STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1973 No. 1077

NURSES AND MIDWIVES

The Nurses and Enrolled Nurses (Amendment) Rules Approval Instrument 1973

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The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of powers conferred by section 32 of the Nurses Act 1957**(a)** and now vested in him **(b)** and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby approves the rules made by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales as set out in Schedules 1 and 2 hereto.

This Instrument may be cited as the Nurses and Enrolled Nurses (Amendment) Rules Approval Instrument 1973, and shall come into operation on 18th July 1973.

Keith Joseph,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

20th June 1973.

SCHEDULE 1

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Nurses Acts 1957 *to* 1969

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 3, 6, 7, 10, 23 and 30 of the Nurses Act 1957, and all other powers enabling them in that behalf, having consulted with the General Nursing Council for Scotland and the Northern Ireland Council for Nurses and Midwives, hereby make the following rules:—

Citation and Interpretation

1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Nurses (Amendment) Rules 1973.

(2) In these rules "the principal rules" means the Nurses Rules 1969**(c)**, as amended **(d)**.

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889**(e)** applies to the interpretation of these Rules as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(a) 1957 c. 15. **(b)** S.I. 1968/1699 (1968 III, p. 4585).
(c) S.I. 1969/1675 (1969 III, p. 5245).
(d) The amending Rules are not relevant to the subject matter of these Rules.
(e) 1889 c. 63.

Amendment of rule 2 *of the principal rules*

2. In rule 2 of the principal rules after the definition of "the Secretary of State" there shall be added the following definition:—

"specified practical experience" means practical experience specified by the Council.

Amendment of rule 11 *of the principal rules*

3. For paragraph (1) of rule 11 of the principal rules there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

"(1) Subject to the provisions of these Rules the Council shall hold examinations for admission to the parts of the register at such times and subject to such conditions as they may from time to time determine."

Revocation of rule 12 *of the principal rules*

4. Rule 12 of the principal rules is hereby revoked.

Amendment of rule 14 *of the principal rules*

5.—(1) Rule 14 of the principal rules shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of this rule.

(2) For paragraph (*b*) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

"(*b*) 52 weeks in the case of an enrolled general nurse with specified practical experience; or"

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

"(*c*) 26 weeks in the case of a person who is:—

(i) an enrolled general nurse without specified practical experience; or

(ii) an enrolled mental nurse; or

(iii) an enrolled nurse for the mentally subnormal; or

(iv) a certified midwife; or

(v) a person who when starting training is a person qualified in ophthalmic nursing; or

(vi) a person who when starting training is a person qualified in orthopaedic nursing; or"

Amendment of rule 16 *of the principal rules*

6. For paragraph (*c*) of rule 16 of the principal rules there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

"(*c*) 52 weeks in the case of an enrolled mental nurse or an enrolled nurse for the mentally subnormal; or"

Amendment of rule 18 *of the principal rules*

7. For paragraph (*c*) of rule 18 of the principal rules there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

"(*c*) 52 weeks in the case of an enrolled mental nurse or an enrolled nurse for the mentally subnormal; or"

Amendment of rule 20 *of the principal rules*

8.—(1) Rule 20 of the principal rules shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of this rule.

(2) For paragraph (*b*) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

"(*b*) 52 weeks in the case of an enrolled general nurse with specified practical experience; or"

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

"(*c*) 26 weeks in the case of a person who is:—

(i) an enrolled general nurse without specified practical experience; or

(ii) an enrolled mental nurse; or

(iii) an enrolled nurse for the mentally subnormal; or

(iv) a certified midwife; or

(v) a person who when starting training is a person qualified in ophthalmic nursing; or

(vi) a person who when starting training is a person qualified in orthopaedic nursing; or"

(4) After paragraph (*c*) there shall be added the following paragraph:—

"(*d*) 13 weeks in the case of a person who when starting such training is a person qualified in thoracic nursing."

Amendment of rule 22 *of the principal rules*

9. Subject to the provisions of rules 21 and 22 of these Rules, for rule 22 of the principal rules there shall be substituted the following rule:—

"22.—(1) The final examination for each part of the register shall relate to the syllabus of training prescribed in Schedule 4 to these Rules in relation to that part, and shall consist of:—

(*a*) a practical section consisting of such number of tests of practical nursing ability conducted by an approved training institution in accordance with the requirements of the Council as is specified in Schedule 4A to these Rules; and

(*b*) a written section.

(2) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (4) to (6) of this rule, a person may enter for the practical section of the final examination for a part of the register if she satisfies the following conditions:—

(*a*) that she is on the index of student nurses; and

(*b*) that she has reached the standard required by the approved training institution.

(3) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (4) to (6) of this rule, a person may enter for the written section of the final examination for a part of the register if she satisfies the following conditions:—

(*a*) that she has finished, or is due to finish by the last day of the month following the month in which that section is to be completed, the training appropriate to her case specified in rules 13 to 20 of these Rules, and, if she has failed 3 times to pass that section, she has undergone at least 26 weeks further training since her third failure; and

(*b*) that she has undergone systematic instruction in each of the subjects included in the syllabus of training prescribed in Schedule 4 to these Rules in relation to that part; and

(*c*) that she is honest and of good character and her conduct has been satisfactory during the period of her training; and

(*d*) that she has deposited with the Registrar a certificate signed by two officers, acceptable to the Council, of the institution or institutions in which she was trained, verifying that the conditions specified in sub-paragraphs (*a*) to (*c*) of this paragraph have been satisfied.

(4) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (5) of this rule no person shall enter, or remain a candidate, for the final examination for any part of the register if she has failed 3 times to pass any one of the tests of the practical section for that part or has failed 4 times to pass the written section for that part.

(5) For the purposes of paragraph (4) of this rule a failure to pass the final examination for any part of the register maintained by the General Nursing Council for Scotland or the Northern Ireland Council for Nurses and Midwives shall be treated as a failure to pass the written section of the final examination for the corresponding part of the register.

(6) No person who has failed 3 times to pass any one of the tests of the practical section of the final examination may undergo the period of further training prescribed in paragraph (3)(*a*) of this rule."

Amendment of rule 24 *of the principal rules*

10. For paragraph (1) of rule 24 of the principal rules there shall be substituted the following:—

"(1) A person other than a person to whom rules 27, 28, 29 or 30 of these Rules applies, shall, subject to paragraph (2) of this rule, be entitled to be admitted to a part of the register and to be issued with a certificate to that effect if she complies with the following conditions:—

(*a*) that she has completed the appropriate training; and

(*b*) that she has passed the final examination for that part of the register."

Amendment of rule 25 *of the principal rules*

11. Subject to the provisions of rule 23 of these Rules in paragraph (4) of rule 25 of the principal rules for "£5 5s. 0d." there shall be substituted "£5" and the words from "and an additional sum" to the end of that paragraph shall be omitted.

Amendment of rule 28 *of the principal rules*

12. Subject to the provisions of rule 23 of these Rules in paragraph (2) of rule 28 of the principal rules for "£3 3s. 0d." there shall be substituted "£5".

Amendment of rule 30 *of the principal rules*

13. Subject to the provisions of rule 23 of these Rules in rule 30 of the principal rules for "£9 9s. 0d." there shall be substituted "£9".

Amendment of rule 31 *of the principal rules*

14. In rule 31 of the principal rules for "£1 1s. 0d" there shall be substituted "£2".

Amendment of rule 36 *of the principal rules*

15. For head (iii) of rule 36(2)(*b*) of the principal rules there shall be substituted the following head:—

"(iii) Teacher's Certificate of the City and Guilds No. 394, 395, or 730; or"

Amendment of rule 37 *of the principal rules*

16. In rule 37 of the principal rules for "£5 5s. 0d." there shall be substituted "£5" and for "£1 1s. 0d" there shall be substituted "£2".

Amendment of rule 39 *of the principal rules*

17. In rule 39 of the principal rules for the words and figures "10s. 6d. or on or after 15th February 1971 53p." there shall be substituted "£5".

Amendment of rule 54 *of the principal rules*

18. Subject to the provisions of rule 23 of these Rules in rule 54 of the principal rules for "£5 5s. 0d." there shall be substituted "£5" and sub-paragraph (*b*) shall be omitted.

Amendment of rule 91 *of the principal rules*

19. In rule 91 of the principal rules for "£1 1s. 0d." there shall be substituted "£4".

Addition of Schedule 4*A to the principal rules*

20. After Schedule 4 to the principal rules there shall be inserted the following schedule:—

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Rule 22(1)(*a*)

SCHEDULE 4A

TESTS OF PRACTICAL NURSING ABILITY

The number of tests of practical nursing ability shall be as follows:—

(1) In the case of a person to whom one of the following rules applies, that is to say, rules 13, 14(*d*), 15, 17, 19 and 20(*d*) ... ... 4 tests.

(2) In the case of a person to whom one of the following rules applies, that is to say, rules 14(*b*), 14(*c*), 16(*d*), 18(*d*), 20(*b*) and 20(*c*) ... ... 3 tests.

(3) In the case of a person to whom one of the following rules applies, that is to say, rules 14(*a*), 16(*a*), 16(*b*), 16(*c*), 18(*a*), 18(*b*), 18(*c*) and 20(*a*) ... ... 2 tests."

Transitional provision in relation to the final examination for the general part of the register and for the part of the register for sick children's nurses

21. The condition prescribed in rule 24(1)(*b*) of the principal rules, as amended by these Rules, shall be deemed to be satisfied in the case of a person who before the coming into operation of these Rules has failed to pass the final examination for the general part of the register or for the part of the register for sick children's nurses if before 1st November 1974 she has passed in respect of the appropriate part of the register, the final examination which was prescribed for that part immediately before the coming into operation of these Rules.

Transitional provisions in relation to the final examination for the part of the register for mental nurses and the part of the register for nurses for the mentally subnormal

22.—(1) Rule 22 of the principal rules, as amended by these Rules, shall not apply in the case of a person training for entry for the part of the register for mental nurses or the part of the register for nurses for the mentally subnormal who elects to enter the examination prescribed for either of those parts immediately before the coming into operation of these Rules, being such an examination held before 1st November 1976.

(2) In relation to any examination for the parts of the register for mental nurses and for nurses for the mentally subnormal held between the date of the coming into operation of these Rules and 1st November 1976 the following rule shall apply in substitution for rule 22 of the principal rules in the case of a person making an election under paragraph (1) of this rule.

"(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this rule, a person may enter for the final examination for a part of the register if she complies with the following conditions:—

(*a*) that she is on the index of student nurses; and

(*b*) that she has reached the standard required by the approved training institution; and

(*c*) that she has finished or is due to finish by the last day of the month following the month in which the final examination is to be completed the training appropriate to her case specified in rules 15 to 18 of these Rules and if she has failed 3 times to pass the final examination she has undergone at least 26 weeks further training since her third such failure; and

(*d*) she has undergone systematic instruction in each of the subjects included in the syllabus of training prescribed in Schedule 4 to the principal rules for the final examination for which she is entering; and

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

(*f*) she has deposited with the Registrar a certificate signed by two officers, acceptable to the Council, of the institution or institutions in which she was trained, verifying that the requirements specified in this rule have been satisfied.

(2) No person shall enter for the final examination for a part of the register if she has failed 4 times to pass the final examination for that part."

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of this rule, the condition prescribed in rule 24(1)(*b*) of the principal rules, as amended by these Rules, shall be deemed to be satisfied in the case of a person who between the date of coming into operation of these Rules and 1st November 1976 has failed to pass the final examination for the part of the register for mental nurses or for the part of the register for nurses for the mentally subnormal, if before 1st November 1978 she has passed, in respect of the

appropriate part of the register, the final examination which was prescribed for that part immediately before the date of coming into operation of these Rules.

Transitional provision in relation to rules 11, 12, 13 *and* 18 *of these Rules*

23. The provisions of rules 11, 12, 13 and 18 of these Rules shall not come into operation until 30th July 1973.

(L.S.) *Margaret J. Cooper,*
Chairman of the Council.

The seal of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was hereunto affixed on 4th June 1973.

M. Henry,
Registrar.

SCHEDULE 2

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Nurses Acts 1957 *to* 1969

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 3, 6, 7, 10, 23 and 30 of the Nurses Act 1957**(a)**, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, having consulted with the General Nursing Council for Scotland and the Northern Ireland Council for Nurses and Midwives, hereby make the following rules:—

Citation and Interpretation

1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Enrolled Nurses (Amendment) Rules 1973.

(2) In these Rules "the principal rules" means the Enrolled Nurses Rules 1969**(b)**, as amended**(c)**.

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

Amendment of rule 11 *of the principal rules*

2. For rule 11 of the principal rules there shall be substituted the following rule:—

"11. Subject to rules 12, 12A and 16A of these Rules the training required for admission to the general part of the roll shall be not less than 104 weeks training in accordance with the syllabus prescribed in Part 1 of Schedule 2 to these Rules in an approved training institution for enrolled general nurses."

Amendment of rule 12 *of the principal rules*

3. For rule 12 of the principal rules there shall be substituted the following rule:—

"12. The period of training required by rule 11 of these Rules for admission to the general part of the roll shall be reduced as follows:—

(*a*) in the case of a person who has undergone training for the part of the register for registered mental nurses or the part of the register for registered nurses for the mentally subnormal—

(i) where the period of such training was not less than 104 weeks the reduction shall be 78 weeks; or

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(a) 1957 c. 15. **(b)** S.I. 1969/1674 (1969 III, p. 5217).
(c) The amending Rules are not relevant to the subject matter of these Rules.
(d) 1889 c. 63.

(ii) where the period of such training was not less than 52 weeks but less than 104 weeks the reduction shall be 52 weeks; or

(*b*) in the case of a person who has undergone not less than 52 weeks training for the general part of the register or for the part of the register for sick children's nurses the reduction shall be a period equal to the total number of weeks of such training completed by that person; or

(*c*) in the case of a person who is an enrolled mental nurse or an enrolled nurse for the mentally subnormal the reduction shall be 52 weeks; or

(*d*) in the case of a person who is qualified in ophthalmic nursing, orthopaedic nursing or thoracic nursing the reduction shall be 52 weeks; or

(*e*) in the case of a person who is a certified midwife the reduction shall be 26 weeks."

Addition of rule 12A to the principal rules

4. After rule 12 of the principal rules there shall be added the following rule:—

"12A. A person who has served or who has been qualified to serve in the Royal Navy as a senior naval nurse (or leading medical assistant) or in the Army as an army nurse class I (or army male nurse class I) shall be treated as having completed the training required by rule 11 of these Rules for admission to the general part of the roll."

Amendment of rule 13 of the principal rules

5. For rule 13 of the principal rules there shall be substituted the following rule:—

"13. Subject to rules 14 and 16A of these Rules the training required for admission to the part of the roll for enrolled mental nurses shall be not less than 104 weeks training in accordance with the syllabus of training prescribed in Part 2 of Schedule 2 to these Rules in an approved training institution for enrolled mental nurses."

Amendment of rule 14 of the principal rules

6. For rule 14 of the principal rules there shall be substituted the following rule:—

"14. The period of training required by rule 13 of these Rules for admission to the part of the roll for enrolled mental nurses shall be reduced as follows:—

(*a*) in the case of a person who has undergone training for any part of the register other than the part for registered mental nurses—

(i) where the period of such training was not less than 104 weeks the reduction shall be 78 weeks; or

(ii) where the period of such training was not less than 52 weeks but was less than 104 weeks, the reduction shall be 52 weeks; or

(*b*) in the case of a person who has undergone not less than 52 weeks training for the part of the register for registered mental nurses the reduction shall be a period equal to the total number of weeks of such training completed by that person; or

(*c*) in the case of a person who is an enrolled nurse for the mentally subnormal the reduction shall be 65 weeks; or

(*d*) in the case of a person who is an enrolled general nurse the reduction shall be 52 weeks."

Amendment of rule 15 of the principal rules

7. For rule 15 of the principal rules there shall be substituted the following rule—

"15. Subject to rules 16 and 16A of these Rules the training required for admission to the part of the roll for enrolled nurses for the mentally subnormal shall be not less than 104 weeks training in accordance with the syllabus of training prescribed in Part 3 of Schedule 2 to these Rules in an approved training institution for enrolled nurses for the mentally subnormal."

Amendment of rule 16 *of the principal rules*

8. For rule 16 of the principal rules there shall be substituted the following rule:—

"16. The period of training required by rule 15 of these Rules for admission to the part of the roll for enrolled nurses for the mentally subnormal shall be reduced as follows:—

(*a*) in the case of a person who has undergone training for any part of the register other than the part for registered nurses for the mentally subnormal—

(i) where the period of such training was not less than 104 weeks the reduction shall be 78 weeks; or

(ii) where the period of such training was not less than 52 weeks but less than 104 weeks, the reduction shall be 52 weeks; or

(*b*) in the case of a person who has undergone not less than 52 weeks training for the part of the register for registered nurses for the mentally subnormal the reduction shall be a period equal to the total number of weeks of such training completed by that person; or

(*c*) in the case of a person who is an enrolled mental nurse the reduction shall be 65 weeks; or

(*d*) in the case of a person who is an enrolled general nurse the reduction shall be 52 weeks."

Addition of rule 16A *to the principal rules*

9. After rule 16 of the principal rules there shall be added the following rule:—

"16A. A person who has completed not less than 104 weeks training for admission to a part of the register and has passed the practical section of the final examination for that part and has failed the written section thereof shall be treated as having completed the training required and passed the examination for admission to the corresponding part of the roll."

Addition of rule 16*B to the principal rules*

10. After rule 16A of the principal rules there shall be added the following rule:—

"16B. For the purposes of rules 11 to 16A of these Rules training for admission to any part of the register maintained by the General Nursing Council for Scotland or the Northern Ireland Council for Nurses and Midwives at a training institution approved by either of those Councils shall be treated as training for admission to the corresponding part of the register maintained by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales."

Amendment of rule 17 *of the principal rules*

11. For rule 17 of the principal rules there shall be substituted the following rule:—

"17. Subject to rules 18 and 19 of these Rules a person who has satisfied the requirements of training prescribed in rules 13 and 15 of these Rules shall be entitled to enter for the examination for admission to the part of the roll for mental nurses or the part of the roll for nurses for the mentally subnormal, as the case may be, held under rule 19 of these Rules if she also satisfies the following conditions:—

(*a*) that her name is in the index of pupil nurses kept under rule 10 of these Rules; and

(*b*) that she is honest and of good character and her conduct has been satisfactory during the period of training, if any; and

(*c*) that she has received instruction in each of the subjects contained in the appropriate syllabus of training prescribed in Schedule 2 to these Rules and that—

(i) she has or will have completed by the last day of the month in which the examination is held, not less than 78 weeks training; or

(ii) where the period of training required is reduced by rules 14 or 16 of these Rules she will, not later than 13 weeks after the first day in which the examination is held, have completed that reduced period of training; and

(*d*) that she has deposited with the Registrar a certificate signed by two officers, acceptable to the Council, of the institution or institutions in which she was trained verifying that the conditions specified in sub-paragraphs (*a*) to (*c*) of this rule have been satisfied;

provided that if a candidate fails an examination for a second time she may be required to undergo further training for such period not exceeding 13 weeks as the Education Committee may decide, before being permitted to enter again for that examination."

Addition of rule 17A to the principal rules

12. After rule 17 of the principal rules there shall be added the following rule:—

"17A.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this rule and to rules 18 and 19 of these Rules a person who has satisfied the requirements of rule 11 of these Rules shall be entitled to enter for the examination for admission to the general part of the roll if she also satisfies the following conditions:—

(*a*) that her name is in the index of pupil nurses kept under rule 10 of these Rules; and

(*b*) that she is honest and of good character and her conduct has been satisfactory during the period of training, if any; and

(*c*) that she has deposited with the Registrar a certificate signed by two officers, acceptable to the Council, of the institution or institutions in which she was trained verifying that the conditions specified in sub-paragraphs (*a*) and (*b*) of this paragraph have been satisfied.

(2) No person shall enter for the written section of the examination for admission to the general part of the roll unless she has completed at least 78 weeks training except where the period of training required under rule 11 of these Rules is reduced by rule 12 thereof to less than 78 weeks, in which case entry shall not be made earlier than 13 weeks before the end of such period of training.

(3) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (4) of this rule no person shall enter, or remain a candidate, for the examination for admission to the general part of the roll if she has failed 3 times to pass any one of the tests of the practical section of that examination or has failed 3 times to pass the written section thereof.

(4) For the purposes of paragraph (3) of this rule a failure to pass the examination for any part of the roll maintained by the General Nursing Council for Scotland or the Northern Ireland Council for Nurses and Midwives shall be treated as a failure to pass the written section of the examination for admission to the corresponding part of the roll."

Addition of rule 17B to the principal rules

13. After rule 17A of the principal rules there shall be added the following rule:—

"17B. No person who has undergone training for admission to any part of the register shall enter an examination for admission to the corresponding part of the roll unless she has ceased that training and has not passed the final examination for that part of the register."

Amendment of rule 19 of the principal rules

14. For rule 19 of the principal rules there shall be substituted the following rule:—

"19.—(1) Subject to the provisions of these Rules the Council shall hold examinations for admission to the parts of the roll at such times and subject to such conditions as they may from time to time determine.

(2) Any fee payable to the Council under the provisions of section 3(3) of the Act of 1957 in respect of an application to be examined shall be paid to the Council by the applicant before the Council enters her name for the examination.

(3) The examinations held under this rule shall relate to the appropriate syllabus of training prescribed in Schedule 2 to these Rules.

(4) The examination for admission to the part of the roll for enrolled mental nurses and to the part of the roll for enrolled nurses for the mentally subnormal shall consist of a simple written test together with a test of practical efficiency and shall be held in an approved training institution.

(5) Subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph (6) of this rule the examination for admission to the general part of the roll shall consist of:—

(*a*) a practical section consisting of such number of tests of practical nursing ability conducted by an approved training institution in accordance with the requirements of the Council as is specified in Schedule 2A to these Rules; and

(*b*) a written section.

(6) A person who has passed any of the tests of practical nursing ability for any part of the register may, in accordance with the requirements of the Council, be exempted by an approved training institution from any part of the practical section of the examination for admission to the general part of the roll."

Amendment of rule 21 *of the principal rules*

15. Subject to the provisions of rule 21(1) of these Rules for paragraph (1) of rule 21 of the principal rules there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

"(1) A person other than a person to whom rule 25 or rule 28 applies, shall, subject to paragraph (2) of this rule, be entitled to be admitted to the appropriate part or parts of the roll and be issued with a certificate or certificates to that effect if she complies with the following conditions:—

(*a*) that she has completed the appropriate training;

(*b*) that she has passed any appropriate examination in accordance with Part IV of these Rules;

(*c*) that she is honest and of good character and her conduct has been satisfactory during the period of her training;

(*d*) that she has deposited with the Registrar a certificate signed by two officers, acceptable to the Council, of the institution or institutions in which she was trained verifying that the conditions specified in sub-paragraphs (*a*) to (*c*) of this paragraph have been satisfied."

Amendment of rule 22 *of the principal rules*

16. Subject to the provision of rule 21(2) of these Rules in paragraph (4) of rule 22 of the principal rules for "£4 4s. 0d." there shall be substituted "£5" and the words from "and an additional sum" to the end of that paragraph shall be omitted.

Amendment of rule 32 *of the principal rules*

17. In rule 32 of the principal rules for "£1 1s. 0d." there shall be substituted "£2".

Amendment of rule 48 *of the principal rules*

18. Subject to the provisions of rule 21(2) of these Rules in rule 48 of the principal rules for "£4 4s. 0d." there shall be substituted "£5" and sub-paragraph (*b*) shall be omitted.

Amendment of rule 66 *of the principal rules*

19. In rule 66 of the principal rules for "10s. 6d." there shall be substituted "£4" and the words and figures "or on or after 15th February 1971 53p." shall be omitted.

Additon of Schedule 2*A to the principal rules*

20. After Schedule 2 to the principal rules there shall be inserted the following schedule.

" SCHEDULE 2A Rule 19(4)(*a*)

TESTS OF PRACTICAL NURSING ABILITY

The number of tests of practical nursing ability shall be as follows:—

(1) In the case of a person to whom one of the following rules applies, that is to say, rules 11, 12(*a*)(ii), 12(*b*), 12(*d*) and 12(*e*) ... ... 3 Tests

(2) In the case of a person to whom one of the following rules applies, that is to say, rules 12(*a*)(i) and 12(*c*) ... ... 2 Tests

(3) In the case of a person to whom rule 12A applies... ... ... 1 Test"

Transitional provisions

21.—(1) The condition prescribed in rule 21(1)(*b*) of the principal rules as amended by these Rules shall be deemed to be satisfied in the case of a person who in relation to an examination held before 1st November 1976 elects to enter the examination which was prescribed for the general part of the roll immediately before the coming into operation of these Rules and passes that examination.

(2) The provisions of rules 16 and 18 of these Rules shall not come into operation until 26th November 1973.

(L.S.)

Margaret J. Cooper,
Chairman of the Council.

The seal of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was hereunto affixed on 4th June 1973.

M. Henry,
Registrar.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Instrument)

The Rules approved by this Instrument amend the Nurses Rules 1969 and the Enrolled Nurses Rules 1969. The amendments include in particular:—

(*a*) a reduction in the period of training for the part of the register for sick children's nurses in the case of a certified midwife and persons qualified in orthopaedic, ophthalmic and thoracic nursing;

(*b*) the introduction of a new final examination for admission to the register which comprises practical tests taken over the period of training and a written section;

(*c*) the deletion of the requirement that a person shall have attained the age of 21 before admission to the register.

(*d*) the deletion of the requirement that a person shall have attained the age of 20 before admission to the roll.

(*e*) a further reduction in the period of training required to qualify for enrolment in the case of persons who have undergone at least 52 weeks training for registration as a nurse and a provision that training in Scotland and Northern Ireland shall be taken into account for that purpose;

(*f*) the introduction of a new examination for admission to the general part of the roll which comprises 3 tests of practical nursing ability and a written section;

(*g*) a variation in the amount of certain fees payable to the Council.

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