STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1961 No. 670 (S. 41)

NURSES AND MIDWIVES

The Nurses (Scotland) (Amendment) Rules, 1961, Approval Instrument, 1961

Made - - - -	30*th March*, 1961
Laid before Parliament	12*th April*, 1961
Coming into Operation	13*th April*, 1961

Whereas the General Nursing Council for Scotland, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 6 of the Nurses (Scotland) Act, 1951(a), on 14th February, 1961, made the Nurses (Scotland) (Amendment) Rules, 1961, and have submitted the said Rules to the Secretary of State for approval;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 33 of the Nurses (Scotland) Act, 1951, and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I hereby approve the said Rules in the form set out in the Schedule hereto.

This Instrument may be cited as the Nurses (Scotland) (Amendment) Rules, 1961, Approval Instrument, 1961, and shall come into operation on the 13th day of April, 1961.

Dated this thirtieth day of March, 1961.

John S. Maclay,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh, 1.

SCHEDULE

THE NURSES (SCOTLAND) (AMENDMENT) RULES, 1961, DATED 14TH FEBRUARY, 1961, MADE BY THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND

The General Nursing Council for Scotland, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by the Nurses (Scotland) Act, 1951, hereby make the following Rules:—

1. These Rules may be cited as the Nurses (Scotland) (Amendment) Rules, 1961, and shall be read as one with the Nurses (Scotland) Rules, 1954(b), as amended(c), hereinafter referred to as "the principal Rules".

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

3. The Nurses (Scotland) Rules, 1954, as amended, shall be further amended as follows:—

(1) After paragraph (4) of Rule 25 of the principal Rules there shall be added the following paragraph:—

"(5) As from the First day of July, 1961, the minimum age of entry to the training prescribed under this Rule for admission to any Part of the Register shall be seventeen years and six months."

(a) 14 & 15 Geo. 6. c. 55. (b) S.I. 1954/493 (1954 I, p. 1478).
(c) S.I. 1956/133, 1958/586 (1956 II, p. 1719; 1958 II, p. 1699).
(d) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

(2) After paragraph (5) of Rule 26 of the principal Rules there shall be inserted the following paragraph:—

"(5A) Except in the case of a candidate entering for the First Part of the Preliminary examination who has undergone a course of instruction recommended by the Scottish Education Department and approved by the Council, as referred to in paragraph (4) of this Rule, no candidate shall be entitled to enter for any Part of the Preliminary examination unless she is undertaking the prescribed training, and the Matron or Superintendent Nurse of the hospital in which she is receiving her training certifies that her conduct during training has been satisfactory, provided that if the said training is not continued up until the date of the examination, or if the certificate by the Matron or Superintendent Nurse is withdrawn before that date, the candidate's entry for the examination shall be regarded as withdrawn."

(3) Paragraph (1) of Rule 27 shall be amended by adding after the word "Register" at the end of said paragraph the words "and a certificate by the Matron or Superintendent Nurse that the candidate's conduct has been satisfactory during training".

Made by the General Nursing Council for Scotland on this Fourteenth day of February, 1961.

(Sgd.) Mabel Wilson,
Registrar,
General Nursing Council for Scotland.

5 Darnaway Street,
Edinburgh.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Instrument, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The main effect of the Amendment Rules approved by this Instrument is to prescribe a minimum age of 17½ years for entry to training for admission to any Part of the Register of Nurses.

They also provide (i) that a candidate for any part of the Preliminary Examination (other than a candidate for the First Part who has undergone instruction at a pre-nursing course) must continue the prescribed training up to the date of the Examination and (ii) that a candidate for any examination (other than such candidate for the First Part of the Preliminary Examination as aforesaid) must hold a certificate by the Matron or Superintendent Nurse certifying that her conduct during training has been satisfactory.