1962 No. 766

NURSES AND MIDWIVES

The Midwives (Amendment) Rules Approval Instrument 1962

Made - - - - 10*th April* 1962

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 1961(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 1962.

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, 1962, and shall come into operation on the first day of June, 1962.

2.—(i) These Rules shall be included in the Midwives Rules, 1955 to 1961, and with those Rules may be cited together as the Midwives Rules, 1955 to 1962.

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

Amendments to Section B of the Midwives Rules, 1955 *to* 1961

3. In Rule B4 (*a*) (iv) the words "Roll of Nurses" shall be substituted for the words "Roll of Assistant Nurses".

4. In Rule B5 the words "not less than 12 consecutive weeks" shall be substituted for the words "not less than 3 months".

5. In Rule B13 (*a*) there shall be inserted:—

"(xiv) 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;".

6. In Rule B14 (*a*) (i) the words "extending over a period of six months" shall be deleted.

7. In Rule B15 the words "the second occasion" shall be substituted for the words "the first occasion".

8. In Rule B16 the words "12 months" shall be substituted for the words "6 months".

(a) 14 & 15 Geo. 6. c. 53. (b) 1955/120, 1959/162, 1960/1105, 1961/810 (1955 I, p. 1145; 1959 II, p. 1974; 1960 II, p. 2626; 1961 I, p. 1603). (c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

Amendments to Section D of the Midwives Rules, 1955 to 1961

9. In Rules D14 and 15 the words "recorded delivery letter" shall be substituted for the words "registered letter".

Given under the seal of the Central Midwives Board this thirteenth day of March, 1962.

(L.S.)

Arnold Walker,
Chairman.

R. J. Fenney,
Secretary.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health on 10th April 1962.

(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 amendments to the Midwives Rules 1955 to 1961 approved by this Instrument make certain minor changes in the training of pupil midwives and enable notices in relation to disciplinary proceedings affecting midwives to be sent by recorded delivery letter instead of by registered post.