NURSES AND MIDWIVES

1960 No. 409

The Nurses (Amendment) Rules, Approval Instrument, 1960

Made - - - -	11*th March*, 1960
Laid before Parliament	17*th March*, 1960
Coming into Operation	22*nd March*, 1960

Whereas the General Nursing Council for England and Wales have, in pursuance of their powers under section 3 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, 1960, and shall come into operation on the twenty-second day of March, 1960.

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 section 3 of the Nurses Act, 1957, hereby make the following Rules:—

1. These Rules may be cited as the Nurses (Amendment) Rules, 1960.

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

3. For Rule 10 of the Nurses Rules, 1951, as amended(d), there shall be substituted the following Rule:—

"10.—(1) 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 that age by the last day of the month in which her course of training commences.

(2) As from the first day of July, 1962, an applicant shall not be admitted to a Preliminary Training School course of an approved Training Institution for registered general nurses, or for registered sick children's nurses, or for registered fever nurses unless:—

(*a*) she holds a General Certificate of Education at Ordinary Level in two subjects, of which one shall be English (or Welsh) Language, and she produces evidence that she has completed a full-time course of at least five years in a secondary school or schools, or in a secondary school and an establishment for further education, and that during such period she has studied and reached a satisfactory standard in at least five additional subjects of general education, or

(a) 5 & 6 Eliz. 2. c. 15.
(b) Scheduled to S.I. 1951/1372 (1951 II, p. 105).
(c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(d) Scheduled to S.I. 1953/439, 1837, 1957/1476 (1953 II, pp. 1516, 1518; 1957 II, p. 1742).

(*b*) she holds an equivalent overseas educational certificate acceptable to the Council, or

(*c*) she has passed Part I of the Preliminary Examination under the provisions of subparagraph (*a*) of paragraph (1) of Rule 13 of these Rules, or

(*d*) she holds such other qualification, as may be acceptable to the Council, or

(*e*) she has passed an educational entrance test set by the Council.

(3) Where an applicant has been admitted to a Preliminary Training School as a student nurse in accordance with the provisions of this Rule, the approved Training Institution concerned shall submit to the Council, within thirty days of the commencement of the applicant's training, her full name, evidence of her age, her educational qualifications, the date of commencement of her training and any other particulars which the Council may normally require in order that the name of such student may be recorded.

(4) The Council shall keep an Index of Student Nurses in which shall be recorded the names of student nurses notified to the Council under the provisions of paragraph (3) hereof.

(5) If a student nurse shall for any reason discontinue her training, the approved Training Institution 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 Institution shall send the Council a statement showing the training undergone by her.".

Seal

Margaret J. Smyth,
Chairman of the Council.

The Seal of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was hereunto affixed this twenty-sixth day of February, 1960.

M. Henry,
Registrar.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health, this eleventh day of March, nineteen hundred and sixty.

(L.S.)

Derek Walker-Smith,
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 substitute a new Rule 10 to the Nurses Rules, 1951, and apart from drafting amendments, provide that from 1st July, 1962, applicants who wish to train as student nurses to become registered general nurses, registered sick children's nurses, or registered fever nurses, shall not be admitted to a Preliminary Training School course of an approved Training Institution for Student Nurses unless they hold certain educational qualifications.