STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1981 No. 1532

NURSES, MIDWIVES AND HEALTH VISITORS

The Nurses and Enrolled Nurses (Amendment) Rules Approval Instrument 1981

Made - - - -	*27th October* 1981
Laid before Parliament	*4th November* 1981
Coming into Operation	*25th November* 1981

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 1981 and shall come into operation on 25th November 1981.

Norman Fowler,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

27th October 1981.

(**a**) 1957 c. 15.
(**b**) *See* Secretary of State for Social Services Order 1968 (S.I. 1968/1699), Article 2.

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 upon them by sections 10 and 30 of the Nurses Act 1957 and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following rules:—

Citation and interpretation

1. These rules, which may be cited as the Enrolled Nurses (Amendment) Rules 1981, shall be read as one with the Enrolled Nurses Rules 1969(**a**) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal rules").

Amendments to principal rules relating to uniform

2.—(1) In rule 58 of the principal rules the words "uniform and" shall be omitted.

(2) For rules 59 and 60 of the principal rules there shall be substituted the following two rules—

"59. An enrolled nurse shall while working wear any uniform required by the person or authority by whom she is employed.

60. An enrolled nurse shall not part with a uniform except to the person or authority by whom she is employed.".

(3) Rules 61 to 65 of the principal rules shall be omitted.

(4) In rule 67 of the principal rules the words "and shall, when worn by a female enrolled nurse, be affixed to the right side of the person" shall be omitted.

(5) In Part I of Schedule 4 to the principal rules in the heading the word "female" shall be omitted.

(6) In Schedule 4 to the principal rules paragraphs 2, 3, 5 and 6 in Part 1 and all of Part 2 shall be omitted.

L.S.

Z. E. Oxlade,
Chairman of the Council.

The Seal of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was hereunto affixed on 27th October 1981.

R. H. Pyne,
Acting Registrar.

(**a**) S.I. 1969/1674, to which there are amendments not relevant to this instrument.

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 upon them by sections 10 and 30 of and paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the Nurses Act 1957 and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following rules:—

Citation and interpretation

1. These rules, which may be cited as the Nurses (Amendment) Rules 1981, shall be read as one with the Nurses Rules 1969(**a**) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal rules").

Amendment of rule 74 of the principal rules

2. For rule 74(5) and (6) of the principal rules there shall be substituted the following two paragraphs—

"(5) The Investigating Committee shall consist of the Vice-Chairman and seven other members of the Council; and a quorum shall be three.

(6) The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of the Chairman of the Council and all other members thereof other than the Vice-Chairman and other members of the Investigating Committee; and a quorum shall be six.".

Amendments of principal rules relating to uniform

3.—(1) In rule 83 of the principal rules the words "uniform and" shall be omitted.

(2) For rules 84 and 85 of the principal rules there shall be substituted the following two rules—

"84. A registered nurse shall while working wear any uniform required by the person or authority by whom she is employed.

85. A registered nurse shall not part with a uniform except to the person or authority by whom she is employed.".

(3) Rules 86 to 90 of the principal rules shall be omitted.

(4) In rule 92 the words "and shall, when worn by female registered nurses, be affixed to the right side of the person" shall be omitted.

(5) In Part I of Schedule 5 to the principal rules in the heading the word "Female" shall be omitted.

(6) In Schedule 5 to the principal rules paragraphs 2, 3, 5 and 6 in Part 1 and all of Part 2 shall be omitted.

L.S.

Z. E. Oxlade,
Chairman of the Council.

The Seal of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was hereunto affixed on 27th October 1981.

R. H. Pyne,
Acting Registrar.

(**a**) S.I. 1969/1675; the relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1980/1837.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Instrument.)

The Rules approved by this Instrument further amend the Nurses Rules 1969 and the Enrolled Nurses Rules 1969.

In relation to the former Rules they change the constitution of the Investigating Committee and the Disciplinary Committee of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales and change rules relating to uniform; and in relation to the latter Rules they change the rules relating to uniform.

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