STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1961 No. 1520

NURSES AND MIDWIVES

The Nurses Rules, Approval Instrument, 1961

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Whereas the General Nursing Council for England and Wales have, in pursuance of their powers under sections 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 17, 20 and 30 of, and the First Schedule to, the Nurses Act, 1957(a), made rules superseding the Nurses Rules, 1951(b), and have submitted them to the Minister of Health for his approval:

Now, therefore, the Minister of Health in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 32 of the Nurses Act, 1957, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby approves the said rules in the form set out in the schedule hereto.

This instrument may be cited as the Nurses Rules, Approval Instrument, 1961, and shall come into operation on the fifteenth day of August, 1961.

SCHEDULE

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Nurses Acts, 1957 and 1961

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales in the exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 17, 20 and 30 of, and the First Schedule to, the Nurses Act, 1957, hereby make the following Rules:—

PART I

General

1. These Rules may be cited as the Nurses Rules, 1961.

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 for admission to the Register;

"Enrolled Nurse" means a nurse whose name is on the Roll of Nurses maintained by the Council;

"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) 5 & 6 Eliz. 2. c. 15. (b) Scheduled to S.I. 1951/1372 (1951 II, p. 105).

"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 disorder;

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

"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 1957" means the Nurses Act, 1957;

"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 maintained by the Council under section 5 of the Act of 1957;

"The Minister" means the Minister of Health;

"The Register" means the Register of Nurses maintained by the Council;

"The Registrar" means the person for the time being appointed to act as Registrar of the Council under paragraph 12 of the First Schedule to the Act of 1957, 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 Rules named in the Fifth Schedule to these Rules are hereby revoked:

Provided that—

(*a*) such revocation shall not affect any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred, or anything duly done or suffered under those rules;

(*b*) such revocation shall not affect any application, appointment, certificate, decision, delegation of powers, inquiry or notice made, prepared, issued or given under the rules so revoked, and every such application, appointment, certificate, decision, delegation of powers, inquiry or notice shall, so far as it could have been made, prepared, issued or given under these rules have effect as if it had been so made, prepared, issued or given;

(*c*) such revocation shall not affect proceedings for the removal of the name of a nurse from the Register where judgment has been postponed by the Council, and such proceedings shall be resumed before the Disciplinary Committee under the provisions of these Rules;

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

(*d*) where a notice that the Council propose to investigate a charge has been served on a nurse under the provisions of those Rules such notice shall have effect as if it had been a notice of inquiry under these Rules, and the inquiry shall proceed before the Disciplinary Committee under the provisions of these Rules.

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 disorder, including a separate section in which shall be placed the names of nurses trained in the nursing and training of the mentally subnormal;

(*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.

(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 registered nurse shall notify to the Registrar every permanent change of address, and for the purpose of these Rules the address last so notified shall be deemed to be her registered address.

5.—(1) Any person who is qualified under these Rules for admission to the Register, other than a person who is so qualified under rules 17, 19, 20 or 21 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 nurse, who has applied for the deletion of her name from the Roll of Nurses, on admission to the Register, the registration fee payable by her under this Rule shall be a fee of one guinea only.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Council to cause to be removed from the Register any entry which has been incorrectly made.

6.—(1) Where before the 24th day of March, 1950, the name of a nurse was removed from the Register in consequence of the failure of the said nurse to apply for the retention of her name in the Register in accordance with Rules then in force, or where between the 24th day of March, 1950, and the 1st day of January, 1952, the name of a nurse was removed for failure to pay the retention fee due under section 15 (1) of the Nurses Act, 1949(a), such person shall be entitled to apply to have her name restored to the appropriate part or parts of the Register. The application for restoration shall be accompanied by a written explanation of the applicant's failure to apply for the retention of her name on the Register and by a fee of ten shillings and sixpence together with a fee in respect of each part of the Register in which she applies for restoration, in accordance with the following table, based on the date, as the case may be, of

(a) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 73.

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

(2) If the Council are satisfied with the explanation offered by an applicant, and any references which they may reasonably require are satisfactory, they shall restore her name to the appropriate part or parts of the Register. If the Council are not so satisfied they shall, before reaching their decision, refer the matter to the Registration Committee who shall, before reporting thereon to the Council, afford to the applicant, if she wishes, an opportunity of being heard by them and of adducing further evidence.

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

7. The provisions of rule 6 of these Rules shall apply to any nurse whose name has been removed from the List as though for a reference in that rule to the Register there was a reference to the List, and as though the fee payable under the table 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*

8.—(1) For the purposes of section 3 (1) (*b*) of the Act of 1957, 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 comprising two or more parts capable of providing, in association 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 the mentally subnormal.

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.

9.—(1) An applicant shall not be admitted to a Preliminary Training School course unless she has attained the age of 18 years, or will have attained that age by the last day of the month in which her course of training commences.

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

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

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

(*c*) she has passed Part I of the Preliminary Examination under the provisions of sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (1) of rule 12 of these Rules, or

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

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

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

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

(5) If a student nurse shall for any reason discontinue her training, the approved Training Institution concerned shall report the fact to the Council; and if she has at the time of such discontinuance completed not less than six months' training, the Institution shall send the Council a statement showing the training undergone by her.

10. 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, at such places, and subject to such provisions as the Council may from time to time determine.

11.—(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.

12.—(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—

(i) a whole time course of not less than three terms duration; or

(ii) a part time course of not less than two sessions each being of at least two terms duration; or

(iii) a part time course of not less than three terms duration, provided the candidate has attained the age of sixteen on or before the thirtieth day of June preceding the commencement of the course; and

(*i*) holds the General Certificate of Education in two subjects at Ordinary Level, or an equivalent certificate; or

(*ii*) has completed a preparatory course of not less than two terms duration; or

(iv) a part time course of two full days a week covering a period of not less than three terms duration, provided the candidate has attained the age of sixteen on or before the thirtieth day of June preceding the commencement of the course.

A candidate for any Preliminary Examination which may be held in the month of June, who has not yet completed the 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) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (3) 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*) (i) she has passed Part I; or

(ii) she enters for Part I at the same time that she enters for Part II; or

(iii) she has been exempted by the Council from Part I by virtue of holding such General Certificate of Education at ordinary level in the subject of Anatomy and Physiology with Hygiene (or substantially equivalent subject) as may be approved by the Council for this purpose; 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.

(3) The requirement of paragraph (2) of this Rule as to completion of one year of training shall not apply to an enrolled 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.

13.—(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 15 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 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 instruction was given and carried out, verifying the requirements specified in this paragraph.

14. 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 orally or in writing, and making such other reasonable investigations as may be necessary, refuse to admit her to the examination in question.

15. 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 who has passed the Preliminary Examination after the reduced period of training referred to in paragraph (3) of rule 12 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 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 THE MENTALLY SUBNORMAL, 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 paragraph (3) of rule 12 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 THE MENTALLY SUBNORMAL, the person must have completed a course of not less than three years' training in an approved Training Institution for registered nurses for the mentally subnormal:

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 paragraph (3) of rule 12 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 the mentally subnormal 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 paragraph (3) of rule 12 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 paragraph (3) of rule 12 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 has 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".

16.—(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, either before or 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 orally or in writing, 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 the mentally subnormal*

17. 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 the mentally subnormal, shall make application to the Registrar on a form to be supplied by the Council and shall comply with the following conditions:—

(*a*) 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;

(*b*) she shall furnish the Registrar with the names and addresses 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.

18. Any applicant who complies with the conditions prescribed in rule 17 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 the mentally subnormal, 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 (1) 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

19.—(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 5 (1) of the Act of 1957, 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*

20. 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 1 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*

21. 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 4 of the Act of 1957, 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*

22. 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

23. 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.

24. 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".

25. 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 from and Restoration to the Register

Interpretation

26. For the purpose of this part of these Rules, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:—

"Committee" means the Disciplinary Committee;

"Complainant" means a body or person by whom a complaint has been made to the Council alleging that a registered nurse has been convicted of a crime or been guilty of misconduct or alleging that the entry of the name of a registered nurse in the Register has been procured by fraud and who, where the case has been referred by the Investigating Committee in their discretion under rule 27 of these Rules to the Disciplinary Committee, wishes to be a party to the proceedings;

"Crime" means an offence which, if committed in England, would be a felony or misdemeanour;

"Legal Assessor" means a person appointed to be assessor under the provisions of section 10 of the Nurses (Amendment) Act, 1961(a);

"Respondent" means any registered nurse who is alleged to be liable to have her name removed from the Register or in respect of whom a question has arisen whether the entry of her name in the Register has been procured by fraud;

"Solicitor" means the person who for the time being holds the office of Solicitor to the Council or his deputy appointed by the Council.

Investigating Committee

27.—(1) When it is brought to the notice of the Council that a registered nurse has been convicted of a crime, 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, or where a question arises whether an entry in the Register was procured by fraud, the Registrar, after making such further inquiries relative thereto as she thinks necessary, shall invite the respondent to furnish any written statement or explanation which she may desire to offer and shall lay the matter before the Investigating Committee.

(a) 9 & 10 Eliz. 2. c. 14.

(2) The Investigating Committee shall consider the matter and may at any stage of the case take the advice of the Solicitor, 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.

(3) Where the Investigating Committee decide that a prima facie case is made out for the removal of the respondent's name from the Register, they shall refer the case to the Disciplinary Committee and may direct the Solicitor to take all necessary steps for verifying the evidence to be submitted to the Committee and for obtaining the necessary documents and the attendance of witnesses.

Notice of Inquiry before Disciplinary Committee

28.—(1) Where a case has been referred by the Investigating Committee to the Disciplinary Committee under the provisions of rule 27 of these Rules, the Registrar shall send to the respondent a notice of inquiry 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 Committee 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 recorded delivery service 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) In any case in which there is a complainant, the Registrar shall send him a copy of the notice of inquiry and a copy of the Rules.

(3) Upon application by any party to the inquiry, the Registrar shall send to that party copies of any statutory declaration, explanation, admission or other similar statement or communication sent to the Council by any party to the inquiry.

(4) Any party to the inquiry may appear in person or be represented at the hearing by a friend, or by counsel or solicitor, provided that a complainant may be represented only by counsel or solicitor or, in the case of a corporate body being a complainant, by a member or officer duly appointed by them for the purpose.

Postponement or Cancellation of Inquiry

29.—(1) The Chairman of the Committee, of her own motion or upon the application of any party thereto, may postpone the hearing of an inquiry, or may refer the matter to the Investigating Committee for further consideration as to whether an inquiry should be held:

Provided that where the complainant, if any, has intimated his intention of participating in the proceedings, the Investigating Committee shall not in a case referred back to them direct that an inquiry should not be held except with the agreement of the complainant.

(2) Where before the inquiry opens it appears to the Chairman of the Committee, or at any stage of the proceedings it appears to the Committee, that a notice of inquiry is defective, she or they shall cause the notice to be amended unless it appears that the required amendment cannot be made without injustice, or, if she or they consider that the circumstances in which an amendment is made require it, may direct that the inquiry shall be postponed or shall not be held.

(3) The Registrar shall, as soon as may be, give to all parties to whom a notice of inquiry has been sent notification of any decision to postpone or not to hold an inquiry, informing them of the date fixed for the hearing of a postponed inquiry.

The Reading of the Charge

30.—(1) The charge shall be read in the presence of the parties:

Provided that if the respondent does not appear but the Committee nevertheless decide that the inquiry shall proceed the charge shall be read in her absence.

(2) As soon as the charge has been read the respondent may, if she so desires, object to the charge, or to any part of it, in point of law, and any other party may reply to any such objection; and, if any such objection is upheld, no further proceedings shall be taken on that charge or on that part of the charge.

Proof of Conviction

31.—(1) In cases arising out of a complaint or information from which it appears that a registered nurse has been convicted of a crime (referred to in these Rules as cases relating to conviction) the following order of proceedings shall be observed concerning proof of the convictions alleged in the charge:—

(*a*) the complainant, or, if no complainant appears, the Solicitor shall adduce evidence of each conviction, and a certificate of a competent officer of the Court in which the proceedings took place that the respondent was convicted of a crime shall be sufficient for this purpose;

(*b*) if no evidence is adduced concerning any particular conviction, the Chairman of the Committee shall thereupon announce that that conviction has not been proved;

(*c*) if the respondent appears, then the Chairman shall ask her concerning each conviction of which evidence is so adduced whether she admits the conviction; and if she admits it the Chairman shall thereupon announce that the conviction has been proved.

(2) (*a*) If, where the respondent appears, she does not admit all the convictions, she may then adduce evidence, concerning any conviction which she has not admitted, on the question whether she was convicted as alleged, and may address the Committee on that question:

Provided that only one address may be made under this sub-paragraph and, where the respondent adduces evidence, that address shall be made either before that evidence is begun or after it is concluded.

(*b*) where evidence is adduced under the last foregoing sub-paragraph, the complainant, or, where no complainant appears, the Solicitor may adduce evidence to rebut such evidence.

(3) On the conclusion of proceedings under the last foregoing paragraph, the Committee shall consider every conviction of which evidence has been adduced and shall determine whether or not it has been proved; and the Chairman shall announce their determination in such terms as they may approve.

(4) After the Committee have determined that any conviction has been proved, the validity of that conviction shall not be questioned either by the Committee or by any party to the inquiry.

Proof of the facts in cases of alleged misconduct

32.—(1) In cases arising out of a complaint or information from which it appears that a question arises whether a registered nurse has been guilty of misconduct the following order of proceedings shall be observed as respects proof of the charge or charges:—

(*a*) if the respondent appears the Chairman shall ask her whether she admits the facts alleged in the charge or charges;

(*b*) if the respondent does not appear and has not admitted by letter the facts alleged in the charge or charges, or if she appears and does not admit all the facts alleged, the complainant (if any appears) or the Solicitor shall open the case and adduce evidence of the facts alleged;

(*c*) if no evidence is adduced concerning any particular charge on which there has been no admission of the facts alleged, the Committee, subject to their right in such a case to order the adjournment of the inquiry, shall record and the Chairman shall announce a finding that the respondent is not guilty of misconduct in respect of the matters to which that charge relates.

(2) Where the respondent appears the following further order of proceedings shall be observed:—

(*a*) at the close of the case against her the respondent may, if she so desires, make either or both of the following submissions relating to any charge concerning which evidence has been adduced, namely—

(i) that no sufficient evidence has been adduced upon which the Committee could find that the facts alleged in that charge have been proved;

(ii) that the facts alleged in the charge are not such as to constitute misconduct;

and where such a submission is made, any other party may reply thereto;

(*b*) if a submission is made under the last foregoing sub-paragraph, the Committee shall consider and determine whether it should be upheld; and if the Committee determine to uphold it they shall record and the Chairman shall announce their finding that, in relation to the matters to which that charge relates, the respondent is not guilty of misconduct;

(*c*) the respondent may adduce evidence in answer to any charge concerning which evidence has been adduced and, whether she adduces evidence or not, may address the Committee. Except with the leave of the Committee only one address may be made under this paragraph and, where the respondent adduces evidence, shall be made either before that evidence is begun or after it is concluded;

(*d*) at the close of the case for the respondent, the complainant or the Solicitor, as the case may be, may, with the leave of the Committee, adduce evidence to rebut any evidence adduced by the respondent; and if he does so, the respondent may make a further address limited to the rebutting evidence;

(*e*) the complainant or the Solicitor, as the case may be, may address the Committee by way of reply to the respondent's case—

(i) if oral evidence (not being evidence as to character) other than that of the respondent herself has been given on the respondent's behalf; or

(ii) with the leave of the Committee, where no such evidence has been given;

(*f*) without prejudice to the last foregoing sub-paragraph, if the respondent has made a submission to the Committee on a point of law any other party shall have a right of reply limited to that submission.

(3) On the conclusion of the aforesaid proceedings, the Committee shall consider and determine as respects each charge which remains outstanding which, if any, of the facts alleged in the charge have been proved to their satisfaction.

(4) If under the last foregoing paragraph the Committee determine as respects any charge, either that none of the facts alleged in the charge has been proved to their satisfaction, or that such facts as have been so proved would be insufficient to support a finding of misconduct, the Committee shall record a finding that the respondent is not guilty of misconduct in respect of the matters to which that charge relates and the Chairman shall announce the findings of the Committee.

Procedure upon proof of conviction or of the facts in cases of alleged misconduct

33.—(1) Where the Committee have found that a conviction has been proved the Chairman shall invite the complainant or the Solicitor, as the case may be, to address the Committee, and to adduce evidence as to the circumstances leading up to the conviction and as to the previous history of the respondent. The Chairman shall then invite the respondent to address the Committee by way of mitigation and the respondent may adduce evidence as aforesaid, and as to character.

(2) Where in a case of alleged misconduct the Committee have found that the facts or any of them alleged in any charge have been proved to their satisfaction (and have not on those facts recorded a finding of not guilty) the Committee shall forthwith consider and determine whether in relation to the facts found proved as aforesaid the respondent is guilty of misconduct. If they determine that she is not guilty of misconduct in relation to some or any of such facts they shall record a finding to that effect and the Chairman shall announce it.

If they determine that she is guilty of misconduct in relation to all or any of such facts the Chairman shall invite the complainant or the Solicitor, as the case may be, to address the Committee and to adduce evidence as to circumstances leading up to the facts in question and as to the previous history of the respondent. The Chairman shall then invite the respondent to address the Committee by way of mitigation and the respondent may adduce evidence as aforesaid, and as to character.

(3) Except where (in a case of alleged misconduct) the respondent has been found not guilty on all charges the Committee shall next consider and determine whether they should postpone judgment.

(4) If the Committee determine to postpone judgment, the judgment of the Committee shall stand postponed until such future meeting of the Committee as they may determine; and the Chairman of the Committee shall announce their determination in such terms as the Committee shall have approved.

(5) If the Committee determine not to postpone judgment, they shall determine whether by reason of the conviction or convictions proved against the respondent or of her misconduct the Registrar should be directed to remove her name from the Register, and the Chairman shall announce their determination in such terms as they shall have approved.

Procedure in cases relating both to conviction and to misconduct

34. Where in any case it is alleged against the respondent both that she has been convicted and that she has been guilty of misconduct, the Committee shall proceed upon the charge or charges of each kind separately under rule 31 or rule 32 of these Rules according as the charge relates to a conviction or to alleged misconduct and shall then proceed under so much of rule 33 of these Rules as may be applicable either upon the charge or charges of each kind separately or upon the charges of both kinds concurrently, according as the circumstances of the case may require.

Procedure upon postponement of judgment

35.—(1) Where under any of the foregoing provisions of these Rules the judgment of the Committee in any case stands postponed, the following shall be the procedure:—

(*a*) the Registrar shall, not later than six weeks before the day fixed for the resumption of the proceedings, send to the respondent a notice, which shall—

(i) specify the day, time and place at which the proceedings are to be resumed and invite her to appear thereat;

(ii) invite the respondent to furnish to the Registrar, not less than three weeks before the day fixed for resumption of the proceedings, the names and addresses of at least two suitable persons with knowledge of the facts found against her who are able and willing to identify the respondent and give evidence as to her character and the nature of her employment since the adjourned hearing, and such other evidence as the Committee may reasonably require;

(*b*) a copy of the notice shall be sent to the complainant, if any, and he may in turn, if he so desires, send to the Registrar a statement or statutory declaration, whether made by himself or not, concerning any matter relating to the conduct of the respondent since the previous hearing;

(*c*) at the meeting at which the proceedings are resumed the Chairman shall first invite the Solicitor to recall, for the information of the Committee, the position in which the case stands and the Committee may then receive further oral or documentary evidence in relation to the case, or to the conduct of the respondent since the previous hearing, and shall hear any other party to the proceedings who desires to be heard;

(*d*) the Committee shall then consider and determine whether they should further postpone their judgment on the charges on which their judgment was previously postponed; and if the Committee determine further to

postpone judgment, the judgment of the Committee shall stand postponed until such future meeting of the Committee as they may determine; and the Chairman of the Committee shall announce their determination in such terms as the Committee may approve. The provisions of this rule shall apply to any case in which judgment is further postponed;

(*e*) if the Committee determine that judgment shall not be further postponed paragraph (5) of rule 33 of these Rules shall apply.

(2) At any resumed proceedings any new charge alleged against the respondent in accordance with these Rules shall first be dealt with in accordance with such of rules 30 to 32, and so much of rule 33 as may be applicable and if the Committee determine not to postpone judgment in respect of any such new charge, the Committee may apply paragraph (5) of rule 33 simultaneously to the new charge and the charge in respect of which they had postponed judgment.

(3) Nothing in the last foregoing paragraph shall prevent the Committee from receiving evidence at any resumed proceedings of any conviction recorded against the respondent which has not been made the subject of a charge under these Rules.

(4) The validity of any resumed proceedings shall not be called into question by reason only that members of the Committee who were present at any former meeting were not present at the resumed meeting or that members present at the resumed meeting were not present at any former meeting.

Cases relating to entries in Register alleged to have been procured by fraud

36.—(1) Where any question whether an entry in the Register has been procured by fraud is referred to the Committee the Registrar shall send to the respondent a notice of inquiry specifying the nature of the fraud alleged, stating the day, time and place at which the Committee will hold an inquiry into the question, inviting her attendance at such inquiry, and containing such further information as the nature of the case may require. The provisions of rule 28 shall apply as though such notice were a notice of inquiry such as is mentioned in that rule.

(2) A copy of the notice shall be sent to any person who is alleged to have been a party to the fraud alleged and to such other persons (if any) as the Chairman may direct. Any such person may with the leave of the Chairman appear at the inquiry as an additional party thereto.

(3) The inquiry shall proceed as though the question were a charge contained in a notice of inquiry in a case relating to conduct and the provisions of rule 32 shall accordingly apply thereto so far as may be.

(4) If the Committee determine that the entry has been proved to their satisfaction to have been procured by fraud, they shall make an order in writing, under the hand of the Chairman, that the entry, having been proved to the satisfaction of the Committee to have been procured by fraud, shall be removed from the Register; and the Chairman shall announce the determination in such terms as the Committee may approve.

(5) Whether or not the Committee proceed to determine that an entry has been proved to their satisfaction to have been procured by fraud, they may, if they are satisfied that the entry has been incorrectly made cause the entry to be amended.

(6) Where an inquiry relates to two or more entries, the Committee may proceed under the foregoing provisions of this rule in respect of those entries either separately or taken together, as the Committee may think fit; and where an inquiry relates to an entry specifying two or more particulars, the Committee may proceed thereunder in respect of so much of the entry as specifies each of those particulars as if it were a separate entry.

Procedure where there is more than one respondent

37. Nothing in this part of these Rules shall prevent one inquiry being held into charges against two or more respondents; and where such an inquiry is held the foregoing Rules shall apply with the necessary adaptations and subject

to any directions given by the Committee as to the order in which proceedings shall be taken under any of those Rules by or in relation to the several respondents, so however that any of the rights ensured to a respondent under those Rules shall be exercised separately by each of the respondents who desires to invoke that right.

Restoration of name to the Register

38.—(1) Where the name of a nurse has been removed from the Register for disciplinary reasons, 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, registered nurses or such other persons as the Council may approve, 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 Investigating Committee may reasonably require.

(3) The Investigating Committee 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 shall, when all requisite information has been produced, refer the matter to the Disciplinary Committee.

(4) Unless the Disciplinary Committee decide to restore the name of an applicant without a hearing, they shall afford to her, if she wishes, an opportunity of being heard by them and of adducing evidence.

(5) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Rule and to those of rules 42 to 44 of these Rules, the procedure of the Disciplinary Committee shall be such as they may determine.

39. Upon consideration of the application and of the evidence furnished in support of it, the Committee shall reach their decision and the Registrar shall forthwith communicate it to the applicant by recorded delivery service. Where the Committee have decided that the name of the applicant shall be restored to the Register then, upon payment by the applicant of the undermentioned 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:—

(*a*) in all cases a fee of one guinea shall be payable;

(*b*) where the name of the applicant was removed from the Register prior to the 24th day of March, 1950, or where in the case of an applicant whose name was removed between the 24th day of March, 1950, and the 1st day of January, 1952, the applicant had not paid the retention fee due under section 15 (1) of the Nurses Act, 1949, the fee payable at the time of application shall include in addition the appropriate fee set out in the table contained in paragraph (1) of rule 6 of these Rules, based on the date of her initial registration or certification.

40. 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.

41. 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 Committee. The Committee shall then consider the matter, and if necessary make inquiries and may, if

they think fit, having regard to all the circumstances and at their discretion, 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 shall require. Unless the Committee decide to restore the name of an applicant without a hearing they shall afford to her, if she wishes, an opportunity of being heard by them and of adducing evidence.

In the event of the Committee 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.

Hearing and Adjournment

42.—(1) The Committee may deliberate in camera (with or without the Legal Assessor) at any time and for any purpose during or after the hearing of any proceedings.

(2) Save as aforesaid all proceedings before the Committee shall take place in the presence of all parties thereto who appear therein and shall be held in public except as provided by the following paragraph hereof.

(3) Where in the interests of justice it appears to the Committee that the public should be excluded from any proceedings or part thereof, the Committee may direct that the public shall be so excluded; but a direction under this paragraph shall not apply to the announcement in pursuance of any of these Rules of a determination of the Committee.

(4) The Committee may adjourn their proceedings from time to time as they think fit.

Evidence

43.—(1) Where any respondent or applicant has supplied to the Committee or to the Registrar on their behalf the name of any person to whom reference may be made confidentially as to her character or conduct the Committee may consider any information received from such person in consequence of such reference without disclosing the same to the respondent or applicant.

(2) The Committee may receive oral, documentary, or other evidence of any fact which appears to them relevant to the inquiry into the case before them:

Provided that, where a fact which it is sought to prove or the form in which any evidence is tendered is such that it would not be admissible in criminal proceedings in an English court, the Committee shall not receive evidence of that fact or in that form, unless after consultation with the Legal Assessor they are satisfied that it is desirable in the interests of justice to receive it having regard to the difficulty and expense of obtaining evidence which would be so admissible.

(3) A witness shall first be examined by the person calling him and may then be cross-examined and re-examined. Questions may be put to any witness by the Committee through the Chairman or by the Legal Assessor with the leave of the Chairman.

(4) The Committee may cause any person to be called as a witness in any proceedings before them whether or not the parties consent thereto.

Voting

44.—(1) Any question put to the vote shall be put in the form of a motion. The Chairman shall call upon the members present to vote for or against the motion by raising their hands and shall declare that the motion appears to her to have been carried or not carried as the case may be.

(2) Where the result so declared is challenged by any member, the Chairman shall call upon the Registrar to read the roll and as her name is read every member present including the Chairman (who shall be called last) shall say "For" or "Against" according as her vote is given for or against the motion.

The Chairman shall thereupon declare the number of members who have voted for and the number who have voted against the motion and whether the motion has been carried or not carried.

(3) Where on any of the questions the votes are equal, the question shall be deemed to have been resolved in favour of the respondent or applicant, as the case may be, and for the purposes of this paragraph a decision to postpone judgment shall be taken to be in favour of the respondent or applicant unless she indicates to the Committee that she is opposed to postponement.

Communication of Decision of Committee in Disciplinary Cases

45.—(1) The Registrar shall forthwith communicate with the respondent by recorded delivery service informing her of the decision of the Committee.

(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.

(3) Where the respondent's name has been removed from the Register and the respondent has failed to deliver her certificate and badge, if any, to the Registrar prior to or during the proceedings for removal, the Registrar shall, on notifying her of the Committee's decision, request her to deliver the said certificate and badge, and warn her of her liability to proceedings if she fails to comply with that request.

46. 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.

47. 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 crime, 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 recorded delivery service 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 Committee 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 Committee 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, who shall thereupon proceed to deal with the matter by way of a fresh hearing under this part of these Rules, as if the complaint had been originally made to the Council. The action of the Committee 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.

48. 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 Committee.

PART VI

Procedure of Council and Committees

49.—(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.

50.—(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.

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

52. 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.

53. 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.

54. 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 declare such business to be of an urgent nature, and is supported by two-thirds of the members present and voting.

55. 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.

56. 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.

57.—(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.

58. 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.

59.—(1) In addition to the Mental Nurses Committee constituted under section 18 of the Act of 1957, the Enrolled Nurses Committee constituted under section 19 of the Act of 1957, and to the Finance Committee referred to in rule 60 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 Committee.

(*e*) An Investigating 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, the Investigating Committee and the Disciplinary 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 shall consist of eight members of the Council together with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council, as ex-officio members; and a quorum shall be four. The Education and Examination Committee shall consist of seventeen members of the Council together with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman as ex-officio members; and a quorum shall be six.

(5) The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of the Chairman of the Council and eleven other members of the Council other than the Vice-Chairman thereof, at least two of whom shall not be registered nurses; and a quorum shall be six.

(6) The Investigating Committee shall consist of the Vice-Chairman of the Council and five other members of the Council, none of whom shall be members of the Disciplinary Committee; and a quorum shall be three.

60.—(1) Pursuant to section 20 of the Act of 1957, 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.

(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.

61.—(1) The Council may delegate to any Standing Committee, with such restrictions and qualifications, if any, as they think fit, all or any of their powers except that the power of investigating whether a case shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee shall be delegated to the Investigating Committee and the power of removing the name of a nurse from the Register and the power of restoring a name thereto, under the provisions of Part V of these Rules, shall be delegated to the Disciplinary Committee without restrictions or qualifications.

(2) The Chairman of the Council or such deputy as shall be appointed by the Disciplinary Committee to act in her absence shall be the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee; save as aforesaid, each Committee shall elect its own Chairman. In the absence of the Chairman of any Committee, the Committee shall appoint a Chairman to preside at the meeting.

(3) Each Committee shall report its proceedings to the Council. Any recommendations which a Committee may make shall, so far as is practicable, be in the form of resolutions to be considered by the Council. Every report from a Committee, other than a report of proceedings under Part V of these Rules, 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.

62.—(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 counter-signed 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.

63. 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.

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

65. 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.

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

PART VII

Qualifications of Nurse Tutors

67. 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 two years' experience (or such lesser period as the Council may, in their discretion, approve in any particular case) as Sister or Male Charge Nurse in charge of a ward in an approved Training Institution in which ward student nurses have been trained throughout such period:

Provided that in the case of an applicant who began a whole time course of training in the teaching of nursing before the 1st day of September, 1958:—

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

(*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 registered nurse for the mentally subnormal, if the applicant has had for a period of four years since registration experience in nursing 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 (or such lesser period as the Council may, in their discretion, approve in any particular case) in an Institution approved by the Council in that behalf:

Provided that a course of one year's duration shall be deemed to be sufficient in the case of an applicant who began such a course before the 1st day of September, 1958; 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.

68. 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".

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

70. 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.

71. 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.

72. 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.

73. 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 67 of these Rules.

PART VIII

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

74. The uniform and badge of a registered nurse shall be that described in the Fourth Schedule to these Rules.

75. 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.

76. 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.

77. 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.

78. 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.

79. 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.

80. 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.

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

82. 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.

83. 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 IX

Miscellaneous

84. 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, 1957 and 1961, and to sanction the payment of all proper expenses incurred by such member or members in connection with such visit.

85. 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.

86. 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

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Nurses Acts, 1957 and 1961

To .....

of .....

Take notice that the charge (or charges) against you, particulars of which are set forth below, $\frac{\text{has}}{\text{have}}$ been brought to the notice of the Council, and that the Disciplinary Committee of 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.....$\frac{\text{a.m.}}{\text{p.m.}}$ 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 Disciplinary Committee of 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 Disciplinary Committee.

The following points should be carefully noted:—

(*a*) you are entitled to be represented at the hearing before the Disciplinary Committee by a friend, or by Counsel or a Solicitor, but if you propose to employ Counsel or a Solicitor, you should 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 Nurses Rules, 1961, is enclosed, and your attention is directed to Part V of those Rules.

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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; gynæcology, gynæcological 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 care.

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 the mentally subnormal of the part of the Register for mental nurses.

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

Therapeutics, treatment by physical and other agents.

Bodily diseases, treatment and nursing care.

Psychology.

Mental subnormality, definitions, classification, causes.

The education and training of the mentally subnormal.

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 technique.

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, or half belt.
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 or embroidered device.
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.
Navy blue drill detachable epaulettes with plated metal letters or embroidered device.
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: $1\frac{5}{16}$ 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 colour 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 the Mentally Subnormal—R.N.M.S.
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.

FIFTH SCHEDULE

Rules revoked

The Nurses Rules, 1951, scheduled to the Nurses Rules, Approval Instrument, 1951(a).

The Nurses (Amendment) Rules, 1953, scheduled to the Nurses (Amendment) Rules, Approval Instrument, 1953(b).

The Nurses (Amendment No. 2) Rules, 1953, scheduled to the Nurses (Amendment No. 2) Rules, Approval Instrument, 1953(c).

The Nurses (Amendment) Rules, 1957, scheduled to the Nurses (Amendment) Rules, Approval Instrument, 1957(d).

The Nurses (Amendment) Rules, 1960, scheduled to the Nurses (Amendment) Rules, Approval Instrument, 1960(e).

The Nurses (Amendment No. 2) Rules, 1960, scheduled to the Nurses (Amendment No. 2) Rules, Approval Instrument, 1960(f).

C. A. Smaldon,
Chairman of the Council.

The Seal of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was hereunto affixed this twenty-eighth day of July, 1961.

(L.S.)

M. Henry,
Registrar.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this second day of August, nineteen hundred and sixty-one.

(L.S.)

J. Enoch Powell,
Minister of Health.

(a) S.I. 1951/1372 (1951 II, p. 105).
(b) S.I. 1953/439 (1953 II, p. 1516).
(c) S.I. 1953/1837 (1953 II, p. 1518).
(d) S.I. 1957/1476 (1957 II, p. 1742).
(e) S.I. 1960/409 (1960 II, p. 2613).
(f) S.I. 1960/1949 (1960 II, p. 2615).

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, 1951, as amended, with further amendments due in part to the coming into operation of the Nurses (Amendment) Act, 1961. The amendments include in particular the following:—

(1) the constitution of an Investigating Committee in place of the Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee of the Council (Rule 59 (1));

(2) the constitution of a Disciplinary Committee to exercise the Council's power of removing the name of a nurse from the Register or of restoring a name thereto (Rule 59 (1));

(3) a more elaborate code of procedure concerning removal from and restoration to the Register (Rules 26 to 48).