STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1966 No. 255

NURSES AND MIDWIVES

The Nurses (Amendment) Rules, Approval Instrument 1966

Made - - - -	8*th March* 1966
Laid before Parliament	9*th March* 1966
Coming into Operation	28*th March* 1966

Whereas the General Nursing Council for England and Wales have, in pursuance of their powers under sections 4, 6, 7, 10, 23 and 30 of the Nurses Act 1957(**a**), made rules amending the Nurses Rules 1961(**b**), as amended(**c**), 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 1966, and shall come into operation on 28th March 1966.

SCHEDULE

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Nurses Acts 1957 *to* 1964

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 4, 6, 7, 10, 23 and 30 of the Nurses Act 1957, hereby make the following Rules:—

Title and Commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Nurses (Amendment) Rules 1966 and shall come into operation on 28th March 1966.

2. These Rules, the Nurses Rules 1961 and the Nurses (Amendment) Rules 1965 shall be construed as one and may be cited together as the Nurses Rules 1961 to 1966.

Interpretation

3.—(1) In these Rules "the principal rules" means the Nurses Rules 1961 as amended by the Nurses Rules 1965 and a reference to a rule shall be a reference to a rule of the principal rules.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**d**) shall apply to the interpretation of these Rules as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Amendment to the Principal Rules

4. In rule 2(1) in the definition of "person qualified in ophthalmic nursing" for the words "8 weeks" where they occur for the second time there shall be substituted the words "6 weeks".

(**a**) 5 & 6 Eliz. 2. c. 15. (**b**) Scheduled to S.I. 1961/1520 (1961 II, p. 3127).
(**c**) Scheduled to S.I. 1965/1485 (1965 II, p. 4324). (**d**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

5. Rule 6 of the principal rules shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) in paragraph (1) for the words from "shall be entitled" to the end of the paragraph there shall be substituted the words "may apply to have her name restored to any part of the Register from which it was removed.";

(*b*) after paragraph (1) there shall be inserted the following paragraph:—

"(1A) An application for restoration shall be made on a form to be supplied by the Council and shall include an explanation of the applicant's failure to apply for the retention of her name on the Register. The applicant shall send to the Council together with her application form the fee appropriate to her case which is prescribed in paragraph (3) of this rule.";

(*c*) for paragraph (3) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

"(3) The fee payable by a person upon restoration to the Register under this rule in respect of the retention of her name on the Register without limit of time shall be a fixed sum of £5 5s. 0d. and an additional sum in respect of each part of the Register to which the person is restored, of an amount determined by the age of the person on the date on which her application form for restoration is received by the Council in accordance with the following scale:—

Age of person on the date of receipt of application form	*Additional sum*
Over 55 years	£1 1s. 0d.
Over 50 years and less than 55 years	£2 2s. 0d.
Over 45 years and less than 50 years	£3 3s. 0d.
Over 40 years and less than 45 years	£4 4s. 0d.
Less than 40 years	£5 5s. 0d."

6. For rule 7 there shall be substituted the following rule:—

"7. The provisions of rule 6 shall apply mutatis mutandis to restoration to the List as they apply to restoration to the Register with the exception that the fixed sum in respect of restoration to the List shall be £5 5s. 0d. and the additional sum in respect of restoration to each part of the List shall in every case be £1 1s. 0d.".

7. In rule 13(1)(*c*) for the words "she has undergone" there shall be substituted the words "she has completed, or is due to complete by the last day of the month in which the written examination is held,".

8. In rule 19 in paragraph (1) for the words "one and a half guineas" there shall be substituted the sum "£2 2s. 0d." and in paragraph (2) for the words "two and a half guineas" there shall be substituted the sum "£3 3s. 0d.".

9. In rule 21 for the words "four guineas" there shall be substituted the sum "£9 9s. 0d.".

10. In rule 24 for the words "ten shillings" there shall be substituted the sum "£1 1s. 0d.".

11. In rule 25 for the words "ten shillings" there shall be substituted the sum "£1 1s. 0d.".

12. Rule 39 shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) the word "appropriate" shall be deleted and after the words "part or parts of the Register" there shall be added the words "from which it was removed";

(*b*) in paragraph (*a*) for the words "one guinea shall be payable" there shall be substituted the sum "£5 5s. 0d.";

(*c*) in paragraph (*b*) after the word "removed" in both places where it occurs there shall be added the words "for disciplinary reasons"; and for the words from "the fee payable" to the end of the rule there shall be

substituted the words "there shall be payable an additional fee calculated in accordance with the scale contained in rule 6(3) of these Rules in respect of her age on the date her application for restoration under this rule was received by the Council".

13. In rule 68 for the words "A fee not exceeding three guineas" there shall be substituted the words "A fee of £5 5s. 0d.".

14. In rule 72 for the words "ten shillings" there shall be substituted the sum "£1 1s. 0d.".

15. In rule 78 for the words "two shillings and sixpence" there shall be substituted the sum "5s. 0d." and for the words "five shillings" there shall be substituted the sum "10s. 0d.".

16. In rule 82 for the words "ten shillings and sixpence" there shall be substituted the sum "£1 1s. 0d.".

17. In Schedule 4 in paragraph A.2(*c*) of Part II before the words "or navy blue" there shall be inserted the words "or navy blue beret with embroidered device in front;".

G. E. Watts,
Chairman of the Council.

The Seal of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was hereunto affixed on 2nd March 1966.

(L.S.)

M. Henry,
Registrar.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health on 8th March 1966.

(L.S.)

Kenneth Robinson,
Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Instrument.)

The Rules approved by this Instrument amend the Nurses Rules 1961, as amended by the Nurses (Amendment) Rules 1965, and in particular provide for increases in the fees payable in respect of admissions to the Register of Nurses in certain circumstance, in respect of restoration to the Register and for the issue of a certificate of qualification as a Nurse Tutor.