The Nurses Rules, Approval Instrument, 1951

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Whereas the General Nursing Council for England and Wales have, in pursuance of their powers under section 3 of the Nurses Registration Act, 1919(a), section 14 of the Nurses Act, 1943(b), and section 20 of the Nurses Act, 1949(c), made rules superseding the Nurses Rules, 1921 to 1950(d), and have submitted them to the Minister of Health for his approval:

Now therefore the Minister of Health in exercise of his powers under section 16 of the Nurses Act, 1943, and section 20 of the Nurses Act, 1949, 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 Rules, Approval Instrument, 1951, and shall come into operation on the third day of August, 1951.

SCHEDULE

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Nurses Acts, 1919 to 1949

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales in the exercise of their powers under section 3 of the Nurses Registration Act, 1919, section 14 of the Nurses Act, 1943, and section 20 of the Nurses Act, 1949, hereby make the following Rules:—

PART I

General

1. These Rules may be cited as the Nurses Rules, 1951.

2.—(1) In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:—

"Approved Training Institution" means an Institution approved by the Council for the purpose of the training Rules as a Training School or as a part of a Training School;

"Preliminary Training School" means the department of an approved Training Institution in which student nurses receive preliminary instruction in the theory and practice of nursing prior to the commencement of their training in the wards;

"Registered fever nurse" means a nurse who is registered in the part of the Register containing the names of nurses trained in the nursing of persons suffering from infectious diseases;

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 5. c. 94. (b) 6 & 7 Geo. 6. c. 17. (c) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 73.
(d) Text printed by A. & E. Walter, Ltd., 9–17, Tabernacle Street, London, E.C.2., subject to Amendments contained in Rules scheduled to S.I. 1949 (No. 1104) I, p. 2879; S.I. 1949 (No. 1994) I, p. 2894 and S.I. 1950 (No. 386) II, p. 121.

"Registered general nurse" means a nurse who is registered in the general part of the Register;

"Registered mental nurse" means a nurse who is registered in the part of the Register containing the names of nurses trained in the nursing and care of persons suffering from mental diseases;

"Registered nurse for mental defectives" means a nurse who is registered in the separate section of the last-mentioned part of the Register as trained in the nursing and training of the mentally defective;

"Registered nurse" means a nurse whose name is in the Register;

"Registered sick children's nurse" means a nurse who is registered in the part of the Register containing the names of nurses trained in the nursing of sick children;

"Student nurse" means a person who is for the time being undergoing training for admission to any part of the Register;

"The Act of 1919" means the Nurses Registration Act, 1919;

"The Certificate of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association" means a certificate issued by that Association certifying that the person named thereon, having been duly trained, has, after examination by the Association, shown that she has attained proficiency in mental nursing and/or in the nursing of mental defectives, as the case may be;

"The Council" means the General Nursing Council for England and Wales;

"The List" means the list of nurses kept by the Council under section 18 of the Nurses Act, 1943;

"The Minister" means the Minister of Health;

"The Register" means the Register of Nurses formed and kept by the Council;

"The Registrar" means the person for the time being appointed to act as Registrar of the Council under section 4 of the Act of 1919, and includes any person duly authorised to act and acting on her behalf;

"Training" means training (*a*) in an approved Training Institution, and in the case of training in a part of a Training School in accordance with a Scheme of Training approved by the Council; and (*b*) in accordance with the appropriate syllabus contained in the Third Schedule to these Rules;

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(a) applies to the interpretation of these Rules as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament, and in these Rules words importing the feminine gender include the masculine, unless the contrary intention appears.

3. The Nurses Rules, 1921 to 1950, are hereby revoked.

PART II

Formation and Maintenance of Register

4.—(1) The Register shall consist of the following parts, each containing the names of all nurses who satisfy the conditions of admission to that part:

(*a*) A general part;

(*b*) A part containing the names of nurses trained in the nursing and care of persons suffering from mental diseases, including a separate section in which shall be placed the names of nurses trained in the nursing and training of the mentally defective;

(*c*) A part containing the names of nurses trained in the nursing of sick children;

(*d*) A part containing the names of nurses trained in the nursing of persons suffering from infectious diseases.

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

(2) The Register shall contain the particulars set forth in the First Schedule to these Rules.

(3) Each person admitted to the Register shall be assigned a registration number in the part or parts of the Register in which her name is included.

(4) A nurse whose name is included in the Register shall notify to the Registrar every permanent change of address, and for the purposes of these Rules the address last so notified shall be deemed to be the registered address of the nurse.

5. Any person who is qualified under these Rules for admission to the Register, other than a person who is so qualified under Rules 18, 20, 21, or 22 of these Rules, and who desires to have her name included in the Register shall apply to the Registrar, on a form to be supplied by the Council, for admission to the Register, and at the time of such application shall pay a registration fee of three guineas in respect of each part of the Register in which her name is to be included. No applicant shall be entitled to have her name included in the Register unless she has produced such satisfactory references as to character as the Council may require.

Provided that where the applicant is an enrolled assistant nurse, who has applied for the deletion of her name from the Roll of assistant nurses kept by the Council, on admission to the Register, the registration fee payable by her under this Rule shall be a fee of one guinea only.

6.—(1) Where the name of any nurse was first included in the Register between the 1st day of January, 1950, and the 24th day of March, 1950, it shall be retained in the Register until the 31st day of December, 1951.

(2) Any such nurse who desires her name to be retained in the Register after the 31st day of December, 1951, shall apply for the retention of her name in the Register without limit of time, on payment of a fee in respect of each part of the Register in which she applies for retention, in accordance with the following table, based on the date, as the case may be, of her initial registration in England and Wales, Scotland, or Northern Ireland, or of her certification by the Royal Medico-Psychological Association:—

TABLE

Date of initial registration or certification	*Fee required* £	*s.*	*d.*
1921-25		10	6
1926-30	1	1	0
1931-35	1	11	6
1936-40	2	2	0
1941-47	2	12	6
1948 onwards	3	3	0

(3) If any such nurse fails to forward to the Registrar the said fee before the 31st day of October, 1951, the Registrar shall send to the registered address of such nurse a written notice informing her of the consequence of failure to pay the said fee, and if the nurse fails to forward the said fee by the 31st day of December, 1951, her name shall be deleted from the Register as from the beginning of the succeeding year, unless the Council for any special reason otherwise direct.

7.—(1) Where the name of a nurse has been deleted from the Register for other than disciplinary reasons, she shall be entitled to apply to have her name re-included in the appropriate part or parts of the Register. The application for re-inclusion shall be accompanied by a written explanation of the applicant's failure to apply for retention in the Register, and by a fee of ten shillings and sixpence together with the appropriate fee set out in the table contained in paragraph (2) of Rule 6 of these Rules, based on the date of her initial registration or certification, and if the Council are satisfied with the explanation offered by the applicant, and any references which they may reasonably require are satisfactory, they shall re-include her name in the appropriate part or parts of the Register.

(2) Where the name of a nurse has been deleted from the Register for disciplinary reasons, the procedure for reinclusion in the Register shall be that laid down in Part VI of these Rules.

8. The provisions of Rules 6 and 7 of these Rules shall apply to any nurse whose name was included in the List on the 24th day of March, 1950, or was deleted from the List prior to that date, or is subsequently thereto deleted from the List, as the case may be, as though for a reference in those Rules to the Register, there was a reference to the List, and as though the fee payable under paragraph (2) of Rule 6 was a fee of ten shillings and sixpence only in respect of each part of the List.

PART III

Admission to the Register

A. *Conditions of admission by examination.*

9.—(1) For the purposes of section 3 (2) (*b*) of the Act of 1919, an Institution shall be approved by the Council either:—

(*a*) as a Training School capable of providing a complete training qualifying for admission either to the general part of the Register or to any other part of the Register; or

(*b*) as a part of a Training School capable of providing, in association with one or more other Training Institutions under a Scheme of Training, such complete training as aforesaid.

In approving a Training Institution to take part in a Scheme of Training provided by a group of such Institutions the Council shall direct what proportion of the training period shall be spent in each of the participating Institutions.

The Council may, if they think fit, approve the same Institution both as a Training School and as a part of a Training School.

(2) The Council shall prepare and keep a list of institutions which are for the time being approved by the Council as Training Schools under the following headings:—

Training Schools for registered general nurses.

Training Schools for registered mental nurses.

Training Schools for registered nurses for mental defectives.

Training Schools for registered sick children's nurses.

Training Schools for registered fever nurses.

(3) The Council shall also prepare and keep lists of the Institutions for the time being approved by the Council as parts of Training Schools, and such lists shall be kept so far as necessary under headings corresponding to those relating to Training Schools.

(4) Subject to paragraph (5) of this Rule, in respect of every Institution, other than an Institution vested in the Minister, for which application is made to the Council for approval under paragraph (1) of this Rule, there shall be paid to the Council by the persons responsible for its management the following fees:—

(*a*) in all cases on the making of the application a fee of five guineas which shall be retained by the Council, whether or not approval of the Institution is granted;

(*b*) in the case of Institutions at which student nurses may spend more than six months of their training, an additional fee of five guineas in respect of the first year, payable on receipt of notice of approval, and an annual fee of ten guineas in respect of each subsequent year during which the approval of the Council is continued, payable at the commencement of such year;

(*c*) in the case of Institutions at which student nurses may spend not more than six months of their training, an annual fee of five guineas in respect of each year after the first year during which the approval of the Council is continued, payable at the commencement of such year.

(5) Where an Institution, other than an Institution vested in the Minister, was approved by the Council prior to the 24th day of March, 1950, there shall be paid to the Council by the persons responsible for its management on each anniversary of the date of such approval, in respect of the ensuing year, during the period in which approval is continued, a fee of:—

(i) ten guineas where the Institution is one at which student nurses may spend more than six months of their training, or

(ii) five guineas where the Institution is one at which student nurses may spend not more than six months of their training.

10.—(1) The Council shall keep an Index of Student Nurses, and when an applicant has been accepted by an approved Training Institution as a student nurse, the Institution shall submit to the Council within thirty days of the commencement of her training her full name, evidence of age, educational qualifications, date of commencement of training and any other particulars which the Council may normally require in order that the name of such student may be recorded in the Index of Student Nurses.

(2) As from the 1st day of August, 1952, the minimum age of entry to training shall be 18 years, and the name of an applicant shall not be entered upon the Index of Student Nurses until she has attained that age. Provided that where in the opinion of the Council the strict application of this paragraph would be likely to affect the hospital services prejudicially, the Council shall have power at their discretion to waive the requirements of this paragraph.

(3) 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.

11. The Council shall hold Preliminary and Final Examinations in the several subjects specified in the Syllabuses of Training for Examinations prescribed in the Third Schedule to these Rules at such times (not being less often than three times in every year), at such places, and subject to such provisions as the Council may from time to time determine.

12.—(1) The Preliminary Examination shall be divided into two Parts.

(2) The entrance fee shall be one pound fifteen shillings in respect of each Part or two and a half guineas if both Parts are taken together, each fee being payable before the applicant's name is entered for the examination.

(3) The minimum age of entry to Part I, if taken before entry to an approved Training Institution, shall be seventeen years on the last day of the month in which the written examination is held.

13.—(1) A candidate may enter for Part I of the Preliminary Examination if:—

(*a*) she produces evidence satisfactory to the Council that, before entry to an approved Training Institution, she has undergone a course of instruction recommended by the Ministry of Education and approved by the Council, which course shall include the appropriate subjects prescribed in the Third Schedule to these Rules, and shall be either a whole-time course of not less than one school year, or a part-time course of not less than two sessions, each being of at least two terms duration. A candidate for any examination which may be held in the month of June, who has not yet completed such course of instruction, but who is due to complete it before the end of the following July, may enter for the examination on production of satisfactory evidence verifying that fact, and on depositing with the Registrar a signed undertaking that she will complete the course on the due date after the examination; or

(*b*) (i) her name is recorded in the Index of Student Nurses, and

(ii) she has completed not less than six months' training in an approved Training Institution, including a period of preliminary training of not less than eight consecutive weeks in a Preliminary Training School, or is due to complete such training by the last day of the month in which the written examination is held, and

(iii) she has attended a course of lectures in the appropriate subjects prescribed in the Third Schedule to these Rules, and

(iv) she has deposited with the Registrar a certificate signed by the Matron, or other responsible officer of the approved Training Institution or Institutions in which her training or instruction was given and carried out, verifying that the requirements specified in this sub-paragraph have been satisfied.

(2) In the case of a candidate who enters for Part I under the provisions of paragraph (1) (*a*) of this Rule, not more than two years may elapse between the passing of Part I and entry to an approved Training Institution except with the permission of the Council.

(3) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (4) and (5) of this Rule, a person shall not be entitled to enter for Part II of the Preliminary Examination unless:—

(*a*) her name is recorded in the Index of Student Nurses, and

(*b*) she has either passed Part I, or enters for Part I at the same time that she enters for Part II, and

(*c*) she has completed one year of training in an approved Training Institution, including a period of preliminary training of not less than eight weeks in a Preliminary Training School, or is due to complete such training by the last day of the month in which the written examination is held, and

(*d*) she has attended a course of lectures in the appropriate subjects prescribed in the Third Schedule to these Rules, and has undergone practical instruction in the wards in those subjects, and

(*e*) she has deposited with the Registrar a certificate signed by the Matron, or other responsible officer of the approved Training Institution or Institutions in which her training or instruction was given and carried out, verifying that the requirements specified in this paragraph have been satisfied.

(4) Until a date or dates to be announced by the Council with the prior approval of the Minister, of which date or dates twelve months' notice shall be given, the requirement of paragraph (3) of this Rule as to completion of one year of training shall not apply:—

(*a*) to a person who is undergoing a short intensive course approved by the Council, of which not less than three months have been completed and who while serving in His Majesty's Forces since the 3rd day of September, 1939,

(i) was either a Leading Sick Berth Attendant or a Senior Nursing Member in the Navy, or a Nursing Orderly Class I, or a Nursing Member Class I, or a Mental Nursing Orderly Class I in the Army, or a Leading Aircraftsman or Leading Aircraftswoman in the trade of Nursing Orderly in the Royal Air Force, and

(ii) has had not less than two years' experience in the nursing of the physically sick in a hospital under the supervision of registered nurses or trained nurses, and

(iii) has deposited with the Registrar evidence satisfactory to the Council verifying these facts;

(*b*) to a person who:—

(i) has completed not less than six months' training in an approved Training Institution, or is due to complete such training by the last day of the month in which the written examination is held, and

(ii) has at some time after the 3rd day of September, 1939, been engaged on nursing duties in His Majesty's Forces or in the Civil Nursing Reserve or in the British Red Cross Society or in the St. John Ambulance Brigade, and as such has had not less in the aggregate than two years' experience in the nursing of the physically sick in a hospital or hospitals under the supervision of trained nurses, or in a casualty clearing station or stations with an establishment of not less than eight trained nurses, or in a mobile field hospital or hospitals of not less than 100 beds in which the establishment was not less than four trained nursing officers, or in Navy sick quarters, or sick bays in one or more of such organisations, and

(iii) has been recommended to be allowed to undergo a reduced period of training by the Matron or Matrons of the hospital or hospitals, or the Sister or Sisters in charge of the unit in which her requisite experience in the nursing of the sick was obtained, or if it was not practicable to obtain recommendations covering the full period of two years on account of frequent movements of nursing personnel during the war, was so recommended by one Matron or Sister in charge of a unit where the applicant had served for the minimum period of six months, or by two Matrons or Sisters in charge, covering two periods of not less than three months each, and

(iv) has applied (through the Matron of the approved Training Institution) for, and received, permission from the Council to undergo a reduced period of training, application for such permission having been made within six months of release from His Majesty's Forces or the Civil Nursing Reserve, or from active service with the British Red Cross Society or St. John Ambulance Brigade, unless the Council otherwise decide, and

(v) has commenced her training after the 27th day of July, 1945, and

(vi) is entering for both Parts of the Preliminary Examination on the first occasion on which under this paragraph she is eligible, and

(vii) has deposited with the Registrar evidence satisfactory to the Council verifying these facts.

(5) The requirement of paragraph (3) of this Rule as to completion of one year of training shall not apply to an enrolled assistant nurse who—

(i) has completed not less than six months' training in an approved Training Institution or is due to complete such training by the last day of the month in which the written examination is held, and

(ii) has applied (through the Matron of the approved Training Institution) for, and received, permission from the Council to undergo a reduced period of training, and

(iii) is entering for both Parts of the Preliminary Examination on the first occasion on which under this Rule she is eligible, and

(iv) has deposited with the Registrar evidence satisfactory to the Council verifying these facts.

14.—(1) The entrance fee for the Final Examination for any part of the Register shall be four guineas, payable before the applicant's name is entered for the examination.

(2) No person shall be entitled to enter for any Final Examination unless she:—

(*a*) has attained or will have attained by the last day of the month in which the written examination is held the age of twenty-one years, or in the case of a candidate for the Final Examination for Fever Nurses the age of twenty years, and

(*b*) has passed the Preliminary Examination or is already registered in any part of the Register, and

(*c*) has undergone the appropriate training specified in Rule 16 of these Rules and, in a case where she has failed on three occasions to pass the Final Examination, has undergone, since the occasion on which she last so failed at least six months' further training in the subject or subjects in which she failed on that occasion to obtain a credit standard as laid down in the Council's regulations for conduct of examinations, and

(*d*) has undergone systematic instruction in each of the subjects prescribed in the Third Schedule to these Rules as being necessary for admission to the part of the Register to which she applies to be admitted, and

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

(*f*) has deposited with the Registrar certificates signed by the Matron, Superintendent Nurse, or other person occupying a similar position in the Institution or Institutions in which her training or instructon was given and carried out, verifying the requirements specified in this paragraph.

15. Should it come to the notice of the Council that a candidate for entry to any of the Council's examinations has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanour or has been guilty of conduct which, had she been a registered nurse, would in the opinion of the Council have rendered her liable to disciplinary action under these Rules, the Council may, after giving the candidate the opportunity of stating her case and making such other reasonable investigations as may be necessary, refuse to admit her to the examination in question.

16. The following training shall be required of persons entering for the Final Examination:—

(1) IN THE CASE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE GENERAL PART OF THE REGISTER, the person must have completed a course of not less than three years' training in an approved Training Institution for registered general nurses; or, alternatively, have undergone a course of not less than three years' instruction in accordance with the appropriate Syllabus of training prescribed in the Third Schedule to these Rules, in the service of the Admiralty, the Army Council or the Air Council.

Provided that:—

(*a*) the said period shall be reduced in the case of a person

(i) who has passed the Preliminary Examination after the reduced period of training referred to in sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (4) of Rule 13 of these Rules, by two years, or

(ii) who has passed the Preliminary Examination after the reduced period of training referred to in sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph (4), or in paragraph (5), of the said Rule 13, by six months;

(*b*) in the case of a person whose name is registered in some other part of the Register, the completion since the date of registration of a course of not less than two years' training in an approved Training Institution for registered general nurses shall be sufficient.

(2) IN THE CASE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE PART OF THE REGISTER FOR MENTAL NURSES OTHER THAN THE SEPARATE SECTION FOR REGISTERED NURSES FOR MENTAL DEFECTIVES, the person must have completed a course of not less than three years' training in an approved Training Institution for registered mental nurses.

Provided that:—

(*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 sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph (4), or in paragraph (5), of Rule 13 of these Rules, by six months;

(*b*) in the case of a person whose name is registered in some other part of the Register, the completion since the date of registration of a course of not less than two years' training in an approved Training Institution for registered mental nurses shall be sufficient.

(3) IN THE CASE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE SEPARATE SECTION FOR NURSES FOR MENTAL DEFECTIVES, the person must have completed a course of not less than three years' training in an approved Training Institution for registered nurses for mental defectives.

Provided that:—

(*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 sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph (4), or in paragraph (5), of Rule 13 of these Rules, by six months;

(*b*) in the case of a person whose name is registered in some other part of the Register, the completion since the date of registration of a course of not less than two years' training in an approved Training Institution for registered nurses for mental defectives shall be sufficient.

(4) IN THE CASE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE PART OF THE REGISTER FOR SICK CHILDREN'S NURSES, the person must have completed a course of not less than three years' training in an approved Training Institution for registered sick children's nurses.

Provided that:—

(*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 sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph (4), or in paragraph (5), of Rule 13 of these Rules, by six months;

(*b*) in the case of a person whose name is registered in some other part of the Register, the completion since the date of registration of a course of not less than two years' training in an approved Training Institution for registered sick children's nurses shall be sufficient.

(5) IN THE CASE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE PART OF THE REGISTER FOR FEVER NURSES, the person must have completed a course of not less than two years' training in an approved Training Institution for registered fever nurses.

Provided that:—

(*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 sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph (4), or in paragraph (5), of Rule 13 of these Rules, by six months;

(*b*) in the case of a person whose name is registered in some other part of the Register, the completion since the date of registration of a course of not less than one year's training in an approved Training Institution for registered fever nurses shall be sufficient.

(6) In proviso (*b*) to each of the paragraphs (1) to (4) of this Rule, in the case of a registered fever nurse who passed the Final Examination for fever nurses before attaining the age of twenty-one years, there shall be substituted for the words "date of registration", the words "date of passing the Final Examination for fever nurses".

17.—(1) Every person who has passed the Final Examination for any part of the Register shall be entitled, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 5 of these Rules, to make application for her name to be included in that part of the Register, provided that the name of a person who has passed the Final Examination for fever nurses before attaining the age of twenty-one years shall not be included in the Register until she has attained that age.

(2) Should it come to the notice of the Council that an applicant for registration has, since the date on which she sat for the Final Examination, been convicted of a felony or misdemeanour, or has been guilty of conduct which, had she been a registered nurse, would in the opinion of the Council have rendered her liable to disciplinary action under these Rules, the Council may, after giving the applicant the opportunity of stating her case and making such other reasonable investigations as may be necessary, refuse to admit her to the Register.

B. *Conditions of admission of persons holding the Certificate of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association to the part of the Register for mental nurses and the separate section for nurses for mental defectives.*

18. Every person holding the Certificate of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association who desires to obtain admission to the part of the Register for mental nurses and/or the separate section for nurses for mental defectives, shall make application to the Registrar on a form to be suplied by the Council and shall comply with the following conditions:—

(1) she shall deposit with the Registrar the Certificate of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association, or produce to the Registrar such other evidence as the Council may require that she is the holder of such a certificate;

(2) she shall furnish the Registrar with the name and address of two persons willing and able to give evidence of good character. One of such persons shall be a householder, not being a relative of the applicant, who has known her personally for not less than three years, and the other shall be a matron or chief male nurse of a hospital, a registered medical practitioner, or other responsible person under whom the applicant has worked.

Provided that if at the date of her application the applicant is employed by any hospital, institution, or infirmary, the Council shall dispense with any evidence of good character.

19. Any applicant who complies with the conditions prescribed in Rule 18 of these Rules shall be registered in the part of the Register for mental nurses and/or in the separate section thereof for nurses for mental defectives, upon payment at the date of application, in respect of either part or section, as the case may be, of a fee of two guineas together with the appropriate fee set out in the table contained in paragraph (2) of Rule 6 of these Rules, based on the date of her certification by the Royal Medico-Psychological Association.

C. *Conditions of admission of persons trained prior to July,* 1925

20.—(1) Any person whose name is included in a part of the List, who makes application to the Registrar on a form to be supplied by the Council, shall be admitted to the corresponding part of the Register, upon payment at the time of application of a registration fee of one and a half guineas. In the case of an applicant who applies to be admitted to more than one part of the Register, an additional fee of one guinea shall be payable at the time of such application in respect of admission to any second or subsequent part of the Register.

Provided that every applicant who has already paid a fee for the retention of her name in the List shall be credited with the amount of such fee in respect of her application for admission to the corresponding part or parts of the Register.

(2) Any person who not being included in the List, holds a certificate issued by an Institution which appears to the Council to be satisfactory for the purposes of the provisions of section 14 (1) (*b*) of the Nurses Act, 1949, stating that she completed before the beginning of July, 1925, a course of training in nursing in that Institution, and who satisfies the Council that she is of good character and has adequate knowledge and experience of nursing, shall be admitted to the appropriate part of the Register after making application to the Registrar, on a form to be supplied by the Council, and on paying at the time of such application a registration fee of two and a half guineas. In the case of an applicant who applies to be admitted to more than one part of the Register, an additional fee of one and a half guineas shall be payable at the time of such application in respect of admission to any second or subsequent part of the Register.

D. *Conditions of admission of persons registered in Scotland and Northern Ireland.*

21. Any person whose name is included in any part or parts of the Register kept by the General Nursing Council for Scotland or by the Joint Nursing and Midwives Council for Northern Ireland, who makes application to the Registrar on a form to be supplied by the Council, and pays the under-mentioned fees, and produces a certificate issued by the Registrar of the Council in whose Register

her name is entered, to that effect, and a complete copy of such entry, shall be admitted to the corresponding part or parts of the Register.

There shall be payable at the time of application in respect of each part of the Register, a fee of one guinea together with the appropriate fee set out in the table contained in paragraph (2) of Rule 6 of these Rules, based on the date of the applicant's initial registration in Scotland or Northern Ireland.

E. *Conditions of admission of persons trained outside the United Kingdom.*

22. Any person who desires to be registered in any part of the Register appearing to the Council to be appropriate to her case, under the provisions of section 10 of the Nurses Act, 1949, shall make application to the Registrar, on a form to be supplied by the Council, for registration in the appropriate part or parts of the Register.

There shall be payable at the time of application a registration fee of four guineas in respect of each part of the Register.

F. *Waiver of requirements.*

23. The Council may at their discretion in an exceptional case waive any of the requirements of Parts II and III of these Rules relating to the training, examination and admission of nurses to the Register.

PART IV

Certificate of admission to the Register

24. Every nurse admitted to the Register shall be granted a certificate stating in which part her name has been registered, and the date of registration, and such certificate shall be sealed with the Seal of the Council.

25. In the event of a certificate becoming lost or accidentally destroyed, the holder may apply to the Council for a fresh certificate, and the Council may, if they think fit, grant such fresh certificate upon payment by the applicant of a fee of ten shillings. A certificate issued under this Rule shall be marked " Duplicate ".

26. Any person shall be entitled, upon payment to the Registrar of a fee of ten shillings, to be furnished with a certificate under the Seal of the Council certifying that a person, is or was at any date, or is not, or was not at any date, duly registered.

PART V

Removal of name from the Register

27.—(1) When it is brought to the notice of the Council that a registered nurse (in this part of these Rules referred to as " the Respondent ") has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanour, or where she is alleged to have been guilty of any misconduct, during the period in which her name is in the Register or during any period in which her name has for any reason been excluded from the Register, the Registrar, after making such further inquiries relative thereto as she thinks necessary, shall lay the matter before the Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee of the Council (in this part of these Rules referred to as " the Committee "), who, except in cases in which they decline to proceed, shall report thereon to the Council.

(2) The Committee may at any stage of the case take the advice of a Solicitor appointed by the Council, and may instruct him to obtain proofs of evidence in support of the allegations against the Respondent, and may, in such cases as they think fit, decline to proceed with the matter unless the evidence in support of the charge (other than evidence of a conviction) is verified by statutory declaration.

(3) Where it is reported by the Committee and it is proved to the Council by the certificate of the competent officer of the Court in which the proceedings took place that the Respondent has been convicted of a felony or of any

misdemeanour, and has been sentenced to a term of imprisonment, and that such conviction has not been subsequently quashed on appeal, the Council may forthwith and without further inquiry, remove the name of the Respondent from the Register, and require her to surrender her certificate of registration and badge, if any, to the Registrar.

(4) In any other case in which the Committee decide to proceed, they shall invite the Respondent to furnish any written statement or explanation which she may desire to offer, and shall consider such statement or explanation.

Where in such a case the Committee decide that a prima facie case is made out for the removal of the Respondent's name from the Register, they may direct the Registrar to arrange a hearing of the case before the Council, and may direct the Solicitor to take all necessary steps for verifying the evidence to be submitted to the Council and for obtaining the necessary documents and the attendance of witnesses.

28.—(1) Where the Committee decide that a case should proceed to a hearing, the Registrar shall send to the Respondent a notice in writing in the form set out in the Second Schedule to these Rules, specifying the nature and particulars of the charge against her, and informing her of the time and place of the meeting of the Council at which the case will be heard, and requiring her to send or deliver to the Registrar her certificate of registration and badge, if any, not later than the date on which the hearing takes place. Such notice shall be sent by registered post to the registered address of the Respondent contained in the Register, or if the Registrar has reason to believe that that address is not her present address, then to any later address which may be known to the Registrar, and shall be posted so as to allow at least twenty-one days to elapse between the day on which the notice is posted and the date fixed for the hearing.

(2) The Respondent shall be entitled to be represented at the hearing by a friend, or by Counsel or a Solicitor.

Provided that if she intends to be represented by Counsel or a Solicitor, not less than seven days' notice of such intention shall be given to the Registrar.

29. At the hearing of the case, the Solicitor, Registrar or other person appointed by the Council for the purpose shall first state to the Council the facts of the case and the charge alleged against the Respondent, and shall then submit to the Council the evidence in support of the charge, and the Respondent or her representative shall be entitled to cross-examine any witness appearing against her on matters relevant to the charge.

30. When the statement of the charge and the evidence in support thereof are concluded, the Respondent, or her representative, shall be invited by the Chairman to address the Council and to tender evidence in answer to the charge and the Solicitor, Registrar or other person appointed by the Council for the purpose, shall be entitled to cross-examine any witness tendered in answer to the charge, and to reply upon the whole case, after the Respondent or her representative has replied.

31. If the Respondent does not attend, either personally or by a representative, the Council may proceed to hear and determine the case in her absence.

32.—(1) Upon the conclusion of the case the Council shall after consideration of the relevant evidence, pronounce their decision either forthwith or at a later date in writing or at a subsequent meeting.

(2) If the Council find the charges against the Respondent to be proved either in whole or in part, they may remove her name from the Register.

33.—(1) The Registrar shall forthwith communicate with the Respondent by registered letter informing her of the decision of the Council.

(2) The Registrar shall in the case of the removal of the Respondent's name from the Register, retain the Respondent's certificate of registration and badge, if any, and shall delete her name from the part or parts of the Register in which it is included.

34. In the event of the removal of the name of a nurse from any part of the Register under this part of these Rules, notification of the fact shall forthwith be sent by the Registrar to the General Nursing Council for Scotland and/or the Joint Nursing and Midwives Council for Northern Ireland, if the Council are aware that the name of such nurse is or was also registered in Scotland and/or Northern Ireland.

35. In the event of the Council receiving a notification from the General Nursing Council for Scotland and/or the Joint Nursing and Midwives Council for Northern Ireland, that the name of any nurse registered by either or both of those Councils has been removed from the Register in Scotland or Northern Ireland by reason of a finding by such Council that such nurse has been guilty of a felony, misdemeanour, or any misconduct, if the Registrar shall find that the nurse is also registered in any part of the Register, she shall inform her by registered letter that the Council have received such notification, and shall inquire of her whether she desires to show cause why her name should not also be removed from the Register. If no answer is received by the Registrar within twenty-eight days after the despatch of such letter, or such longer period as the Council may allow if they are satisfied that there is sufficient reason for an extension of time, or if the nurse replies that she does not desire to show cause as aforesaid, then the Council shall at their next convenient meeting direct the Registrar to remove the nurse's name from the Register. If the nurse replies that she does desire to show cause as aforesaid, the Registrar shall lay the matter before the Committee. The Council and the Committee shall thereupon proceed to deal with the matter by way of a rehearing under this part of these Rules, as if the complaint had been originally made to the Council. The action of the Council shall in due course be notified to the General Nursing Council for Scotland and/or the Joint Nursing and Midwives Council for Northern Ireland, as the case may be.

36. If any question shall arise as to the meaning or effect of this part of these Rules, or if any question or matter shall arise which is not provided for by this part of these Rules, such question or matter shall be decided by the Council.

PART VI

Restoration of name to the Register

37.—(1) Where the name of a nurse has been removed from the Register under Part V of these Rules, any application for its restoration to the Register shall be made in writing addressed to the Registrar and signed by the applicant, stating the grounds on which the application is made.

(2) The application shall contain the names and addresses of two or more persons of whom two shall be Justices of the Peace, ministers of religion, registered medical practitioners, or registered nurses able and willing to identify the applicant and give evidence as to her character, and the nature of her employment both before and since the date of the removal of her name, and such other evidence as the Council may require.

(3) The Council may require the applicant to verify by a statutory declaration any statement made in her application, or any further statement which they may think necessary, and may, if they think fit, require the applicant to attend in person at a meeting of the Council, or of any Committee of the Council at which the matter is to be considered.

38. If upon consideration of the application and of the evidence furnished in support of it, the Council are satisfied that the name of the applicant should be restored to the Register, they may direct the Registrar accordingly, and, upon payment by the applicant of the under-mentioned fee or fees, her name shall be restored to the appropriate part or parts of the Register and a new certificate or certificates of registration shall be issued to her:—

(1) In all cases a fee of one guinea shall be payable.

(2) Where the name of the applicant is deleted from the Register prior to the 1st day of January, 1952, and the applicant has not paid the appropriate fee for the retention of her name in the Register without limit of time, the fee payable at the time of the application shall include in addition the appropriate fee set out in the table contained in paragraph (2) of Rule 6 of these Rules, based on the date of her initial registration or certification.

39. In the event of the restoration of the name of a nurse to any part of the Register under this part of these Rules, notification of the fact shall be forthwith sent by the Registrar to the General Nursing Council for Scotland and/or the Joint Nursing and Midwives Council for Northern Ireland, if the Council are aware that the name of such nurse is or was also registered in Scotland and/or Northern Ireland.

40. In the event of notice being received by the Council from the General Nursing Council for Scotland and/or the Joint Nursing and Midwives Council for Northern Ireland that they have restored to their Register the name of a nurse whose name they had removed from their Register, if the Registrar shall find that the name of such nurse was removed from the Register, it shall be the duty of the Registrar to lay the matter before the Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee of the Council. The Committee shall then consider the matter, and if necessary make inquiries and report to the Council, who shall, if they think fit, having regard to all the circumstances and at their discretion, likewise restore the name of such nurse to the Register, if she applies under and conforms to such of the provisions of this part of these Rules as the Committee or Council shall require.

In the event of the Council restoring the name of a nurse to the Register under this Rule, the Registrar shall as soon as possible notify the fact of such restoration to the General Nursing Council for Scotland and/or the Joint Nursing and Midwives Council for Northern Ireland.

41. If any question shall arise as to the meaning or effect of this part of these Rules, or if any question or matter shall arise which is not provided for by this part of these Rules, such question or matter shall be decided by the Council.

PART VII

Procedure of Council and Committees

42.—(1) At the Ordinary Meeting of the Council in the month of September in each year the Council shall appoint from their members a Chairman and Vice-Chairman, who shall hold office until a Chairman and Vice-Chairman have been appointed at the Ordinary Meeting in the month of September in the following year.

(2) If the office of Chairman or of Vice-Chairman becomes vacant during the year, it shall be filled at such next Meeting of the Council as may be convenient, and the member appointed shall hold office for the remainder of the term of office of the person in whose place she is appointed.

(3) In the event of two or more persons being nominated for the office of Chairman, or of Vice-Chairman, the voting shall be by ballot, and there shall be as many ballots as are necessary to reduce the final ballot to two candidates for the office in question. After each ballot the name of the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be struck out and the next ballot shall be between the remaining candidates, and so on until the final ballot is between two candidates.

(4) In the event of neither the Chairman nor the Vice-Chairman being present at any meeting of the Council, the Council shall appoint a Chairman to preside at that meeting.

43.—(1) Unless and until the Council otherwise decide, meetings shall be held once in each month, and at such other times as may be necessary.

(2) The Chairman may at any time convene a meeting of the Council, and the Registrar shall within fourteen days convene a meeting, if required to do so, by any six members of the Council by writing under their hands.

(3) Every member of the Council attending a meeting of the Council shall sign her name in a book kept for the purpose.

(4) Not less than ten days' notice of any meeting shall be given to each member of the Council, directed to such address as she shall from time to time furnish to the Registrar.

(5) The quorum of the Council shall be eleven.

44. The Registrar shall act as Secretary of the Council.

45. Minutes of the proceedings of the Council shall be taken by the Registrar, and shall be duly entered in a book provided for the purpose. A draft of the minutes shall be circulated to the members of the Council, together with the notice of the meeting at which they are to be submitted for confirmation.

46. Except in cases where the presiding Chairman on the ground of urgency or convenience otherwise directs, the following order of business shall be observed:—

(1) Minutes of the last meeting.

(2) Adjourned business.

(3) Correspondence.

(4) Reports of Committees.

(5) Notices of motion.

(6) Any other business.

(7) Date of next meeting.

47. No business which is not upon the Agenda Paper shall be discussed at any meeting of the Council (except routine business), unless the presiding Chairman declares such business to be of an urgent nature, and is supported by two-thirds of the members present and voting.

48. Every question, the manner of voting on which is not otherwise specified in these Rules, shall be decided on a show of hands by a majority of members present and voting, but any member may call for a division, in which case the names of members for and against and of those who abstained from voting shall be taken down in writing and entered in the minutes. In the case of an equality of votes, the presiding Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

49. Every motion or amendment shall be moved and seconded, and shall be reduced to writing and handed to the presiding Chairman, and shall be read before it is further discussed or put to the meeting.

50.—(1) Every notice of motion shall be in writing, shall be signed by the member giving the notice, and shall be given or sent to the Registrar.

(2) The Registrar shall insert in the Agenda Paper of the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council all notices of motion which she may have received not less than one clear day prior to the day on which the Agenda Paper is sent out to members, in the order in which they have been received by her.

51. No Resolution of the Council shall be altered or rescinded at a subsequent meeting, except upon a notice of motion of which a copy has been sent out to members by the Registrar ten clear days before such meeting.

52.—(1) In addition to the Mental Nurses Committee constituted under section 9 of the Nurses Act, 1949, and to the Finance Committee referred to in Rule 53 of these Rules, there shall be the following Standing Committees of the Council:—

(*a*) A Standing Committee consisting of the whole Council.

(*b*) A Registration Committee.

(*c*) An Education and Examination Committee.

(*d*) A Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee.

(2) At the Ordinary Meeting of the Council in the month of September in each year, the Council shall appoint the members of the Registration Committee, the Education and Examination Committee, and the Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee, who shall hold office until their successors have been appointed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Council in the month of September in the following year.

(3) Any casual vacancy which occurs on any of these Committees shall be filled by the Council at such next meeting of the Council as may be convenient and the person appointed to fill the casual vacancy shall hold office for the remainder of the term of office of the person in whose place she is appointed.

(4) The Registration Committee and the Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee shall each consist of eight members of the Council in addition to ex officio members, and the quorum shall be four. The Education and Examination Committee shall consist of seventeen members of the Council in addition to ex officio members and the quorum shall be six.

(5) The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council shall be ex officio members of every Committee.

53.—(1) Pursuant to section 8 (1) of the Nurses Act, 1949, there shall be a Finance Committee which shall consist of ten members of the Council, including the Chairman and Vice-Chairman thereof who shall be ex officio members, and of such persons other than members of the Council (not exceeding two in number) as may be nominated by the Minister after consultation with the Council. The quorum shall be four.

(2) At the Ordinary Meeting of the Council in the month of September in each year, the Council shall appoint the members of the Finance Committee, who shall hold office until their successors have been appointed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Council in the month of September in the following year. Provided that the first members of the Finance Committee shall be appointed as soon as may be after the coming into operation of these Rules and shall hold office until their successors are appointed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Council in September, 1952.

(3) Any casual vacancy which occurs on the Committee shall be filled by the Council at such next meeting of the Council as may be convenient. The person appointed to fill the casual vacancy shall hold office for the remainder of the term of office of the person in whose place she is appointed.

(4) The Chairman of the Finance Committee shall be a member of the Council.

54.—(1) The Council may delegate to any Committee, with such restrictions and qualifications, if any, as they think fit, all or any of their powers except the power of removing the name of a nurse from the Register.

(2) Each Committee shall elect its own Chairman and shall report its proceedings to the Council, and any recommendations which a Committee may make shall, so far as practicable, be in the form of resolutions to be considered by the Council.

(3) Every report from a Committee shall be submitted by the Chairman of the Committee (if present), who shall move that it shall be received by the Council, and on the motion being carried, the Chairman or any other member of the Committee may move to agree with the resolution of the Committee and such resolutions shall be considered seriatim. The motion that the report (if necessary as amended) be now approved shall be put from the chair, and no debate shall be allowed thereon.

(4) Except by special permission of the Council, no report of a Committee shall be discussed by the Council unless it has been sent to the members of the Council at least three days before the meeting of the Council at which it is to be presented.

55.—(1) All bills and claims shall be examined by the Registrar, and laid by her before the Finance Committee, who shall report thereon to the Council, and such bills and claims as are allowed shall be initialled by the presiding Chairman.

(2) All payments made by or on behalf of the Council shall be made by cheque or other order drawn on the bankers of the Council, except in the case of sums not exceeding £10 or of such lesser amount as the Council may from time to time determine, or in cases of urgency.

(3) Subject to the provisions of the following paragraph, all cheques or other authorities for payment of money by the bankers of the Council shall be signed by two members of the Finance Committee nominated by the Council and countersigned by the Registrar or her deputy.

(4) The Council shall have power to open a special account or special accounts with their bankers and to authorise the Registrar or her deputy, or other official of the Council, to draw thereon up to such amounts and subject to such conditions as the Council may from time to time prescribe.

56. At every monthly meeting of the Council, the Registrar shall present a statement in writing from the Finance Committee showing receipts and expenditure by the Council for the current year up to the date of such meeting, and showing the existing balances, if any, to the credit of the Council.

57. The presiding Chairman of the Council shall decide upon any point of order or procedure and her decision shall be final.

58. The foregoing rules of procedure for the Council shall, so far as they are capable of application, apply to the procedure of Committees appointed by the Council.

59. All minutes, registers and records shall be open to the inspection of members of the Council during the Registrar's business hours.

PART VIII

Qualifications of Nurse Tutors

60. The Council shall grant a Certificate of Registration as a Nurse Tutor (hereinafter referred to as "the Council's certificate") to any person who makes application in writing to the Registrar and satisfies the following requirements:—

(*a*) (i) The applicant must be registered in the general part of the Register or her name must be included in the general part of the List; and

(ii) The applicant must have undergone at least four years' experience in nursing since registration in any part of the Register, including at least two years' experience as Sister or Male Charge Nurse in charge of a ward in an approved Training Institution:

Provided that until a date or dates to be announced by the Council with the prior approval of the Minister:—

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

(*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 a registered nurse for mental defectives, if the applicant has had for a period of four years post-registration experience satisfactory to the Council in an approved Training Institution; and

(iii) The applicant must have completed a whole-time course of training in the teaching of nursing of two years' duration in an Institution approved by the Council in that behalf. Provided that until a date to be announced by the Council with the prior approval of the Minister, a course of one year's duration shall be deemed to be sufficient; and

(iv) The applicant must hold a certificate of qualification in the teaching of nursing granted by a University approved by the Council in that behalf. *Or*

(*b*) The applicant must be registered in the general part of the Register or her name must be included in the general part of the List, and she must have possessed at the 31st day of December, 1946, one of the following qualifications :—

(i) Nurse Teacher's Certificate of the Royal College of Nursing ;

(ii) Sister Tutor Certificate of King's College of Household and Social Science (University of London) ;

(iii) Sister Tutor Certificate of the Battersea Polytechnic ;

(iv) Sister Tutor Certificate of the University of Leeds ;

(v) Certificate of the International Course of Nurse Administrators and Teachers in Schools of Nursing, issued by the League of Red Cross Societies or subsequently by the Florence Nightingale International Foundation ;

(vi) Sister Tutor Certificate of the South-West Essex Technical College and School of Art ;

(vii) Diploma in Nursing of the University of Leeds or the University of London, and in addition, not less than two years' whole-time experience in the teaching of nursing prior to the 31st day of December, 1946 ;

(viii) Such other teaching certificate or teaching diploma as may be acceptable to the Council, and in addition, experience in the teaching of nursing for at least three years prior to the 31st day of December, 1946 ;

(ix) Such experience as the Council may approve, including not less than two years' whole time experience in the teaching of nursing prior to the 31st day of December, 1939.

61. A fee not exceeding three guineas shall be payable on the granting of the Council's certificate. In the event of such certificate becoming lost or accidentally destroyed, the holder may apply to the Council for a fresh certificate, and the Council may, if they think fit, grant such fresh certificate upon payment by the applicant of a fee of one guinea ; a certificate so issued shall be marked "Duplicate".

62. The Council's certificate shall be sealed with the Seal of the Council.

63. The granting of the Council's certificate shall be indicated by means of a distinguishing mark placed against the entry relating to the holder in the general part of the Register or List. The Council's certificate shall be valid only so long as the holder is so registered or her name appears on the List, as the case may be, but validity shall be restored on re-inclusion of the holder's name in the Register or List.

64. Any registered nurse who holds a certificate of registration as a Nurse Tutor granted by the General Nursing Council for Scotland or the Joint Nursing and Midwives Council for Northern Ireland shall, on making application to the Registrar and on paying a fee of ten shillings and sixpence and on producing the certificate granted by the General Nursing Council for Scotland or the Joint Nursing and Midwives Council for Northern Ireland be granted the Council's certificate.

65. Any person shall be entitled, upon payment of a fee of ten shillings, to be furnished with a certificate under the Seal of the Council certifying that on a specified date, or during a specified period, a person is or was, or is not or was not, registered as a Nurse Tutor as defined by these Rules.

66. The Council shall prepare and keep lists of Institutions and Universities which are for the time being approved by them for the purposes respectively of sub-paragraphs (iii) and (iv) of paragraph (*a*) of Rule 60 of these Rules.

PART IX

Rules with respect to the uniform and badge which may be worn by registered nurses

67. The uniform and badge of a registered nurse shall be that described in the Fourth Schedule to these Rules, provided that a registered nurse who at the 1st day of July, 1949, was in possession of a uniform conforming to the specifications then in force, may wear such uniform after that date, so long as it is serviceable.

68. The uniform in all its details shall be strictly adhered to, and no alteration or embellishment of any kind shall be permitted. No unauthorised letters or devices, and no trimmings, lace or jewellery shall be worn on any part of the uniform, provided that this prohibition shall not apply to the wearing of the badge or of the ribbon or other insignia of any order, decoration, or medal conferred by the Sovereign or of any foreign order, decoration, or medal accepted by permission of the Sovereign.

69. The wearing of the uniform by registered nurses shall not be compulsory, provided that a registered nurse who wears the uniform shall wear the whole uniform and not a portion thereof only.

70. No registered nurse shall wear the uniform without a permit from the Registrar, which shall be issued free by the Council to every nurse at the time of her registration.

71. In the event of loss of, or damage to, the original permit, a registered nurse desirous of obtaining a duplicate permit shall make application to the Registrar on a form to be supplied by the Council, and shall pay a fee of two shillings and sixpence with her application. The fee payable for any further permit shall be five shillings.

72. A uniform shall be obtained only from a firm authorised by the Council to supply uniforms, and the permit from the Registrar shall be produced at the time of the order.

73. The material for a uniform shall be obtained only from a firm authorised by the Council to supply material which shall be of the kind, weight and colour laid down by the Council, and the uniform shall be made in accordance with the designs approved by the Council.

74. A registered nurse shall not dispose of her uniform unless all distinguishing features have been previously removed therefrom.

75. The badge shall be issued by the Council to every nurse at the time of her registration and shall remain the property of the Council. In the event of loss of, or damage to, a badge, application for a duplicate badge on payment of the sum of ten shillings and sixpence may be made to the Registrar on a form to be supplied by the Council.

76. The badge may be worn with or without uniform, and shall when worn by female registered nurses, be affixed to the right side of the person.

PART X

Miscellaneous

77. The Council shall be at liberty to request any member or members of the Council to visit any place or places for the purpose of explaining the Nurses Acts, 1919 to 1949, and to sanction the payment of all proper expenses incurred by such member or members in connection with such visit.

78. The authentication of the Seal of the Council shall be the signature (including a facsimile of a signature by whatever process reproduced) of the Chairman of the Council or of the Registrar. The Seal shall be and remain in the custody of the Registrar, who shall be responsible therefor. The Registrar shall have possession of one set of keys of the Seal, and the Chairman of the Council, or a member of the Council nominated by her, shall have possession of the other set.

A record shall be kept by the Registrar, and signed by the Chairman, of the occasions on which, and the purposes for which, the Seal of the Council has been affixed.

79. Where under these Rules a date is to be announced by the Council, such announcement shall appear in such journals as, in the opinion of the Council, will be best calculated to bring the matter to the notice of the nursing profession.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Form of Register

Each part of the Register shall show in respect of each nurse admitted the following particulars:—

(*a*) Registration number.
(*b*) Full names and, if married, maiden name.
(*c*) Permanent address.
(*d*) Date of registration.
(*e*) Qualifications. Under this heading shall appear the qualification in each case for admission to the Register (including certificate of training, if any), the dates of obtaining such qualification, and the hospital or hospitals in which the qualifying training has been received.
(*f*) The granting of a Certificate of Registration as a Nurse Tutor, where appropriate.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Form of Notice

General Nursing Council for England and Wales

Nurses Registration Act, 1919 (9 & 10 *Geo.* 5. *c.* 94)

To .....

of .....

Take notice that the charge (or charges) against you, particulars of which are set forth below, has/have been brought to the notice of the Council, and that the Council propose to investigate such charge(s) at a meeting to be held at the offices of the Council, 23, Portland Place, London, W.1, at ..... a.m./p.m. on..... the ....., 19....., and to determine whether your name should be removed from the Register.

Particulars of Charge(s)

You are hereby required to attend before the Council at the time and place mentioned above and to answer such charges, bringing with you all papers and documents in your possession relevant to the matter and any persons whose evidence you wish to lay before the Council.

The following points should be carefully noted:—

(*a*) You are entitled to be represented at the hearing before the Council by a friend, or by Counsel or a Solicitor, but if you propose to employ Counsel or a Solicitor, you must give written notice to the Registrar at the address mentioned above at least seven days before the hearing.
(*b*) It is imperative that you should either send to the Registrar before the date fixed for the hearing, or bring with you to the hearing your certificate of registration (and badge).

A copy of the Rules of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales is enclosed, and your attention is directed to Part V. of those Rules.

.....
Registrar of the Council.

Date .....

THIRD SCHEDULE

I. Syllabus of Training for the Preliminary Examination for all parts of the Register

Part I.

Elementary anatomy and physiology; general structure and functions of the human body; nutrition and metabolism.

Hygiene; personal hygiene; mental and physical health; domiciliary and communal health and hygiene.

Part II.

Principles and practice of nursing, including principles of bacteriology applied to nursing; psychology applied to nursing.

First Aid.

II. Syllabus of Training for the Final Examinations

A. For female candidates for the general part of the Register.

Principles and practice of nursing, including preparation for various clinical investigations, tests and examinations; operating theatre technique.

Therapeutics, including dietetics, materia medica and pharmacology; treatment by physical and other agents.

Principles of surgery, surgical treatment and nursing care; gynaecology, gynaecological treatment and nursing care.

Principles of medicine, medical treatment and nursing care.

B. For male candidates for the general part of the Register.

Principles and practice of nursing, including preparation for various clinical investigations, tests and examinations; operating theatre technique.

Therapeutics, including dietetics, materia medica and pharmacology; treatment by physical and other agents.

Principles of surgery, surgical treatment and nursing care; venereal and genito-urinary diseases, treatment and nursing care.

Principles of medicine, medical treatment and nursing care.

C. For candidates for the part of the Register for mental nurses.

Principles and practice of nursing, including special duties and responsibilities of mental nursing.

Therapeutics, treatment by physical and other agents.

Bodily diseases, treatment and nursing care.

Psychology.

Psychiatric disorders, psychiatric treatment and nursing care.

D. For candidates for the separate section for nurses for mental defectives of the part of the Register for mental nurses.

Principles and practice of nursing, including special duties and responsibilities in mental deficiency nursing.

Therapeutics, treatment by physical and other agents.

Bodily diseases, treatment and nursing care.

Psychology.

Mental deficiency, definitions, classification, causes.

The education and training of the mental defective.

E. For candidates for the part of the Register for sick children's nurses.

Principles and practice of nursing, including preparation for various clinical investigations, tests and examinations ; operating theatre techique.

Therapeutics, including dietetics, materia medica and pharmacology ; treatment by physical and other agents.

Principles of surgery, surgical treatment and nursing care.

Principles of medicine, medical treatment and nursing care, including the development of the normal child and infant care in health.

F. For candidates for the part of the Register for fever nurses.

Principles and practice of nursing ; general features of nursing care in infectious diseases ; principles of prevention.

Main features of the acute specific fevers and other common infective conditions, treatment and nursing care.

FOURTH SCHEDULE

PART I

A. Description of uniform for female nurses.

1. The basic colours shall be navy blue, Cambridge blue, and silver.

2. The outdoor uniform shall consist of :—

(*a*) An overcoat (lightweight or heavyweight) ; or approved raincoat ; and/or costume worn with approved blouse ; and

(*b*) A peaked cap with embroidered device in front ; or beret with cockade and embroidered device ; or shallow double-crowned felt hat with cockade and embroidered device ; or tricorne shape felt hat with cockade and embroidered device.

With any of the above uniforms there shall be worn navy or black shoes, coloured stockings and navy, black or chamois gloves ; a handbag, if carried, shall be of navy leather.

3. The indoor uniform shall consist of :—

(*a*) A washing frock to be worn with an approved apron, or

(*b*) a button-through washing frock to be worn without an apron, or

(*c*) a mess frock.

With any of the above uniforms there shall be worn navy or black shoes and coloured stockings.

B. Particulars of items of uniform.

Overcoat

(*a*) Style :

Double breasted, Lancer front. Regulation buttons.

Worn button-to-throat or open to third button.

Detachable epaulettes with plated metal letters.

Two pockets with flaps, one inside pocket.

All round belt with leather covered slide.

Lined to waist.

Lightweight.

Inverted pleat at back.

With or without belt.

Heavyweight :—Inverted pleat at back or vent.

(*b*) Material:

Lightweight:—Navy blue suiting serge or similar material.

Heavyweight:—Navy blue cheviot.

Raincoat

(*a*) Style:

" Burberry " design, detachable epaulettes with plated metal letters.

(*b*) Material:

Approved special material of navy blue rainproof cloth with interwoven lining of Cambridge blue wool.

Costume

(*a*) Style:

Jacket, Single breasted. Four regulation buttons.

Detachable epaulettes with embroidered device.

Two patch pockets with flaps, one inside pocket.

Seam centre back.

Skirt. Four piece. Flared. Seams centre back and front and sides.

Or alternatively:—Six gores. Flared.

(*b*) Material:

Navy blue suiting serge or similar material.

Blouse No. 1

(*a*) Style:

Yoke and panel front. Coat collar and revers.

Built up shoulders. Bishop sleeves.

(*b*) Material:

Cambridge blue wool, silk, cotton or similar material.

Blouse No. 2

(*a*) Style:

Polo collar. Bishop sleeves.

Back gathered into shallow yoke.

(*b*) Material:

Cambridge blue wool, silk, cotton or similar material.

Washing Frock—A

(*a*) Style:

Bodice with yoke and panel front.

Fasten centre front with four regulation buttons.

Back plain.

Navy blue drill detachable epaulettes with plated metal letters.

Polo collar.

Built up shoulders. Elbow length sleeves with detachable half-sleeves.

Six piece skirt with panel back and front.

Two patch pockets with imitation flaps.

(*b*) Material:

Pale blue drill.

Worn with:—

Square bib apron without straps.

St. Bartholomew's Hospital pattern indoor cap (shoulder length).

Washing Frock—B

(*a*) Style:

Open centre front to hem, and fastened with nine regulation buttons.

Bodice with yoke and plain panel.

Coat collar and revers. Short sleeves.

Detachable epaulettes with plated metal letters.

Two patch pockets with flaps.

(*b*) Material:

Pale blue drill.

Worn without apron.

St. Bartholomew's Hospital pattern indoor cap (shoulder length).

Mess Frock.

(*a*) Style:

Yoke and plain panel front. Fastened with four regulation buttons.

Plain back. Plain sleeves.

All round belt with cloth covered slide.

Four piece skirt with inverted pleat in front and panel back.

Two patch pockets with flaps.

(*b*) Material:

Cambridge blue wool.

C. Badge and lettering.

1. The badge shall be made of silver or chromium plated metal and blue enamel, and its size and design shall be as follows:—

Diameter: 1 5/12 ins.

Outer edge: 5 petals of Tudor Rose.

Between each petal a small Tudor Rose.

Centre Figure of Hygeia with rose and daffodil design on either side, encircled by garter bearing the words: "The General Nursing Council for England and Wales".

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

3. The metal letters on epaulettes shall consist of the plated metal letters of designation indicating the part or parts of the Register in which the nurse is registered:—

General Nurses—S.R.N.

Mental Nurses—R.M.N.

Nurses for Mental Defectives—R.N.M.D.

Sick Children's Nurses—R.S.C.N.

Fever Nurses—R.F.N.

PART II

A. Description of uniform for male nurses

1. The basic colours shall be navy blue, Cambridge blue, and silver.

2. The outdoor uniform shall consist of:—

(*a*) An overcoat (lightweight or heavyweight); or approved raincoat; and

(*b*) A navy blue lounge suit worn with Air Force blue shirt, and approved tie or black tie, and

(*c*) A navy blue peaked cap with embroidered device in front; or navy blue beret with embroidered device in front; or navy blue forage cap with two small regulation buttons in front and embroidered device.

3. The indoor uniform shall consist of:—

A washing duty coat.

With any of the above uniforms there shall be worn:—

Navy or black socks, black boots or shoes and with the outdoor uniform, dark brown or chamois gloves.

B. Particulars of items of uniform

Overcoat

(*a*) Style:

Double breasted, Lancer front. Regulation buttons.

Worn button-to-throat or open to third button.

Detachable epaulettes with plated metal letters.

Two pockets with flaps, one inside pocket.

All round belt with leather covered slide.

Lined to waist.

(*b*) Material:

Lightweight: Navy blue serge.

Heavyweight: Navy blue cheviot.

Raincoat

(*a*) Style:

" Burberry " design, detachable epaulettes with plated metal letters.

(*b*) Material:

Approved special material of navy blue rainproof cloth with interwoven lining of Cambridge blue wool.

Suit

(*a*) Style:

Plain lounge suit, single or double breasted, with regulation detachable buttons.

Trousers, with or without turn-ups.

(*b*) Material:

Navy blue suiting serge or similar material.

Shirt

Air Force regulation shirt with semi-stiff collar.

Tie

Approved tie of the three basic colours, navy blue, Cambridge blue, and silver in widths of ½ inch; or black tie.

Washing Duty Coat

(*a*) Style:

Coat to knee length, with wide wrap. Button-over front fastening with 8 or 9 registered buttons, with upstanding collar.

Inset belt at back, two pockets. Detachable half-sleeves.

Epaulettes of navy blue bearing metal letters of designation.

(*b*) Material:

Cambridge blue drill.

C. Badge and lettering

The badge, embroidered device and metal letters shall be identical with those prescribed for female nurses.

Seal

Dorothy M. Smith,
Chairman of the Council.

The Seal of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was hereunto affixed this 27th day of July, 1951.

M. Henry,
Registrar.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health, this thirtieth day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-one.

(L.S.)

H. A. Marquand,
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 are a consolidation of the Nurses Rules, 1921 to 1950, made by the General Nursing Council, with a number of amendments mainly of a purely drafting nature.

Amendments to the former Rules include the following:—

Rule 10 (2): The minimum age of entry to training has been fixed at 18 years from 1st August, 1952.

Rule 18: Persons holding the Certificate of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association may now apply without limit of time for admission to the Register.

Rule 43 (5): The quorum of the Council is now eleven instead of nine.

Rule 52 (4): The membership of the Education and Examination Committee has been increased from twelve to seventeen and the quorum of the Committee from five to six.

Rule 53: The membership and term of office of the Finance Committee have been prescribed.

Part VIII: The expression "Nurse Tutors" has been used for persons trained in the teaching of nursing in place of the expression "Sister Tutors".