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NURSES AND MIDWIVES

The Nurses (Scotland) (Amendment) Rules 1970 Approval Instrument 1970

Made - - - -	29*th January* 1970
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Coming into Operation	13*th February* 1970

Whereas the General Nursing Council for Scotland, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 6 of the Nurses (Scotland) Act 1951**(a)**, on 13th January, 1970, made the Nurses (Scotland) Amendment Rules 1970 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 1970 Approval Instrument 1970, and shall come into operation on 13th February 1970.

William Ross,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh.

29th January 1970.

SCHEDULE

The Nurses (Scotland) (Amendment) Rules 1970, dated 13th January, 1970 made by the General Nursing Council for Scotland

The General Nursing Council for Scotland, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 6 of the Nurses (Scotland) Act 1951, hereby make the following Rules:—

(a) 1951 c. 55.

1. These Rules may be cited as the Nurses (Scotland) (Amendment) Rules 1970, and shall be read as one with the Nurses (Scotland) Rules 1954 (a), as amended (b), hereinafter referred to as "the principal Rules".

2. The Interpretation Act 1889(c) applies for the interpretation of these Rules as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

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

(1) For paragraph (2) of Rule 21 of the principal Rules there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

"(2) Any person who makes application under the previous sub-section of this Rule shall pay a fee of £3 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 such amount as the Council may from time to time determine in respect of each Part of the Register to which she desires to be admitted."

(2) After paragraph (6) of Rule 25 of the principal Rules there shall be added the following paragraph:—

"(7) (i) 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.

(ii) 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 paragraph (7)(i) of this Rule and on receipt of the fee due under Section 6(1) of the Nurses (Scotland) Act 1951 as read with Section 7(1) of the Nurses Act 1969 which fee the Council may, with the approval of the Secretary of State, from time to time determine and which shall be paid within 30 days after admission to the introductory training course, include her name in the index, provided that a registered nurse who subsequently enters training for admission to another part of the Register shall not be required to pay any further fee.

(iii) The senior nurse of an approved Training Institution, or such other officer as the Council may authorise on her 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 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."

(3) For Rule 44 of the principal Rules there shall be substituted the following Rule:—

"44. The Council shall grant a Certificate of Registration as a Nurse Tutor (hereinafter in this part of the Rules referred to as "the Council's Certificate") in the form set out in the Fourth Schedule to these Rules to any nurse registered in the General Part of the Register who makes application in writing to the Registrar for such Certificate and who satisfies the following requirements:—

(1)(*a*) The applicant must have undergone at least four years' experience in nursing since registration on any Part of the Register, including at least two years experience as Sister or Male Charge Nurse in charge of a ward in an approved training school.

(a) S.I. 1954/493 (1954 I, p. 1478).
(b) The relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1956/133, 1961/670, 1962/252, 2195, 1963/1543, 1965/1197 (1956 II, p. 1719; 1961 I, p. 1417; 1962 I, p. 256; III, p. 2988; 1963 III, p. 2919; 1965 II, p. 3408). (c) 1889 c. 63.

(*b*) The applicant must have completed a whole time Nurse Tutor course of two years duration in an Institution approved by the Council in that behalf.

(*c*) The applicant must hold a Nurse Tutor Certificate granted by a university approved by the Council in that behalf.

or (2) The applicant must have successfully completed a course of training which is for the time being recognised by the Secretary of State as entitling her to be a qualified teacher for the purposes of regulations made, or having effect as if made, under the Teaching Council (Scotland) Act 1965 and the Education (Scotland) Acts 1962, and 1969, and has had since registration not less than three years experience in nursing of which

(i) not less than 1 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 training, and

(ii) not less than 1 year has been spent in other clinical nursing acceptable to the Council for the purposes of this paragraph, and

(iii) not less than 1 year has been spent in the teaching of nursing at an approved training institution under the supervision of a person holding the Council's Certificate.

or (3) The applicant's name is included on any roll of teachers for the time being maintained by the Council for the Training of Health Visitors and she has had not less than two years experience in nursing since registration, of which

(i) at least one year shall have been as a health visitor, and

(ii) at least one year shall have been as a person in charge of a ward or department of an approved training institution in which pupil or student nurses are regularly trained.

or (4) In any particular case the applicant appears to the Council and the Secretary of State to be qualified in the teaching of nursing otherwise than as mentioned in the preceding provision of this Rule.

Notwithstanding what is hereinbefore provided in paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) of this Rule, the Council may at their discretion waive compliance with any of the requirements specified in these paragraphs to such extent as they think fit in any particular case."

(4) In paragraph (1) of Rule 50 of the principal Rules, for "Rule 44(3)" there shall be substituted "Rules 44(1), (2) and (3)".

Made by the General Nursing Council for Scotland on this 13th day of January, 1970.

Jessie G. M. Main,
Registrar
General Nursing Council for Scotland.

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Edinburgh.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of this Instrument.*)

The Amendment Rules make provision for fees to be paid by student nurses on entering training and by nurses trained abroad on applying for registration by the General Nursing Council; and for the introduction of alternative qualifications for the granting of a certificate of registration as a Nurse Tutor.

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