The Nurses (Amendment) Rules, Approval Instrument, 1949

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Whereas the General Nursing Council for England and Wales have, in pursuance of their powers under section 3 of the Nurses Registration Act, 1919(a), and section 14 of the Nurses Act, 1943(b), amended the rules(c) made by them under section 3 of the Nurses Registration Act, 1919, as modified by the General Nursing Council (England and Wales) Rules Modification Order, 1923(d), and have submitted the amendments to the Minister of Health for his approval:

Now, therefore, the Minister of Health, in exercise of his powers under section 16 of the Nurses Act, 1943, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby approves the said amendments in the form set out in the schedule hereto.

This instrument may be cited as the Nurses (Amendment) Rules, Approval Instrument, 1949, and shall come into operation on the sixteenth day of June, 1949.

SCHEDULE

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES THE NURSES ACTS, 1919 TO 1945

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales in the exercise of their powers under section 3 of the Nurses Registration Act, 1919, and section 14 of the Nurses Act, 1943, hereby make the following Rules:—

1. These Rules may be cited as the Nurses (Amendment) Rules, 1949, and shall be read as one with the Rules (hereinafter called the "principal Rules") made by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales under section 3 of the Nurses Registration Act, 1919, as modified by the General Nursing Council (England and Wales) Rules Modification Order, 1923.

2. The Rules entitled "Conditions of admission to Register by Examination after 30th June, 1925" contained in Part III of the principal Rules shall be amended as follows:—

(1) There shall be inserted after paragraph (5) of Rule 1, the following paragraphs:—

"(6) The Council shall keep an Index of Student Nurses and when an applicant has been accepted by an approved Training School as a Student Nurse, the Training School shall submit to the Council within thirty days of the commencement of her training her full name, evidence of age, educational qualifications, date of commencement of training and any other particulars which the Council may normally require in order that the name of such student may be recorded in the Index of Student Nurses.

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 5. c. 94. (b) 6 & 7 Geo. 6. c. 17.
(c) Printed by A. & E. Walter, Ltd., 9 to 17 Tabernacle Street, London, E.C. 2.
(d) S.R. & O. 1923 (No. 804) p. 729.

(7) If a Student Nurse shall for any reason discontinue her training, the Training School concerned shall report the fact to the Council; and if she has at the time of such discontinuance, completed not less than six months' training, the Training School shall send the Council a statement showing the training undergone by her."

(2) Rules 2, 3, 4 and 6 are hereby revoked and there shall be substituted therefor the following rules:—

Examinations.

"2. The Council shall hold Preliminary and Final Examinations in the several subjects mentioned in the Syllabuses of Subjects for Examinations contained in the Fifth Schedule to these Rules at such times (not being less often than three times in every year), at such places, and subject to such provisions as the Council may from time to time determine.

3. The entrance fee for the Preliminary Examination shall be thirty shillings for Part I, thirty shillings for Part II, two guineas if both Parts are taken together, and three guineas for the Final Examination. The fee shall be paid before the applicant's name is entered for the examination.

Provided that where an applicant's name is entered for an examination after the 1st day of July, 1949, the entrance fees payable shall be thirty-five shillings for Part I or for Part II of the Preliminary Examination respectively, two pounds twelve shillings and sixpence if both Parts are taken together, and four guineas for the Final Examination.

4.—*(1) The Preliminary Examination shall be divided into two Parts of which Part I shall include the subjects of Elementary Anatomy, Physiology and Hygiene, and Part II shall include the subjects of First Aid and Nursing as laid down in the Syllabus of Subjects for this examination.

(2) The minimum age of entry to Part I of the Preliminary Examination, if taken before entry to a Training School, shall be seventeen years on the last day of the month in which the Written Examination is held.

(3) A candidate may enter for Part I of the Preliminary Examination if:—

(*a*) She produces evidence satisfactory to the Council that before entrance to a Training School, she has undergone a course of instruction recommended by the Ministry of Education and approved by the Council, which course shall include the subjects of Elementary Anatomy, Physiology and Hygiene, and shall be either a whole-time course of not less than one school year, or a part-time course of not less than two sessions, each being of at least two terms duration. A candidate for the Examination to be held in the month of June who has not yet completed such course of instruction, but who is due to complete it before the end of the following July, may enter for the Examination on production of satisfactory evidence verifying that fact, and on depositing with the Registrar an undertaking signed by the candidate that she will complete the course on the due date after the Examination, or

(*b*) She has completed not less than six months' training in an approved Training School or is due to complete such training by the last day of the month in which the Written Examination is held.

(4) Not more than two years may elapse between the passing of Part I of the Preliminary Examination and entry to a Training School except with the permission of the Council.

(5) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (6) of this Rule, a person shall not be entitled to enter for Part II of the Preliminary Examination unless:—

(*a*) her name is recorded in the Index of Student Nurses, and

(*b*) she has either passed Part I of the Preliminary Examination, or enters for Part I at the same time that she enters for Part II, and

(*c*) she has completed one year of training in an approved Training School or is due to complete such training by the last day of the month in which the Written Examination is held, and

(*d*) she has attended a course of lectures in the subjects prescribed for the Preliminary Examination, and has undergone practical instruction in the wards in those subjects(**a**), and

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* New Rule 4, para. 1 substituted, *see* p. 2894 below.

(**a**) *See* amendment, p. 2895 below.

(*e*) she has deposited with the Registrar a certificate signed by the Matron, or other responsible officer of the Institution or Institutions in which her training or instruction was given and carried out, verifying that the requirements specified in sub-paragraphs (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) aforesaid have been satisfied.

(6) Until a date to be announced by the Council and approved by the Minister of Health, of which twelve months' notice shall be given, the requirement of paragraph (5) aforesaid as to completion of one year of training shall not apply—

(*a*) to a person who is undergoing a short intensive course, approved by the Council, of which not less than three months have been completed and who while serving in His Majesty's Forces since the 3rd day of September, 1939,

(i) was either a Leading Sick Berth Attendant or a Senior Nursing Member in the Navy, or a Nursing Orderly Class I, or a Nursing Member Class I, or a Mental Nursing Orderly Class I in the Army, or a Leading Aircraftsman or Leading Aircraftswoman in the trade of Nursing Orderly in the Royal Air Force, and

(ii) has had not less than two years' experience in the nursing of the physically sick in a hospital under the supervision of registered nurses or trained nurses, and

(iii) has deposited with the Registrar evidence satisfactory to the Council verifying these facts;

(*b*) to a person who has completed not less than six months' training in an approved Training School or is due to complete such training by the last day of the month in which the Written Examination is held and has at some time after the 3rd day of September, 1939, been engaged on nursing duties in His Majesty's Forces or in the Civil Nursing Reserve or in the British Red Cross Society or in the St. John Ambulance Brigade, and as such has had not less in the aggregate than two years' experience in the nursing of the physically sick in a hospital or hospitals under the supervision of trained nurses, or in a casualty clearing station or stations with an establishment of not less than eight trained nurses, or in a mobile field hospital or hospitals of not less than 100 beds in which the establishment was not less than four trained nursing officers, or in Navy sick quarters, or sick bays in one or more of such organisations.

Provided that such person—

(i) has applied (through the Matron of the Training School) for and received permission from the Council to undergo a reduced period of training, application for such permission having been made within six months of release from His Majesty's Forces or the Civil Nursing Reserve, or from active service with the British Red Cross Society or St. John Ambulance Brigade, unless the Council otherwise decide,

(ii) has commenced her training after the 27th day of July, 1945,

(iii) has been recommended to be allowed to undergo a reduced period of training by the Matron or Matrons of the hospital or hospitals, or the Sister or Sisters in charge of the unit in which her requisite experience in the nursing of the sick was obtained, or if it was not practicable to obtain recommendations covering the full period of two years on account of frequent movements of nursing personnel during the war, was so recommended by one Matron or Sister in Charge of a unit where the applicant had served for the minimum period of six months, or by two Matrons or Sisters in charge, covering two periods of not less than three months each,

(iv) is entering for both Parts of the Preliminary Examination on the first occasion on which under this proviso she is eligible, and

(v) has deposited with the Registrar evidence satisfactory to the Council verifying these facts,

(*c*) to an Enrolled Assistant Nurse who—

(i) has completed not less than six months' training in an approved Training School or is due to complete such training by the last day of the month in which the Written Examination is held,

(ii) has applied (through the Matron of the Training School) for, and received permission from, the Council to undergo a reduced period of training,

(iii) is entering for both Parts of the Preliminary Examination on the first occasion on which under this Rule she is eligible, and

(iv) has deposited with the Registrar evidence satisfactory to the Council verifying these facts.

(7) No person shall be entitled to enter for any Final Examination unless she:—

(*a*) has attained or will have attained by the last day of the month in which the Written Examination is held the age of twenty-one years, or in the case of a candidate for the Final Examination for Fever Nurses the age of twenty years, and

(*b*) has passed the Preliminary Examination or is already registered in any Part of the Register, and

(*c*) has undergone the training specified in Rule 6 of these Rules as being necessary to qualify her for admission to the Part of the Register to which the Examination relates; and in a case where she has failed on three occasions to pass the Final Examination has undergone since the occasion on which she last so failed at least six months' further training in the subject or subjects in which she failed on that occasion to obtain a credit standard as laid down in the Council's regulations for conduct of examinations, and

(*d*) has undergone systematic instruction in each of the subjects prescribed in the Syllabus of Subjects for Examination contained in the Fifth Schedule to these Rules as being necessary for admission to the Part of the Register to which she applies to be admitted, and

(*e*) is honest and of good moral character and her conduct has been satisfactory during the period of training, and

(*f*) has deposited with the Registrar certificates signed by the Matron, Superintendent Nurse or other person occupying a similar position in the Institution or Institutions in which her training or instruction was given and carried out, verifying the requirements specified in sub-paragraphs (*a*) to (*e*) of this paragraph.

Evidence of Training.

6.—(1) IN THE CASE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE GENERAL PART OF THE REGISTER:—

(*a*) The applicant must be a female;

(*b*) Except as hereinafter provided, the applicant must have completed a course of not less than three years' training in a Complete Training School for Registered Nurses; or, alternatively, have completed a course of not less than four years' training in an Affiliated Training School for Registered Nurses; or, alternatively, have completed a course of not less than three years and six months' training in an Associated Training School for Registered Nurses.

Provided that:—

(i) if the training has been received in a Complete Training School the said periods shall be reduced;

(*a*) in the case of an applicant who has passed the Preliminary Examination after the reduced period of training referred to in sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (6) of Rule 4 of these Rules, by two years, and

(*b*) in the case of an applicant who has passed the Preliminary Examination after the reduced period of training referred to in sub-paragraphs (*b*) or (*c*) of paragraph (6) of Rule 4 of these Rules, by six months;

(ii) if at the date of application the applicant is a Registered Sick Children's Nurse she must since the date of registration have completed a course of not less than two years' training in a Complete Training School for Registered Nurses, or alternatively since that date have completed a course of not less than one year's training in an Affiliated or Associated Training School for Registered Nurses which is a Hospital for Men only, and also a course of not less than one year's training in an Affiliated or Associated Training School which is a Hospital for Women only; or

(iii) if at the date of application the applicant is registered in any of the Parts of the Register other than the General Part or that of Sick Children's Nurses, she must since the date of registration have completed a course of not less than two years' training in a Complete Training School for Registered Nurses.

Provided further that until a date to be announced by the Council and approved by the Minister of Health, of which twelve months' notice shall be given, in the case of an applicant registered under the provisions of Rule 9 of these Rules, the date of application for such registration shall be substituted in this paragaph for the date of registration.

(2) IN THE CASE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE PART OF THE REGISTER FOR MALE NURSES:—

Except as hereinafter provided, the applicant must have completed a course of not less than three years' training in a Complete Training School for Registered Male Nurses; or, alternatively, have completed a course of not less than four years' training in an Affiliated Training School for Registered Male Nurses; or, alternatively, have completed a course of not less than three years and six months' training in an Associated Training School for Registered Male Nurses; or, alternatively, have undergone a course of not less than three years' instruction in accordance with the Syllabus of the Council in the service of the Admiralty, Army Council or the Air Council.

Provided that:—

(i) if the training has been received in a Complete Training School the said periods shall be reduced;

(*a*) in the case of an applicant who has passed the Preliminary Examination after the reduced period of training referred to in sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (6) of Rule 4 of these Rules, by two years, and

(*b*) in the case of an applicant who has passed the Preliminary Examination after the reduced period of training referred to in sub-paragraphs (*b*) or (*c*) of paragraph (6) of Rule 4 of these Rules, by six months;

(ii) if at the date of application the applicant is registered in some other Part of the Register he must since the date of registration have completed a course of not less than two years' training in a Complete Training School for Registered Male Nurses.

Provided further that until a date to be announced by the Council and approved by the Minister of Health, of which twelve months' notice shall be given, in the case of an applicant registered under the provisions of Rule 9 of these Rules, the date of application for such registration shall be substituted in this paragraph for the date of registration.

(3) IN THE CASE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE PART OF THE REGISTER FOR MENTAL NURSES OTHER THAN THE SEPARATE SECTION FOR REGISTERED NURSES FOR MENTAL DEFECTIVES:—

Except as hereinafter provided, the applicant must have completed a course of not less than three years' training in a Complete Training School for Registered Mental Nurses; or, alternatively, have completed a course of not less than four years' training in an Affiliated Training School for Registered Mental Nurses.

Provided that:—

(i) if the training has been received in a Complete Training School the said periods shall be reduced, in the case of an applicant who has passed the Preliminary Examination after the reduced period of training referred to in sub-paragraphs (*b*) or (*c*) of paragraph (6) of Rule 4 of these Rules, by six months;

(ii) if at the date of application the applicant is registered in some other Part of the Register, she must since the date of registration have completed a course of not less than two years' training in a Complete Training School for Registered Mental Nurses.

Provided further that until a date to be announced by the Council and approved by the Minister of Health, of which twelve months' notice shall be given, in the case of an applicant registered under the provisions of Rule 9 of these Rules, the date of application for such registration shall be substituted in this paragraph for the date of registration.

(4) IN THE CASE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE SEPARATE SECTION FOR NURSES FOR MENTAL DEFECTIVES:—

Except as hereinafter provided, the applicant must have completed a course of not less than three years' training in a Complete Training School for Registered Nurses for Mental Defectives; or, alternatively, have completed a course of not less than four years' training in an Affiliated Training School for Registered Nurses for Mental Defectives.

Provided that:—

(i) if the training has been received in a Complete Training School the said periods shall be reduced, in the case of an applicant who has passed the Preliminary Examination after the reduced period of training referred to in sub-paragraphs (*b*) or (*c*) of paragraph (6) of Rule 4 of these Rules, by six months;

(ii) if at the date of application the applicant is registered in any Part of the Register other than on the said separate section, she must since the date of registration have completed a course of not less than two years' training in a Complete Training School for Registered Nurses for Mental Defectives.

Provided further that until a date to be announced by the Council and approved by the Minister of Health, of which twelve months' notice shall be given, in the case of an applicant registered under the provisions of Rule 9 of these Rules, the date of application for such registration shall be substituted in this paragraph for the date of registration.

(5) IN THE CASE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE PART OF THE REGISTER FOR SICK CHILDREN'S NURSES:—

Except as hereinafter provided, the applicant must have completed a course of not less than three years' training in a Complete Training School for Registered Sick Children's Nurses; or, alternatively, have completed a course of not less than four years' training in an Affiliated Training School for Registered Sick Children's Nurses;

Provided that:—

(i) if the training has been received in a Complete Training School the said periods shall be reduced, in the case of an applicant who has passed the Preliminary Examination after the reduced period of training referred to in sub-paragraphs (*b*) or (*c*) of paragraph (6) of Rule 4 of these Rules, by six months;

(ii) if at the date of application the applicant is registered in some other Part of the Register, she must since the date of registration have completed a course of not less than two years' training in a Complete Training School for Registered Sick Children's Nurses.

Provided further that until a date to be announced by the Council and approved by the Minister of Health, of which twelve months' notice shall be given, in the case of an applicant registered under the provisions of Rule 9 of these Rules, the date of application for such registration shall be substituted in this paragraph for the date of registration.

(6) IN THE CASE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE PART OF THE REGISTER FOR FEVER NURSES:—

Except as hereinafter provided, the applicant must have completed a course of not less than two years' training in a Complete Training School for Registered Fever Nurses; or, alternatively, have completed a course of not less than two years and six months' training in an Affiliated Training School for Registered Fever Nurses;

Provided that:—

(i) if the training has been received in a Complete Training School the said periods shall be reduced, in the case of an applicant who has passed the Preliminary Examination after the reduced period of training referred to in sub-paragraphs (*b*) or (*c*) of paragraph (6) of Rule 4 of these Rules, by six months;

(ii) if at the date of application the applicant is registered in some other Part of the Register, she must since the date of registration have completed a course of not less than one year's training in a Complete Training School for Registered Fever Nurses.

Provided further that until a date to be announced by the Council and approved by the Minister of Health, of which twelve months' notice shall be given, in the case of an applicant registered under the provisions of Rule 9 of these Rules, the date of application for such registration shall be substituted in this paragraph for the date of registration.

(7) Notwithstanding anything contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Rule, the course of two years' training required for admission of a person registered in one Part of the Register to any other Part of the Register shall in the case of a Nurse who has passed the Final Examination for Fever Nurses, date as from the time of passing the Final Examination for Fever Nurses, and not as from the date of her registration."

3. Rules 9 and 10 at the end of Part III of the principal Rules, and the General Nursing Amendment Rules, 1947, are hereby revoked and there shall be inserted after Rule 8a of the said Part III the following Rules:—

"CONDITIONS OF ADMISSION OF PERSONS HOLDING THE CERTIFICATE OF THE ROYAL MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION TO THE PART OF THE REGISTER FOR MENTAL NURSES AND FOR NURSES FOR MENTAL DEFECTIVES.

9. Every person holding the Certificate of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association, who desires to obtain admission to the Part of the Register for Mental Nurses and for Nurses for Mental Defectives, shall before the 31st day of March, 1952, or such later date as the Council may determine in individual cases, make application to the Registrar on the appropriate form to be obtained from the Council and shall comply with the following conditions:

(1) she shall deposit with the Registrar the Certificate of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association, or produce to the Registrar such other evidence as the Council may require that she is the holder of such a Certificate;

(2) she shall furnish the Registrar with the name and address of two persons willing and able to give evidence of good character. One of such persons shall be a householder, not being a relative of the applicant, who has known her personally for not less than three years, and the other shall be a matron or chief male nurse of a hospital, a registered medical practitioner, or other responsible person under whom the applicant has worked:

Provided that if at the date of her application the applicant is employed by any hospital, institution, or infirmary the Council shall dispense with any evidence of good character.

10. Every person who applies to the Registrar in the manner set out in Rule 9 of these Rules and who complies with the conditions prescribed in that Rule, shall upon the payment to the Registrar of a fee of two guineas, be registered in the Part of the Register for Mental Nurses and/or in the separate section thereof for Nurses for Mental Defectives."

4. Paragraph (5) of Rule 17 of Part V of the principal Rules, is hereby revoked and there shall be substituted therefor the following paragraph:—

"(5) In any other case in which the Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee decide that a prima facie case is made out for the removal of the Respondent from the Register, the Committee may direct the Solicitor to take all necessary steps for verifying the evidence to be submitted to the Council and for obtaining the necessary documents and the attendance of witnesses."

5. Paragraphs (2) and (3) of Rule 45 of Part VII of the principal Rules are hereby revoked and there shall be substituted therefor the following paragraphs:—

"(2) All payments made by or on behalf of the Council shall be made by cheque or other order drawn on the bankers of the Council, except in the case of sums not exceeding £10 or of such lesser amount as the Council may from time to time determine, or in cases of urgency.

(3) Subject to the provisions of the following paragraph, all cheques or other authorities for payment of money by the bankers of the Council shall be signed by two members of the Finance Committee nominated by the Council and countersigned by the Registrar.

(4) The Council shall have power to open a special account with the bankers of the Council and to authorise the Registrar or her deputy or other official of the Council to draw thereon up to such amounts not exceeding £50 at one time and subject to such conditions as the Council may from time to time prescribe."

6. After Part VII of the principal Rules, there shall be inserted the following Parts:—

"PART VIII

QUALIFICATIONS OF SISTER TUTORS

50. The Council shall grant a Certificate of Registration as a Sister Tutor (hereinafter referred to as "the Council's Certificate") in the form set out in the Seventh Schedule to these Rules to any person who makes application in writing to the Registrar and satisfies the following requirements:—

(*a*) (i) The applicant must be registered in the General Part of the Register or in the Part for Registered Male Nurses;

(ii) The applicant must have undergone at least four years' experience in nursing since registration in any Part of the Register, including at least two years' experience as Sister in charge of a Ward in an approved Training School. Provided that until a date to be announced by the Council with the approval of the Minister of Health, three years' experience in nursing including one year's experience in charge of a Ward as aforesaid, shall be deemed to be sufficient.

Provided, further, that until a date to be announced by the Council with the approval of the Minister, experience in charge of a Ward as aforesaid shall not be requisite in the case of a nurse who is registered both as a general trained nurse and as a mental nurse or nurse for mental defectives, if the applicant has had for a period of fours years post-registration experience satisfactory to the Council in an approved Training School;

(iii) The applicant must have completed a whole-time Sister Tutor course of two years' duration in an Institution approved by the Council in that behalf. Provided that until a date to be announced by the Council with the approval of the Minister a course of one year's duration shall be deemed to be sufficient;

(iv) The applicant must hold a Sister Tutor Certificate granted by a University approved by the Council in that behalf; or

(*b*) In the case of an application made before the 31st day of December, 1949, or such extended period as the Council may decide in exceptional cases, the applicant must be registered in the General Part of the Register or in the Part of the Register for Male Nurses, and must have possessed at the 31st day of December, 1946, one of the following qualifications:—

(i) Nurse Teacher's Certificate of the Royal College of Nursing;

(ii) Sister Tutor Certificate of King's College of Household and Social Science (University of London);

(iii) Sister Tutor Certificate of the Battersea Polytechnic;

(iv) Sister Tutor Certificate of the University of Leeds;

(v) Certificate of the International Course of Nurse Administrators and Teachers in Schools of Nursing issued by the League of Red Cross Societies or subsequently by the Florence Nightingale International Foundation;

(vi) Sister Tutor Certificate of the South-West Essex Technical College and School of Art;

(vii) Diploma in Nursing of the University of Leeds or the University of London, and in addition must submit evidence of not less than two years' whole-time experience in the teaching of nursing prior to the 31st day of December, 1946;

(viii) Such other teaching certificate or teaching diploma as may be acceptable to the Council, and in addition, experience in the teaching of nursing for at least three years prior to the 31st day of December, 1946;

(ix) Such experience as the Council may approve, including not less than two years' whole-time experience in the teaching of nursing prior to the 31st day of December, 1939.

51. A fee not exceeding three guineas shall be payable on the granting of the Council's Certificate. In the event of such Certificate becoming lost or accidentally destroyed the holder may apply to the Council for a fresh Certificate, and the Council may, if they think fit, grant such fresh Certificate upon payment by the applicant of a fee of one guinea; a Certificate so issued shall be marked " Duplicate ".

52. The Council's Certificate shall be sealed with the Seal of the Council.

53. The granting of the Council's Certificate shall be indicated by means of a distinguishing mark placed against the entry relating to the holder in the General Part of the Register or in the Part of the Register for Male Nurses as the case may be. The Council's Certificate shall be valid only so long as the holder is so registered, but validity shall be restored on re-inclusion of the holder's name in the Register.

54. Any Registered Nurse or Registered Male Nurse who holds a Certificate of Registration as a Sister Tutor granted by the General Nursing Council for Scotland or the Joint Nursing and Midwives Council for Northern Ireland shall on making application to the Registrar of the Council and on paying a fee of

ten shillings and sixpence and on production of the Certificate granted by the General Nursing Council for Scotland or the Joint Nursing and Midwives Council for Northern Ireland be granted a Certificate of Registration as a Sister Tutor.

55. Any person shall be entitled, upon payment of a fee of ten shillings, to be furnished with a Certificate under the Seal of the Council certifying that on a specified date, or during a specified period, a person is or was or is not or was not a Registered Sister Tutor as defined by the Rules.

56.—(i) The Council shall prepare and keep a list of Institutions which are for the time being approved by the Council for the purposes of Rule 50 (*a*) (iii) of these Rules.

(ii) The Council shall prepare and keep a list of Universities which are for the time being approved by the Council for the purposes of Rule 50 (*a*) (iv) of these Rules.

PART IX

RULES WITH RESPECT TO THE UNIFORM AND BADGE WHICH MAY BE WORN BY REGISTERED NURSES

57. In this Part of these Rules, the expression "Registered Nurse" means a Nurse registered in any Part of the Register.

58. The uniform and badge of a Registered Nurse shall until the 1st day of July, 1949, be the uniform and badge described in Parts I and II of the Sixth Schedule to these Rules.

As from the 1st day of July, 1949, the uniform and badge shall be that described in Parts III and IV of the Sixth Schedule to these Rules, provided that a Registered Nurse who before the 1st day of July, 1949, has been granted a permit to wear a uniform, may wear that uniform after that date, so long as it is serviceable.

59. 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.

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

61. No Registered Nurse shall wear the uniform without a permit from the Registrar.

62. Any Registered Nurse desirous of obtaining the uniform shall apply to the Registrar either personally or in writing for the said permit, and shall furnish the Registrar with the following particulars:—

(1) Name in full (in block letters).
(2) Registration Number.
(3) Date of Registration.
(4) Whether Registered in:—
  (*a*) The General Part of the Register.
  (*b*) The Part of the Register for Male Nurses.
  (*c*) The Part of the Register for Mental Nurses.
  (*d*) The section for Nurses for Mental Defectives in the Part of the Register for Mental Nurses.
  (*e*) The Part of the Register for Sick Children's Nurses.
  (*f*) The Part of the Register for Fever Nurses.

63. 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.

64. 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.

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

66. The badge shall be obtained only from the Council, by application to the Registrar, which may be made either personally or in writing, and shall contain the particulars mentioned in Rule 62 aforesaid.

67. The badge may be worn with or without uniform, and shall when worn by Female Registered Nurses, be affixed to the right side of the person.

68. A permit to wear a uniform shall be obtained free of charge, provided that the fee payable by a Registered Nurse for a second permit shall be two shillings and sixpence and the fee payable for any further permit shall be five shillings."

7. Part VIII of the principal Rules shall be renumbered Part X and Rules 50 to 52 shall be renumbered 69 to 71 respectively.

8. The "Rules with respect to the uniform and badge which may be worn by Registered Nurses" contained in the principal Rules are hereby revoked.

9.—(1) The Schedules to the principal Rules entitled "I. Syllabus of Examination" and "II. Uniform and Badge which may be worn by Registered Nurses" shall respectively become the "Fifth Schedule" and the "Sixth Schedule" to these Rules.

(2) After Part II of the Sixth Schedule, there shall be inserted the following Parts:—

"PART III

A. DESCRIPTION OF UNIFORM FOR FEMALE REGISTERED NURSES

1. The basic colours shall be navy blue, Cambridge blue, and silver.

2. The outdoor uniform shall consist of:—

(*a*) An overcoat (light weight); or an overcoat (heavy weight); or approved raincoat; or costume worn with approved blouse; and

(*b*) A peaked cap with embroidered device in front; or beret with cockade and embroidered device; or shallow double-crowned felt hat with cockade and embroidered device; or tricorne shape felt hat with cockade and embroidered device.

With any of the above uniforms there shall be worn a navy leather shoulder bag, navy or black shoes, coloured stockings and navy, black or chamois gloves.

3. The indoor uniform shall consist of:—

(*a*) A washing frock to be worn with an approved apron, or

(*b*) a button-through washing frock to be worn without an apron, or

(*c*) a mess frock.

With any of the above uniforms there shall be worn navy or black shoes and coloured stockings.

B. PARTICULARS OF ITEMS OF UNIFORM

Overcoat

(*a*) 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.

(*b*) Material:
Lightweight:—Men's navy blue suiting serge.
Heavyweight:—Navy blue cheviot.

Raincoat

(*a*) Style:
"Burberry" design, detachable epaulettes with plated metal letters.

(*b*) Material:
Approved special material of navy blue rainproof cloth with interwoven lining of Cambridge blue wool.

Costume

(*a*) 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.

(*b*) Material:
Men's navy blue suiting serge.

Blouse No. 1

(*a*) Style:
Yoke and panel front. Coat collar and revers.
Built up shoulders. Bishop sleeves.

(*b*) Material:
Cambridge blue wool, silk, or cotton.

Blouse No. 2

(*a*) Style:
Polo collar. Bishop sleeves.
Back gathered into shallow yoke.

(*b*) Material:
Cambridge blue wool, silk, or cotton.

Washing Frock—A

(*a*) 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.

(*b*) Material:
Pale blue drill.

Worn with:—
Square bib apron without straps.
St. Bartholomew's Hospital indoor cap (shoulder length).

Washing Frock—B

(*a*) 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 flaps.

(*b*) Material:

Pale blue drill.
Worn without apron.
St. Bartholomew's Hospital indoor cap (shoulder length).

Mess Frock

(*a*) 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.

(*b*) Material:

Cambridge blue wool.

C. Badge and Lettering

1. The badge is made of silver and blue enamel and its size and design are as follows:—

Diameter: 1 5/12 ins.
Outer edge: 5 petals of Tudor Rose.
Between each petal a small Tudor Rose.
Centre figure of Hygeia with rose and daffodil design on either side, encircled by garter bearing the words: "The General Nursing Council for England and Wales".

2. The embroidered device consists of the appropriate letters of designation worked in silver wire on a navy blue background.

3. The metal letters on epaulettes consist of the plated metal letters of designation indicating the Part or Parts of the Register in which the nurse is registered:—

General Register	S.R.N.
Part of the Register for Male Nurses	S.R.N.
Mental Nurses	R.M.N.
Nurses for Mental Defectives	R.N.M.D.
Sick Children's Nurses	R.S.C.N.
Fever Nurses	R.F.N.

PART IV

A. Description of Uniform for Male Nurses

1. The basic colours shall be navy blue, Cambridge blue, and silver.

2. The outdoor uniform shall consist of:—

(*a*) An overcoat (lightweight); or overcoat (heavyweight); or approved raincoat; and

(*b*) A navy blue lounge suit worn with Air Force blue shirt, and approved tie or black tie, and

(*c*) A navy blue peaked cap with embroidered device in front; or navy blue beret with embroidered device in front; or navy blue forage cap with two small regulation buttons in front and embroidered device.

3. The indoor uniform shall consist of:—

A washing duty coat.

With any of the above uniforms there shall be worn:—

Navy or black socks, black boots or shoes and with the outdoor uniform dark brown or chamois gloves.

B. PARTICULARS OF ITEMS OF UNIFORM

Overcoat

(*a*) 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.

(*b*) Material:

Lightweight: Navy serge.
Heavyweight: Navy cheviot.

Raincoat

(*a*) Style:

"Burberry" design, detachable epaulettes with plated metal letters

(*b*) Material:

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

Suit

(*a*) Style:

Plain lounge suit, single or double breasted, with regulation detachable buttons.

Trousers, with or without turn-ups.

(*b*) Material:

Navy blue suiting serge or similar material.

Shirt

Air Force regulation shirt with semi-stiff collar.

Tie

Approved tie of the three basic colours, navy blue, Cambridge blue, and silver in widths of ½ inch; or black tie.

Washing Duty Coat

(*a*) Style:

Coat to knee length, with wide wrap. Button-over front fastening with 8/9 registered buttons, with upstanding collar. Inset belt at back, two pockets. Detachable half-sleeves. Epaulettes of navy blue bearing metal letters of designation.

(*b*) Material:

Cambridge blue drill.

C. BADGE AND LETTERING

The badge, embroidered device and metal letters are identical with those prescribed for female nurses."

10. After Part IV of the Sixth Schedule there shall be inserted the following Schedule:—

"SEVENTH SCHEDULE

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

This Certificate* of Registration as a Sister Tutor is granted to S.R.N. who holds the Sister Tutor Certificate awarded by the University of and who has in all respects conformed to the requirements of the Rules drawn up in accordance with Section 14 of the Nurses Act, 1943.

Registrar.

(Seal) (Date)

The granting of this Certificate is denoted in the entry relating to the holder in the appropriate Part of the Register. This Certificate is valid only so long as the name of the holder appears on that Part of the Register.

*(The Certificate for Sister Tutors holding qualifications set out in Rule 50 (b) (i) (ii) (iii) (iv) (v) (vi) (vii) (viii) and (ix) and Rule 54 will be the same as the above with the necessary and appropriate alterations.)"

Seal

DOROTHY M. SMITH,
Chairman of the Council.

The Seal of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was hereunto affixed this 2nd day of May, 1949.

M. HENRY,
Registrar.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this thirteenth day of June, nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

(L.S.) *Wm. S. Douglas,*
Secretary, Ministry of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The amending rules provide for the keeping by the General Nursing Council of an Index of Student Nurses and for miscellaneous amendments of the rules relating to admission to the examinations of the Council, including the lowering of the age of admission to Part I of the Preliminary Examination from seventeen and a half years to seventeen if the examination is taken before entry to a training school, exemption from certain parts of the examination rules in the case of candidates with service or other experience, and an increase in the scale of fees for examinations.

The rules relating to evidence of training have been amended consequentially and also provide for the case of applicants for registration who hold the certificate of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association. Rule 17 of the rules as amended enables the Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee of the Council, instead of the Council, to take steps to secure evidence in penal cases.

Rule 45 as amended enables the Council to open a special account with their bankers to cover small payments.

Rules 50 to 56 provide for the granting of a certificate of Registration as a Sister Tutor.

Rules 57 to 68 provide for a new design of uniform for Nurses as from the 1st day of July, 1949, and for the conditions under which the uniform may be obtained and worn.