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NURSES AND MIDWIVES

The Nurses Rules, Approval Instrument 1969

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

This instrument may be cited as the Nurses Rules, Approval Instrument 1969 and shall come into operation on 12th December 1969.

SCHEDULE

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Nurses Acts 1957 *to* 1969

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by the following sections of the Nurses Act 1957, namely section 2(1) (as substituted by section 1(1) of the Nurses Act 1969(**b**)), section 3 (as extended by section 7(1) of the Nurses Act 1969), section 4(1) (as extended by section 7(2) of the Nurses Act 1969), sections 6, 7 and 10, section 17 (as substituted by section 1 of the Teachers of Nursing Act 1967(**c**)), and sections 20, 30 and 32, and under paragraphs 11 and 12 of Schedule 1 to that Act, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following rules:—

PART I

Citation and interpretation

1. These Rules may be cited as the Nurses Rules 1969.

2.—(1) In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires—

"the Act of 1957" means the Nurses Act 1957;

"the Act of 1969" means the Nurses Act 1969;

"approved training institution" means an institution approved by the Council for the purpose of these Rules as a training school or as part of a training school for admission to the register;

"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 or in the nursing of the mentally subnormal, as the case may be;

(**a**) 1957 c. 15.
(**b**) 1969 c. 47.
(**c**) 1967 c. 16.

"certified midwife" means a woman whose name is on the roll of certified midwives kept by the Central Midwives Board;

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

"enrolled general nurse" means a nurse whose name is on the general part of the roll;

"enrolled mental nurse" means a nurse who is enrolled in the part of the roll containing the names of nurses trained in the nursing and care of persons suffering from mental disorder, other than severe subnormality or subnormality.

"enrolled nurse" means a nurse whose name is on the roll;

"enrolled nurse for the mentally subnormal" means a nurse who is enrolled in the part of the roll containing the names of nurses trained in the nursing and care of persons suffering from severe subnormality or subnormality;

"introductory training course" means a course of training carried out in an approved training institution for the purpose of introducing a student nurse to the subjects included in her training for a part of the register prior to her training in wards or departments;

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

"person qualified in ophthalmic nursing" means a person who is qualified (except for the qualification of registration by the Council) to receive the diploma of ophthalmic nursing of the Ophthalmic Nursing Board by virtue of ophthalmic nursing training carried out after 1st January 1963, in an institution which in the opinion of the Council is satisfactory for the purpose, and which training included not less than 8 weeks' experience in the operating theatre and not less than 6 weeks' experience of day duty in an out-patient department or a casualty department and experience in the wards;

"person qualified in orthopaedic nursing" means a person who is qualified (except for the qualification of registration by the Council) to receive the orthopaedic nursing certificate of the British Orthopaedic Association and the Central Council for the Care of the Disabled by virtue of training carried out after 1st January 1963, in an institution which in the opinion of the Council is satisfactory for the purpose and who in her second year of orthopaedic nursing training acquired not less than 8 weeks' experience in the operating theatre or in an out-patient department;

"person qualified in thoracic nursing" means a person who holds the thoracic nursing certificate of the British Tuberculosis Association by virtue of training carried out after 1st January 1963, in an institution which in the opinion of the Council is satisfactory for the purpose;

"the register" means the register of nurses maintained by the Council;

"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;

"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 other than severe subnormality or subnormality;

"registered nurse" means a nurse whose name is in the register;

"registered nurse for the mentally subnormal" 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 severe subnormality or subnormality;

"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;

"the Registrar" means the person for the time being appointed to act as Registrar of the Council under paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 to the Act of 1957, and includes any person duly authorised to act and acting on her behalf;

"the roll" means the roll of nurses maintained by the Council;

"the Secretary of State" means the Secretary of State for Social Services;

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

"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 Schedules 3 and 4 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 Schedule 6 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; and

(*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 the register

4.—(1) The Council shall in addition to the parts of the register prescribed in section 2(1) of the Act of 1957 (as substituted by the Act of 1969) maintain for

(a) 1889 c. 63.

so long as any names are contained therein a part of the register for nurses trained in the nursing of persons suffering from infectious diseases.

(2) The register shall contain the particulars set forth in Schedule 1 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) A registered nurse shall notify to the Registrar a change of her surname whether occasioned by marriage or otherwise.

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

PART III

Approval of training institutions

5.—(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 a complete training; and 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.

(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 Secretary of State or the Secretary of State for Wales, 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 £5 5s. 0d. 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 26 weeks of their training, an additional fee of £5 5s. 0d. in respect

of the first year, which fee shall be payable on receipt of notice of approval, and an annual fee of £10 10s. 0d. in respect of each subsequent year during which the approval of the Council is continued, which fee shall be payable at the commencement of such year;

(*c*) in the case of institutions at which student nurses may spend not more than 26 weeks of their training, an annual fee of £5 5s. 0d. in respect of each year after the first year during which the approval of the Council is continued, which fee shall be payable at the commencement of such year.

(5) Where an institution, other than an institution vested in the Secretary of State or the Secretary of State for Wales was approved by the Council prior to 24th 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:—

(*a*) £10 10s. 0d. where the institution is one at which student nurses may spend more than 26 weeks of their training, or

(*b*) £5 5s. 0d. where the institution is one at which student nurses may spend not more than 26 weeks of their training.

PART IV

Training and examination of nurses

6. The training for a person training for the register shall be training in accordance with this part of these Rules.

7.—(1) Training for the register shall include an introductory training course which, subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this rule, a person may enter if she fulfils the following conditions:—

(*a*) she has attained the age of 18 years or will have attained that age by the last day of a period of 30 days beginning with the day she entered the introductory training course; and

(*b*) she complies with one of the following educational requirements:—

(i) she holds the General Certificate of Education at ordinary level or the Certificate of Secondary Education at the level of a Grade I pass in two subjects, of which one shall be English (or Welsh) language, or English (or Welsh) literature or history and has since attaining the age of 11 years completed in the aggregate at least 5 years' full-time education in school or in school and in an establishment for further education, and has during such period studied at least 5 additional subjects of general education; or

(ii) she holds a General Certificate of Education at ordinary level or a certificate of Secondary Education at the level of a Grade I pass in at least 3 subjects, of which one shall be English (or Welsh) language or English (or Welsh) literature or history; or

(iii) she holds an equivalent overseas educational certificate acceptable to the Council and has since attaining the age of 11 years completed in the aggregate at least 5 years' full-time education in school or in school and in an establishment for further education; or

(iv) she holds such other qualification as may be acceptable to the Council; or

(v) she has passed an educational test set by the Council.

(2) A person shall not enter an introductory training course more than 3 times for any part of the register.

8. Within 30 days of commencement of training for the register a student nurse, other than a student nurse who is already registered in a part of the register, shall send to the Council such fee as is for the time being determined by the Council with the approval of the Secretary of State under section 3(1) of the Act of 1957 as amended by section 7 of the Act of 1969.

9.—(1) The senior nurse of an approved training institution, or such other officer as the Council may authorise in that behalf, shall within 30 days of the admission of a student nurse to an introductory training course notify the Council in writing of the full name of the student nurse, her age, her educational qualifications and the date on which she commenced her training and such other particulars as the Council may reasonably require and shall send to the Council with the notification any evidence of the age and educational qualifications of the student nurse that the Council may require.

(2) The senior nurse of an approved training institution, or such other officer as the Council may authorise in that behalf, shall, if a student nurse being trained in that institution discontinues her training, notify the Council of the fact and of the reason for the discontinuation and if the student nurse has completed not less than 26 weeks' training shall at the same time send to the Council a statement giving particulars of the training completed. No person shall be able to enter an introductory training course more than three times for training for admission for any one part of the register.

10. The Council shall keep an index of student nurses and shall, on being satisfied that a student nurse has been admitted to an introductory training course in accordance with the provisions of rule 7 of these Rules and on receipt of the fee required by rule 8 of these Rules include her name in the index of student nurses.

11.—(1) The Council shall at such times, at such places and subject to such conditions as the Council may from time to time determine hold examinations for all parts of the register.

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

12.—(1) A student nurse may enter for the intermediate examination for the part of the register for mental nurses and for the part of the register for nurses for the mentally subnormal, if she complies with the following conditions:—

(*a*) she has, subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this rule, completed not less than 52 weeks' training in an approved training institution including an introductory training course for mental nurses or for nurses for the mentally subnormal, or is due to complete such training by the last day of the month in which the examination is held; and

(*b*) she has attended a course of lectures on the subjects included in the syllabus of training on which the examination for which she is entering is based set out in Schedule 3 to these Rules and has undergone practical instruction in the wards; and

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

(*d*) she has deposited with the Registrar a certificate signed by the senior nurse or other officer acceptable to the Council of the approved training institution or institutions in which she has been trained or instructed verifying that the requirements of sub-paragraphs (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) of this paragraph have been satisfied; and

(*e*) her name is included in the index of student nurses.

(2) The requirements of sub-paragraph (1)(*a*) of this rule as to the completion of 52 weeks' training shall not apply to an enrolled nurse who has proved to the satisfaction of the Council that she has completed not less than 39 weeks' training in an approved training institution or is due to complete such training by the end of the month in which the examination is completed and has applied through the senior nurse or other officer acceptable to the Council of that institution for and has received permission from the Council to undergo a reduced period of training.

13. Subject to rule 14 of these Rules, the training required of a person entering for the final examination for the general part of the register shall be not less than 156 weeks' training in accordance with the syllabus of training prescribed in Part 1 of Schedule 4 to these Rules in an approved training institution for registered general nurses or in accordance with the syllabus of training prescribed in Part 1 of Schedule 4 to these Rules in the service of the Admiralty Board, Army Board or Air Force Board of the Defence Council.

14. The period of training for the final examination for the general part of the register shall be reduced by:—

(*a*) 78 weeks in the case of a person who when starting the training is a registered nurse; or

(*b*) 52 weeks in the case of an enrolled general nurse with specified practical experience provided that such a person shall have attained the standard required by the approved training institution after having completed not less than 39 weeks after commencing such training; or

(*c*) by 26 weeks in the case of a person who is an enrolled general nurse without specified practical experience, or an enrolled nurse for the mentally subnormal, an enrolled mental nurse, a certified midwife or a person who when starting the training is qualified in ophthalmic or orthopaedic nursing provided that such a person shall have attained the standard required by the approved training institution after have completed not less than 39 weeks after commencing such training; or

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

15. Subject to rule 16 of these Rules the training required of a person entering for the final examination for the part of the register for mental nurses shall be not less than 156 weeks' training in accordance with the syllabus of training prescribed in Part 2 of Schedule 4 to these Rules in an approved training institution for registered mental nurses.

16. The period of training for the final examination for the part of the register for mental nurses shall be reduced by:—

(*a*) 104 weeks in the case of a registered nurse for the mentally subnormal; or

(*b*) 78 weeks in the case of a person who when starting the training is a registered nurse other than a registered nurse for the mentally subnormal; or

(*c*) 52 weeks in the case of an enrolled mental nurse or an enrolled nurse for the mentally subnormal provided that such a person shall have passed the appropriate intermediate examination held under rule 11 of these Rules; or

(*d*) 26 weeks in the case of an enrolled general nurse provided that such a person shall have attained the standard required by the approved training institution after having completed not less than 39 weeks after commencing such training.

17. Subject to rule 18 of these Rules, the training required of a person entering for the final examination for the part of the register for nurses for the mentally subnormal shall be not less than 156 weeks' training in accordance with the syllabus of training prescribed in Part 3 of Schedule 4 to these Rules in an approved training institution for registered nurses for the mentally subnormal.

18. The period of training for the final examination for the part of the register for nurses for the mentally subnormal shall be reduced by:—

(*a*) 104 weeks in the case of a registered mental nurse; or

(*b*) 78 weeks in the case of a person who when starting the training is a registered nurse other than a registered mental nurse; or

(*c*) 52 weeks in the case of an enrolled mental nurse or an enrolled nurse for the mentally subnormal provided that such a person shall have passed the appropriate intermediate examination held under rule 11 of these Rules; or

(*d*) 26 weeks in the case of an enrolled general nurse provided that such a person shall have attained the standard required by the approved training institution after having completed not less 39 weeks after commencing such training.

19. Subject to rule 20 of these Rules, the training required of a person entering for the final examination for the part of the register for sick children's nurses shall be not less than 156 weeks' training in accordance with the syllabus of training prescribed in Part 4 of Schedule 4 to these Rules in an approved training institution for registered sick children's nurses.

20. The period of training for the final examination for the part of the register for sick children's nurses shall be reduced by:—

(*a*) 78 weeks in the case of a person who when starting the training is a registered nurse; or

(*b*) 52 weeks in the case of an enrolled general nurse with specified practical experience provided that such a person shall have attained the standard required by the approved training institution after having completed not less than 39 weeks after commencing such training; or

(*c*) 26 weeks in the case of an enrolled general nurse without specified practical experience or an enrolled mental nurse or an enrolled nurse for the mentally subnormal provided that such a person shall have attained the standard required by the approved training institution after having completed not less than 30 weeks after commencing such training.

21. 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 criminal offence 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 as she may wish, and making such other reasonable investigations as may be necessary, refuse to admit her to the examinations in question.

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

(*a*) she has attained, or will have attained by the last day of the month in which the examination is completed, the age of 21 years; and

(*b*) she fulfils the following requirements:—

(i) she is on the index of student nurses; and

(ii) she has reached the standard required by the approved training institution; or

(iii) where she is a person training for entry for the parts of the register for mental nurses and nurses for the mentally subnormal she has passed the intermediate examination held under rule 11 of these Rules; or she is already registered in a part of the register; and

(*c*) she has completed, or is due to complete by the last day of the month in which the examination is completed (or in the case of a candidate referred to in rule 14(*a*) or rule 16(*b*) or rule 18(*c*) or rule 20(*a*), the last day of the month following that month), the training appropriate to her case specified in rules 13, 15, 17 and 19 of these Rules for candidates for the final examination for which she is entering and if she has failed 3 times to pass that final examination at least 6 months' further training since her third failure; and

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

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

(*f*) she has deposited with the Registrar certificates signed by the senior nurse or other officer acceptable to the Council of the institution or institutions in which she was trained or instructed, verifying that the requirements specified in this paragraph have been satisfied.

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

Breaks and transfers during training

23.—(1) In this rule a break in training means an absence from training of 12 weeks or more and in calculating the length of a break in training no account shall be taken of an aggregate of 21 days absence on sick leave, maternity leave or compassionate leave in the period of training or 4 or 5 weeks' annual leave in each 52 week period of training or of such appropriately reduced periods of absence on sick leave, maternity leave or compassionate leave as the periods of training are reduced under rules 14, 16, 18 and 20 of these Rules.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (5) of this rule, where a person has a break in training of not less than 12 consecutive weeks and not more than 5 years she shall be required to do an additional period of training of one week for every 4 weeks of the break; but in no case shall additional training required under this paragraph exceed 16 weeks.

(3) Where a break in training occurs by reason of sick leave, the Council may reduce the period of additional training required under paragraph (2) of this rule as they think fit.

(4) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (5) of this rule, where a person at any time during her training transfers from one training institution to another

she may be required to do such an additional period of training of not more than 26 weeks as the Council may determine.

(5) Where a person—

(*a*) has a break in training of more than 5 years; or

(*b*) following a break in training or a transfer from one training institution to another the Council are satisfied, as a result of a report in respect of her, that she has been convicted of a criminal offence or has been guilty of conduct which had she been a registered nurse might, in the opinion of the Council, have rendered her liable to disciplinary action under these Rules,

the Council may require that person—

(i) to begin her training again; or

(ii) to do such period of additional training of not less than 16 weeks and, when added to the remainder of her period of training following the break, not more than 156 weeks, as the Council may determine.

(6) The Council, on receipt of a report under paragraph 5(*b*) of this rule may make such investigations as they think necessary and shall not require a student nurse to start her training again or do such additional period as may have been determined under that paragraph unless they have given her an opportunity of stating her case to them either orally or in writing as she may wish.

(7) Where additional periods of training are required of a person under paragraphs (2) and (4) of this rule they shall be cumulative.

(8) This rule shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to persons who have transferred from a training institution in Scotland or Northern Ireland to a training institution in England and Wales as if they were transferring between two training institutions in England and Wales.

PART V

Conditions of admission to the register and certificate of admission to the register

24.—(1) A person shall, subject to paragraph (2) of this rule, be entitled to be admitted to a part of the register and be issued with a certificate to that effect if she complies with the following conditions:—

(*a*) she is over 21 years; and

(*b*) she has completed the training and passed the final examination for that part of the register, or she complies with the conditions of admission to the register required by rules 27, 28, 29 or 30 of these Rules.

(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 a final examination been convicted of a criminal offence 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 as she may wish, and making such other reasonable investigations as may be necessary, refuse to admit her to the register.

25.—(1) Where before 24th 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 24th March 1950, and 1st 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 may apply to have her name restored to any part of the register from which it was removed.

(**a**) 1949 c. 73.

(2) An application for restoration to the register except for an application under Part VII of these Rules shall be made on a form to be supplied by the Council and shall include an explanation of the applicant's failure to apply for the retention of her name on the register. The applicant shall send to the Council together with her application form the fee appropriate to her case which is prescribed in paragraph (4) of this rule.

(3) 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 and Enrolment 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.

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

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

26. The provisions of rule 25 of these Rules shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to restoration to the list as they apply to restoration to the register with the exception that the fixed sum in respect of restoration to the list shall be £5 5s. 0d. and the additional sum in respect of restoration to each part of the list shall in every case be £1 1s. 0d.

Conditions of admission of persons holding the certificate of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association to the parts of the register for mental nurses and for nurses for the mentally subnormal

27. A person holding the certificate of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association who deposits the certificate with the Registrar, or produces to the Registrar such other evidence as the Council may require that she is the holder of such a certificate, shall:—

(*a*) if the certificate indicates her proficiency in mental nursing be qualified to be admitted to the part of the register for mental nurses, or

(*b*) if the certificate indicates her proficiency in the nursing of the mentally subnormal, be qualified to be admitted to the part of the register for nurses for the mentally subnormal:

Provided that a person who on the date of the making of her application for registration is not employed in a hospital or institution shall not be so qualified until she satisfies the Council by the production of references that she is of good character, and until she satisfies the Council by the production of up-to-date references that her proficiency in mental nursing or the nursing of the mentally subnormal, as the case may be, remains satisfactory.

Conditions of admission of persons trained prior to July 1925

28.—(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 £2 2s. 0d. In the case of an applicant who applies to be admitted to more than one part of the register, an additional fee of £1 1s. 0d. 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 £3 3s. 0d. In the case of an applicant who applies to be admitted to more than one part of the register, an additional fee of £1 11s. 6d. or on or after 15th February 1971 £1.57 shall be payable at the time of such application in respect of admission to any second or subsequent part of the register.

Conditions of admission of persons registered in Scotland and Northern Ireland

29.—(1) 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 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 that entry, shall be qualified to be admitted to the corresponding part or parts of the register.

(2) The provisions of paragraph (1) of this rule shall not apply to a person whose name is for the time being removed from the register by direction of the Disciplinary Committee of the Council under Part VII of these Rules.

Conditions of admission of persons trained outside the United Kingdom

30. 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 and shall pay a fee of £3 0s. 0d. to the Council at the time of making such application, for registration in the appropriate part or parts of the register. There shall be payable at the time of registration a registration fee of £9 9s. 0d. in respect of each part of the register.

31. 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 £1 1s. 0d. A certificate issued under this rule shall be marked "Duplicate".

32. Any person shall be entitled upon payment to the Registrar of a fee of £1 1s. 0d. 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.

33. Any person making any application under this part of these Rules to be registered shall at the time of making her application pay any fee due under the provisions of Section 3(3) of the Act of 1957.

34. 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.

PART VI

Qualifications of teachers of nurses

35. The Council shall give a certificate as a teacher of nurses (hereinafter referred to as "the Council's Certificate") to a registered nurse or a person whose name is included in the list who satisfies the requirements of rule 36 of these Rules.

36.—(1) The requirements for qualification as a teacher of nurses shall in the case of a nurse tutor be as follows:—

(*a*) she has undergone a course of training (for the time being approved by the Council) conducted under the auspices of a University at an institution which course was of at least one year's duration and included training in teaching methods with particular application to the teaching of nursing which will entitle her to the award of a diploma or a certificate as the case may be, of that University; or

(*b*) she has successfully completed a course of training which is for the time being recognised by the Secretary of State for Education and Science as entitling her to be a qualified teacher for the purpose of regulations made, or having effect as if made, under section 4(2) of the Local Government Act 1966(a) and has had since registration not less than three years experience in nursing of which:—

(i) not less than one year has been spent as a person in charge of a ward or department of an approved training institution in which pupil or student nurses are regularly trained, and

(ii) not less than one year has been spent in other clinical nursing acceptable to the Council for the purposes of this paragraph, and

(iii) not less than one year has been spent in the teaching of nursing at an approved training institution under the supervision of a person who holds the Council's certificate under this paragraph of this rule; or

(*c*) her name is included in any roll of teachers for the time being maintained by the Council for the Training of Health Visitors and she has had since her registration—

(i) not less than 2 year's experience in nursing in charge of a ward or department of an approved training institution in which pupil or student nurses are regularly trained; or

(ii) not less than 1 year of such experience and one years' experience as a health visitor; or

(*d*) in any particular case she appears to the Council and the Secretary of State to be qualified for the teaching of nursing otherwise than as mentioned in the preceding provisions of this rule.

(2) The requirements for qualification as a teacher of nurses shall, in the case of a clinical teacher be as follows:—

(*a*) she has undergone a course of training (for the time being approved by the Council) conducted by an institution which course included training in teaching methods with particular application to the teaching of nursing which will entitle her to the award of a certificate as a teacher of pupil nurses, or a clinical instructor certificate as the case may be of that institution; or

(a) 1966 c. 42.

(*b*) she has completed not less than 2 years' post-registration experience in a post of responsibility in an approved training institution and possesses one of the following qualifications—

(i) Diploma of Nursing in Clinical Teaching of the University of London

(ii) Midwifery Tutor's Diploma

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

(*c*) she must have completed, on or before 31st December 1970, not less than 3 years' post-registration experience in a post of responsibility in an approved training institution and she must have been, for not less than 2 years of those 3 years, engaged in clinical instruction or in the teaching of pupil nurses, and she shall have carried out teaching in the clinical situation amounting to not less than 20 hours per week over a period of 2 years; or

(*d*) in any particular case she appears to the Council and the Secretary of State to be qualified for the teaching of nursing otherwise than as mentioned in the preceding provisions of this rule.

37. A fee of £5 5s. 0d. 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 £1 1s. 0d.; and a certificate so issued shall be marked "Duplicate".

38. The Council's certificate shall be sealed with the seal of the Council and 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 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 retored on re-inclusion of the holder's name in the register or list.

39. Any registered nurse who holds a certificate of registration as a nurse tutor or clinical instructor 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 10s. 6d. or on or after 15th February 1971 53p. 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.

40. Any person shall be entitled, upon payment of a fee of £1 1s. 0d. 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 teacher of nurses as defined by these Rules.

PART VII

REMOVAL FROM AND RESTORATION TO THE REGISTER

Interpretation

41. For the purpose of this part of these Rules, the following expressions have the meaning hereby respectively assigned to them except where the content otherwise requires:—

"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 42 of these Rules to the Committee, wishes to be a party to the proceedings;

"crime" means a criminal offence and includes an offence committed outside England and Wales, which if committed in England and Wales would be a criminal offence;

"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

42.—(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.

(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 the case is one in which the nurse shall be cited to appear before the Committee they shall refer the case to the 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 Committee

43.—(1) Where a case has been referred by the Investigating Committee to the Committee under the provisions of rule 42 of these Rules, the Registrar shall send to the respondent a notice of inquiry in writing in the form set out in Schedule 2 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 registered post to the registered address of the respondent contained in the register or, if the Registrar has reason to believe that that address is not her present address, then to any later address which may be known to the Registrar, and shall be posted so as to allow at least twenty-one days to elapse between the day on which the notice is posted and the date fixed for the hearing.

(a) 1961 c. 14.

(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

44.—(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, she or they 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

45.—(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

46.—(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) 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 paragraph and, where the respondent adduces evidence, that address shall be made either before that evidence is begun or after it is concluded.

(3) Where evidence is adduced under the last foregoing paragraph, the complainant, or, where no complainant appears, the solicitor may adduce evidence to rebut such evidence.

(4) 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.

(5) 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

47.—(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 sub-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

48.—(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

49. 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 46 or rule 47 of these Rules according as the charge relates to a conviction or to alleged misconduct and shall then proceed under so much of rule 48 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

50.—(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; and

(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 48 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 45 to 47 of these Rules and so much of rule 48 of these Rules 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 48 of these Rules 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

51.—(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 43 of these Rules 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 misconduct and the provisions of rule 47 of these Rules 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

52. 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

53.—(1) Where the name of a registered 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 with knowledge of the facts found against her 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 since the date of the removal of her name and, where practicable, before that date.

(3) The Committee may invite the applicant to amplify her application by making a statement in writing in relation to any facts which the Committee consider to be material in making their decision.

(4) The Committee may require the applicant to verify by statutory declaration any statement made in her application or on the invitation of the Committee.

(5) 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.

(6) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this rule and to those of rules 57 to 59 of these Rules, the procedure of the Committee shall be such as they may determine.

54. 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 registered post. 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 part or parts of the register from which it was removed and a new certificate or certificates of registration shall be issued to her:—

(*a*) in all cases a fee of £5 5s. 0d. shall be payable;

(*b*) where the name of the applicant was removed for disciplinary reasons from the register prior to 24th day of March 1950, or where in the case of an applicant whose name was removed for disciplinary reasons between 24th day of March 1950, and 1st day of January 1952, the applicant had not paid the retention fee due under section 15(1) of the Nurses Act 1949(**a**), there shall be payable an additional fee calculated in accordance with the scale contained in rule 25(4) of these Rules in respect of her age on the date her application for restoration under this rule was received by the Council.

55. 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.

56. 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

57.—(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 or 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.

(**a**) 1949 c. 73.

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

Evidence

58.—(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 any 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 including the respondent (if she gives evidence) 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

59.—(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

60.—(1) The Registrar shall forthwith communicate with the respondent by registered post 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.

61. 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.

62. 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 registered post 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.

63. If any question arises 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 VIII

Procedure of Council and Committees

64.—(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.

65.—(1) The Council shall meet not less than four times a year and, except for one meeting which shall be held in September, meetings shall, subject to the provision of this rule, be held at such times as the Council may decide.

(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 twelve.

66. The Registrar shall act as secretary of the Council.

67. 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.

68. 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.

69. 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.

70. 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.

71. 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.

72.—(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.

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

74.—(1) In addition to the Mental Nurses Committee referred to in rule 75 of these Rules and to the Finance Committee referred to in rule 76 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 and Enrolment Committee

(*c*) an Education 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 and Enrolment Committee, the Education 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 and Enrolment 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 Committee shall consist of eighteen members of the Council one of whom shall be the enrolled general nurse who was elected to the Council by enrolled general nurses, 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 nurses; and a quorum shall be six.

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

75.—(1) Pursuant to section 18 of the Act of 1957, as substituted by section 4 of the Act of 1969, the Council shall appoint to the Mental Nurses Committee eleven members of the Council of whom:—

(*a*) three shall be registered mental nurses elected to the Council,

(*b*) one shall be a registered nurse for the mentally subnormal elected to the Council,

(*c*) two shall be registered nurses appointed to the Council engaged in the training of pupil nurses in the psychiatric field,

(*d*) one shall be an enrolled mental nurse or enrolled nurse for the mentally subnormal elected to the Council.

(2) The quorum of the Mental Nurses Committee shall be four.

(3) At the ordinary meeting of the Council in the month of September in each year, the Council shall appoint the members of the Mental Nurses 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.

(4) 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.

(5) The chairman of the Mental Nurses Committee shall be a member of the Council.

76.—(1) Pursuant to section 20 of the Act of 1957, the Council shall appoint 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 Secretary of State 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 persons 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.

77.—(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 (other than in respect of the matters required by the Nurses Acts 1957 to 1969 or by these Rules or by the Enrolled Nurses Rules 1969(**a**) to be referred to a specific Committee).

(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 VII of these Rules

(**a**) Scheduled to S.I. 1969/1674.

or under Part VI of the Enrolled Nurses Rules 1969, 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.

78.—(1) All bills and claims shall be examined by the Registrar or other official as authorised by the Council 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 greater 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.

79. At every meeting of the Council, the Registrar or other official as authorised by the Council 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.

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

81. 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.

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

PART IX

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

83. The uniform and badge of a registered nurse shall be that described in Schedule 5 to these Rules.

84. 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.

85. 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.

86. 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.

87. 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 5s. 0d. with her application. The fee payable for any further permit shall be 10s. 0d.

88. 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.

89. 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.

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

91. 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 £1 1s. 0d. may be made to the Registrar on a form to be supplied by the Council.

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

PART X

Miscellaneous

93. 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 to 1969 and to sanction the payment of all proper expenses incurred by such member or members in connection with such visit.

94. 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.

95. 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.

Rule 4

SCHEDULE 1

FORM OF REGISTER

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

(1) Registration number.

(2) Full names and, if married, maiden name.

(3) Permanent address.

(4) Date of registration.

(5) 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.

(6) The granting of a certificate of registration as a teacher of nurses, (either as a nurse tutor or as a clinical teacher) where appropriate.

Rule 43

SCHEDULE 2

FORM OF NOTICE

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES
DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Nurses Acts, 1957 *to* 1969

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, W1A 1BA 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 1969 is enclosed, and your attention is directed to Part VII of those Rules.

.....
Registrar of the Council.

Date.....

SCHEDULE 3 Rule 12

Syllabus of Training for the Intermediate Examination

1. For candidates for the part of the register for mental nurses the preliminary study, practice and experience of the following subjects.

Human development and human behaviour within the family and society.

Introduction to psychological concepts.

Human biology.

Psycho-physical disturbances and physical illness.

Human behaviour in relation to illness.

Principles and practice of psychiatric nursing including—

first aid;

psychopathology, psychiatry and psychiatric treatment; and

legal and administrative aspects of the nursing of the mentally ill.

2. For candidates for the part of the register for nurses for the mentally subnormal the preliminary study, practice and experience of the following subjects.

Human development and human behaviour within the family and society.

Introduction to psychological concepts.

Human biology.

Psycho-physical disturbances and physical illness.

Human behaviour in relation to illness.

Principles and practice of the nursing of the mentally subnormal including—

first aid;

concept and nature of mental subnormality;

training and treatment of the mentally subnormal; and

legal and administrative aspects of the nursing of the mentally subnormal.

Rules 13, 15, 17 and 19 SCHEDULE 4

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR THE FINAL EXAMINATIONS

Part 1. For candidates for the general part of the register.

Principles and practice of nursing.
First aid, including treatment of emergencies.
Ward organisation and preparation for management.
Study of the human individual.
Concepts of the nature and causes of diseases, including applied anatomy and physiology.
Investigations and treatment.
Nursing care.
Social aspects.
Rehabilitation.

Part 2. For candidates for the part of the register for mental nurses.

Human development and human behaviour within the family and society.
Introduction to psychological concepts.
Human biology.
Psycho-physical disturbances and physical illness.
Human behaviour in relation to illness.
Principles and practices of psychiatric nursing including—
first aid;
psychopathology, psychiatry and psychiatric treatment; and
legal and administrative aspects of the nursing of the mentally ill.

Part 3. For candidates for the part of the register for the mentally subnormal.

Human development and human behaviour within the family and society.
Introduction to psychological concepts.
Human biology.
Psycho-physical disturbances and physical illness.
Human behaviour in relation to illness.
Principles and practice of the nursing of the mentally subnormal including—
first aid;
concept and nature of mental subnormality;
training and treatment of the mentally subnormal; and
legal and administrative aspects of the nursing of the mentally subnormal.

Part 4. For candidates for the part of the register for sick children's nurses the study of the following subjects in relation to the child;

Principles and practice of nursing.
First aid, including treatment of emergencies.
Ward organisation and preparation for management.
Study of the human individual.
Concepts of the nature and causes of diseases, including applied anatomy and physiology.
Investigations and treatment.
Nursing care.
Social aspects.
Rehabilitation.

SCHEDULE 5

Rule 83

PART 1

DESCRIPTION OF UNIFORM, BADGE AND LETTERING FOR FEMALE REGISTERED 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 raincoat; and/or costume worn with blouse; or lightweight summer uniform; 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 hat with cockade and embroidered device made in felt, straw, or material to match the lightweight summer uniform; or a white peaked crash-helmet made in accordance with the specification of the British Standards Institution for protective helmets for motor cyclists.

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 or without an apron, or

(*b*) a mess frock.

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

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

Diameter: 3.6 centimetres.

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".

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

6. 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—SRN

Mental Nurses—RMN

Nurses for the Mentally Subnormal—RNMS

Sick Children's Nurses—RSCN

Fever Nurses—RFN

PART 2

DESCRIPTION OF UNIFORM, BADGE AND LETTERING FOR MALE REGISTERED 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 raincoat; and

(*b*) A navy blue lounge suit worn with Air Force blue shirt, 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; or white peaked crash-helmet made in accordance with the specification of the British Standards Institution for protective helmets for motor cyclists.

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.

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

Rule 3

SCHEDULE 6

Rules Revoked

The Nurses Rules 1961, scheduled to the Nurses Rules, Approval Instrument 1961(a).

The Nurses (Amendment) Rules 1965, scheduled to the Nurses Rules, Approval Instrument 1965(b).

The Nurses (Amendment) Rules 1966, scheduled to the Nurses Rules, Approval Instrument 1966(c).

The Nurses (Amendment) Rules 1967, scheduled to the Nurses Rules, Approval Instrument 1967(d).

(L.S.)

G. E. Watts,
Chairman of the Council.

The seal of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was hereunto affixed on 25th November 1969.

M. Henry,
Registrar.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Social Services.

Serota,
Minister of State,
Department of Health and Social Security.

26th November 1969.

(a) S.I. 1961/1520 (1961 II, p. 3127).
(b) S.I. 1965/1485 (1965 II, p. 4324).
(c) S.I. 1966/255 (1966 I, p. 659).
(d) S.I. 1967/1704 (1967 III, p. 4629).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Instrument.)

The Rules approved by this Instrument consolidate with amendments the Rules specified in Schedule 6 to these Rules. The amendments include in particular:—

(*a*) provision for fees to be paid by student nurses on entering training and by nurses trained abroad on applying for registration by the Council;

(*b*) additional periods of training in certain circumstances where a break in training or a transfer from one training institution to another occurs;

(*c*) the granting of a certificate as a teacher of nurses to persons trained in clinical instruction;

(*d*) abolition of the preliminary examination for registered general and sick children's nurses;

(*e*) the transfer of the functions of the Enrolled Nurses Committee, following its abolition under the 1969 Act, to the standing committees of the Council.