EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations amend the provisions of the National Service (Miscellaneous) Regulations, 1948, relating to the postponement of call up on the ground of exceptional hardship.

The 1948 Regulations, in dealing with business responsibilities, provide for postponement of call up where it would involve alternative arrangements having to be made for the carrying on of the business. The postponement is at present related to the time required to make such alternative arrangements or to dispose of the business.

The new Regulations provide that if it is not reasonable for such alternative arrangements to be made or for the business to be disposed of or discontinued, a period of postponement may be granted for as long as the circumstances are likely to remain unchanged, subject to the maximum periods mentioned below.

Provision is also made for postponement in a case of domestic hardship to be granted for a similar period where it is not reasonable to expect alternative arrangements to be made.

The maximum period of postponement is extended to two years, with one year in the case of a renewal.

Under the 1948 Regulations an appeal to the Umpire from a determination of a Military Service (Hardship) Committee must be brought within twenty-one days of the determination, unless the period is extended by the Minister. The present Regulations enable an applicant, in a case where leave to appeal to the Umpire from a unanimous determination of a committee is granted by that committee, to appeal within twenty-one days of the date on which leave was granted or such further period as the Minister may allow.

NURSES, ENGLAND

1957 No. 1476

The Nurses (Amendment) Rules, Approval Instrument, 1957

Made - - - -	14*th August*, 1957
Laid before Parliament	19*th August*, 1957
Coming into Operation	2*nd September*, 1957

Whereas the General Nursing Council for England and Wales have, in pursuance of their powers under sections 3, 10 and 17 of the Nurses Act, 1957(a), made rules amending the Nurses Rules, 1951(b), and have submitted them to the Minister of Health for his approval:

Now, therefore, the Minister of Health in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 32 of the Nurses Act, 1957, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby approves the said rules in the form set out in the schedule hereto.

This instrument may be cited as the Nurses (Amendment) Rules, Approval Instrument, 1957, and shall come into operation on the second day of September, 1957.

(a) 5 & 6 Eliz. 2. c. 15. (b) Scheduled to S.I. 1951/1372 (1951 II, p. 105).

SCHEDULE

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES
THE NURSES ACT, 1957

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 3, 10 and 17 of the Nurses Act, 1957, hereby make the following Rules:—

1. These Rules may be cited as the Nurses (Amendment) Rules, 1957.

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

3. The Nurses Rules, 1951, as amended(b), shall be further amended as follows:—

(1) for paragraph (2) of Rule 10 (which Rule provides for the keeping by the Council of an Index of Student Nurses) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

"(2) An applicant shall not be admitted to a Preliminary Training School Course unless she has attained the age of 18 years or will have attained it by the last day of the month in which her course of training in the school commences.";

(2) in Rule 11 (which Rule provides for the holding of a minimum number of examinations each year) the words "(not being less often than three times in every year)" shall be deleted;

(3) in Rule 13 (which Rule provides for entry to the Preliminary Examination):—

(*a*) paragraphs (2) and (4) shall be deleted;

(*b*) for the words "paragraphs (4) and (5) of this Rule" in paragraph (3) there shall be substituted the words "paragraph (3) of this Rule" and paragraph (3) shall be renumbered (2); and

(*c*) for the words "paragraph (3) of this Rule" in paragraph (5) there shall be substituted the words "paragraph (2) of this Rule" and paragraph (5) shall be renumbered (3);

(4) for proviso (*a*) to paragraphs (1) (2) (3) (4) and (5) respectively of Rule 16 (which Rule provides for entry to the Final Examination) there shall be substituted the following proviso:—

"(*a*) the said period shall be reduced in the case of a person who has passed the Preliminary Examination after the reduced period of training referred to in paragraph (3) of the said Rule 13, by six months;";

(5) for sub-paragraphs (ii) and (iii) of paragraph (*a*) of Rule 60 (which Rule prescribes the qualifications of Nurse Tutors) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraphs:—

"(ii) The applicant must have undergone at least four years' experience in nursing since registration in any part of the Register, including two years' experience (or such lesser period as the Council may, in their discretion, approve in any particular case) as Sister or Male Charge Nurse in charge of a ward in an approved Training Institution in which ward student nurses have been trained throughout such period:

Provided that in the case of an applicant beginning a whole time course of training in the teaching of nursing before the 1st day of September, 1958:—

(*a*) three years' experience in nursing, including one year's experience in charge of a ward as aforesaid, shall be deemed to be sufficient; and

(*b*) experience in charge of a ward as aforesaid shall not be required in the case of a nurse who is both a registered general nurse and a registered mental nurse or registered nurse for mental defectives, if the applicant has had for a period of four years since registration experience in nursing satisfactory to the Council in an approved Training Institution; and

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (b) Scheduled to S.I. 1953/439, 1837 (1953 II, pp. 1516, 1518).

(iii) The applicant must have completed a whole-time course of training in the teaching of nursing of two years' duration (or such lesser period as the Council may, in their discretion, approve in any particular case) in an Institution approved by the Council in that behalf:

Provided that a course of one year's duration shall be deemed to be sufficient in the case of an applicant beginning such a course before the 1st day of September, 1958; and";

(6) in paragraph B of Part I of the Fourth Schedule (which schedule prescribes the uniform for nurses):—

(*a*) after the words "all round belt with leather covered slide" in the description of the item "Overcoat" there shall be added the words "or half belt";

(*b*) after the words "Navy blue drill detachable epaulettes with plated metal letters" in the description of the item "Washing Frock—A" there shall be added the words "or embroidered device", and

(*c*) for the words "Detachable epaulettes with plated metal letters" in the description of the item "Washing Frock—B" there shall be substituted the words "Navy blue drill detachable epaulettes with plated metal letters or embroidered device";

(7) for sub-paragraph 2 of paragraph C of the said Part I, there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph:—

"The embroidered device shall consist of the appropriate letters of designation worked in silver colour on a navy blue background".

Seal

Margaret J. Smyth,
Chairman of the Council.

The Seal of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was hereunto affixed this ninth day of July, 1957.

M. Henry,
Registrar.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health, this fourteenth day of August, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven.

(L.S.)

J. M. K. Hawton,
Secretary,
Ministry of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Rules approved by this Instrument amend the Nurses Rules, 1951, by providing:—

(*a*) that a student may not be admitted to a Preliminary Training School Course unless she is 18 or will be 18 in the months in which the course begins (Rule 10);

(*b*) that the Council are no longer required to hold examinations 3 times each year (Rule 11);

(*c*) for alterations to the conditions for entry to the Preliminary Examination (Rule 13) and to the Final Examination (Rule 16);

(*d*) for alterations in the qualifications required for registration as a Nurse Tutor (Rule 60); and

(*e*) for minor alterations in the uniform of nurses.

1957 No. 1081

The Nurses (Area Nurse-Training Committees) Amendment No. 2 Order, 1957

Made - - - -	24*th June*, 1957
Laid before Parliament	28*th June*, 1957
Coming into Operation	1*st July*, 1957

The Minister of Health, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 11 and 32 of, and the Second Schedule to, the Nurses Act, 1957(**a**), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, and after consultation with the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, hereby orders as follows:—

1. This order may be cited as the Nurses (Area Nurse-Training Committees) Amendment No. 2 Order, 1957, and shall come into operation on the first day of July, 1957.

2. The Interpretation Act, 1889(**b**), applies to the interpretation of this order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. In Part I of the Second Schedule to the Nurses (Area Nurse-Training Committees) Order, 1956(**c**) (which prescribes the maximum rates of payments in respect of loss of earnings suffered, and of certain expenses incurred, by members of Area Nurse-Training Committees in the performance of their duties) for the amounts of "fifteen shillings" and "thirty shillings" there shall be substituted the amounts of "twenty shillings" and "forty shillings" respectively.

4. The Nurses (Area Nurse-Training Committees) Amendment Order, 1957(**d**) (which order provided for temporary increases in the rates of travelling allowances to members whilst an increase in the rate of customs duty on hydrocarbon oils effected by section 1 of the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties (Temporary Increase) Act, 1956(**e**) was in force) is hereby revoked.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this twenty-fourth day of June, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven.

(L.S.)

Dennis Vosper,
Minister of Health.

(a) 5 & 6 Eliz. 2. c. 15. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (c) S.I. 1956/321 (1956 II, p. 1704).
(d) S.I. 1957/58. (e) 5 & 6 Eliz. 2. c. 2.