabric of synthetic and/or natural fibres having satisfactory antistatic and washing properties. White detachable over collar (optional)."

Given under the seal of the Central Midwives Board this 20th day of April, nineteen hundred and sixty-one.

(L.S.)

Arnold Walker,
Chairman.

R. J. Fenney,
Secretary.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this twenty-fourth day of April, nineteen hundred and sixty-one.

(L.S.)

J. Enoch Powell,
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 replace with amendments Section B of the Midwives Rules, 1955, and make a minor amendment to Section H of those Rules.

The principal changes made by the amendments are:—

(*a*) the prescribing of a syllabus for a 3 months' course of instruction in obstetric nursing for student nurses to be given at institutions approved by the Central Midwives Board for that purpose, and

(*b*) the introduction of a shortened first period of midwifery training for pupils registered in the general part of the Register of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales and who have during the latter part of their training as nurses attended the course in obstetric nursing mentioned above.