STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1973 No. 1443 (S.108)

NURSES AND MIDWIVES

The Nurses (Scotland) (Amendment) Rules 1973 Approval Instrument 1973

Made - - -	10*th August* 1973
Laid before Parliament	21*st August* 1973
Coming into Operation	11*th September* 1973

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 33 of the Nurses (Scotland) Act 1951(**a**) and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf I hereby approve the Nurses (Scotland) Amendment Rules 1973 made by the General Nursing Council for Scotland as set out in the Schedule hereto.

This instrument may be cited as the Nurses (Scotland) (Amendment) Rules 1973 Approval Instrument 1973 and shall come into operation on 11th September 1973.

Gordon Campbell,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh.

10th August 1973.

SCHEDULE

THE NURSES (SCOTLAND) (AMENDMENT) RULES, 1973, DATED 23 JULY 1973, MADE BY THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND UNDER THE NURSES (SCOTLAND) ACT 1951

The General Nursing Council for Scotland, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 6 of the Nurses (Scotland) Act 1951, as amended by section 14 of the Nurses (Amendment) Act 1961(**b**) and section 2 of the Teachers of Nursing Act 1967(**c**), and also of the powers conferred upon them by section 33 of the Nurses (Scotland) Act 1951 and after consultation with the General Nursing Council for England and Wales and the Northern Ireland Council for Nurses and Midwives hereby make the following Rules:—

1. These Rules may be cited as the Nurses (Scotland) (Amendment) Rules 1973, and shall be read as one with the Nurses (Scotland) Rules 1970(**d**) as amended, which last mentioned Rules are hereinafter referred to as "the principal Rules".

2. The Interpretation Act 1889(**e**) shall apply for the interpretation of these Rules as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. The Nurses (Scotland) (Amendment) Rules 1972 as approved and set out in the Schedule to the Nurses (Scotland) (Amendment) Rules 1972 Approval Instrument 1972(**f**) are hereby revoked.

(**a**) 1951 c. 55.
(**b**) 1961 c. 14.
(**c**) 1967 c. 16.
(**d**) S.I. 1970/1737, (1970 III, p. 5658).
(**e**) 1889 c. 63.
(**f**) S.I. 1972/879 (1972, II, p. 2814).

4.—(1) In paragraph (1) of Rule 2 of the principal Rules there shall be inserted the following definitions:—

(*a*) After the definition of "Index of Student Nurses", there shall be added the following definition:—

"Integrated Nursing Course" means any course approved from time to time by the Council under which Student Nurses combine training for nursing with studying for a degree or diploma in a University or other establishment of higher education.

(*b*) After the definition of "Mental Nurses Committee", there shall be inserted the following definition:—

"the 1972 Requirements" mean "the revised requirements laid down by the Council put into operation during 1972 for the training of Student Nurses for all Parts of the Register."

(*c*) After the definition of "Registered Mental Nurse", there shall be inserted the following definition:—

"Registered Nurse" means a nurse who is for the time being registered in any Part of the Register.

(*d*) After the definition of "Syllabus", there shall be inserted the following definition:—

"Wider Basic Training Programme" means the revised requirements laid down by the Council and put into operation with effect from 1st January 1964 for the Training of Student Nurses for the General Part of the Register.

(2) In paragraph (1) of Rule 2 of the principal Rules in the definition of "Registered Clinical Teacher" for the words "the General Part" there shall be substituted the words "any Part of the Register".

(3) In paragraph (1) of Rule 2 of the principal Rules in the definition of "Registered Teacher of Nurses" for the words "the General Part" there shall be substituted the words "any Part of the Register".

(4) Paragraph (1) of Rule 21 of the principal Rules is hereby revoked and paragraphs (2), (3) and (4) of the said Rules are hereby renumbered (1), (2) and (3) respectively.

(5) At the end of Rule 22 of the principal Rules there shall be added the words "provided always that this Rule does not apply to a person undertaking an Integrated Nursing Course".

(6) In Rule 23 of the principal Rules there shall be inserted the following subparagraph, namely:—

"(*c*) In the case of a person undertaking an Integrated Nursing Course the foregoing provisions shall not apply but she shall furnish evidence that she has completed the course and passed the examination set by a University or other establishment of higher education and accepted by the Council as being equivalent to the final examinations prescribed by the Council".

(7) For Rule 24 of the principal Rules as substituted by the Nurses (Scotland) (Amendment) Rules 1972 there shall be substituted the following Rule:—

"24.—(1) A nurse who is registered in the General Part and has completed the Wider Basic Training Programme, or the 1972 requirements shall be qualified for admission to any Supplementary Part, provided she furnishes evidence in the form prescribed by Council that she has completed a course of not less than 52 weeks' training in an approved Training School for the appropriate Supplementary Part and passed the appropriate final examination of the Council.

(2) A nurse who is registered in the General Part, who has not completed the Wider Basic Training Programme shall be qualified for admission to the Sick Children's Part, the Mental Part or the Mental Deficiency Part of the Register, provided she furnishes evidence in the form prescribed by Council that she has completed a course of not less than 78 weeks' training in an approved Training School for the appropriate Supplementary Part, and passed the appropriate final examination of the Council.

(3) A nurse who is registered in one of the Supplementary Parts of the Register shall be qualified for admission to the General Part of the Register or any other Supplementary Part, provided she furnishes evidence in the form prescribed by Council that she has completed a course of not less than 78 weeks' training in an approved Training School for the appropriate Part, and passed the appropriate final examination of the Council, except that, a nurse who is registered in the Mental Part of the Register shall be qualified for admission to the Mental Deficiency Part of the Register, and a nurse who is registered in the Mental Deficiency Part of the Register shall be qualified for admission to the Mental Part of the Register provided that she furnishes evidence in the form prescribed by Council that she has completed a course of not less than 52 weeks' training in an approved Training School for the Mental Deficiency or the Mental Part (as the case may be) of the Register and passed the appropriate final examination of the Council.

(4) A nurse who is registered in the Sick Children's Part or the Mental Part or the Mental Deficiency Part of the Register, after completing the new requirements introduced in 1972, shall be qualified for admission to the General Part, or any other Supplementary Part, of the Register, provided she furnishes evidence in the form prescribed by Council that she has completed a course of not less than 52 weeks' training in an approved Training School for the appropriate Part of the Register and passed the appropriate final examination of the Council.

(5) In the event of a nurse, who is registered in the General Part or any of the Supplementary Parts applying for admission to any other Part or Parts of the Register (not being an application for admission in terms of Rules 32 to 34 hereof), a fee of such amount as the Council with the consent of the Secretary of State, may from time to time determine, shall be payable in respect of each Part of the Register to which she applies to be admitted."

(8) In Rule 26 of the principal Rules there shall be added the following sub-paragraph, namely:—

"(3) This Rule shall not apply to a person undertaking an Integrated Nursing Course."

(9) Rule 28 of the principal Rules shall be amended as follows, namely:—

(*a*) There shall be added after sub-paragraph (2), the following sub-paragraph, namely:—

"(3) A remission of 26 weeks of any period of training prescribed under Rule 23 hereof for admission to the General or Sick Children's Parts of the Register may be granted to a person who when starting the

training is qualified as a Certified Midwife, provided that such a person receives a report of satisfactory progress from the person administering the training programme for registration, on completion of six months' training for registration."

(*b*) Sub-paragraph (3) of the said Rule is hereby renumbered (4).

(10) Rule 29 of the principal Rules shall be amended as follows, namely:—

(*a*) Sub-paragraph (2) is hereby revoked;

(*b*) Sub-paragraphs (3) and (4) are renumbered (2) and (3) respectively; and

(*c*) There shall be added at the end of the renumbered sub-paragraph (3) after the words "as they deem proper" the words "but in no circumstances shall any candidate be entitled to enter for any part of the Final Examination for any one or more Parts of the Register more than four times. For the removal of doubt it is hereby declared that candidates who have transferred to another approved Training School in Scotland, England, Wales or Northern Ireland and who have entered and been unsuccessful during that training for any part of the Final Examination on one or more occasions shall count those entries as part of the total number of entries to any part of the said Final Examination."

(*d*) There shall be added the following sub-paragraph, namely:

"(4) This Rule shall not apply to a person undertaking an Integrated Nursing Course."

(11) In Rule 30 of the principal Rules there shall be added the following sub-paragraph, namely:—

"10. This Rule shall not apply to a person undertaking an Integrated Nursing Course."

(12) In Rule 31 of the principal Rules there shall be added the following sub-paragraph, namely:—

"(3) Should it come to the notice of the Council either (*a*) that a person who is undertaking an Integrated Nursing Course or (*b*) that a person who has completed an Integrated Nursing Course but has not been admitted to any Part of the Register, has pled or been found guilty of any offence or crime by any court 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 and the removal of her name from the Register, the Council may, after giving her an opportunity of stating her case and after making such other reasonable investigations as may be necessary, refuse to place her name on the Register or defer registration for such period as the Council may think fit."

(13) Sub-paragraph (1) of Rule 40 of the principal Rules is hereby revoked and sub-paragraphs (2), (3) and (4) of the said Rules are hereby renumbered (1), (2) and (3) respectively.

(14) For sub-paragraph (*c*) of Rule 47 of the principal Rules there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph:—

"(*c*) The Candidate has since attaining the age of seventeen years and six months completed such period of training as the Council may from time to time prescribe in a Complete School, or in a Group of Component Schools, and of such period not less than eight weeks have been spent in the nursing of chronic sick or geriatic patients:"

(15) In the proviso following sub-paragraph (*f*) of Rule 47 of the principal Rules for the words "six months experience" there shall be substituted the words "experience which shall be not less than 8 weeks".

(16) In sub-paragraph (ii) of Rule 53 of the principal Rules for the words "six months" where they occur for the second time there shall be substituted the words "eight weeks".

(17) For Rule 67 of the principal Rules there shall be substituted therefor the following Rule:—

"67. The Council shall grant a Certificate of Registration as a Teacher of Nurses in the form set out in Schedule 6 to these Rules to a Registered Nurse who makes application in writing to the Registrar for such Certificate and who satisfies the following requirements:—

(1) (*a*) She has completed not less than three years' post-registration experience in a post of responsibility, of which

(i) not less than one year has been spent in 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, or one year's experience as a Health Visitor or District Nurse, and

(iii) not less than one year's experience as approved by Council, and

(*b*) She has undergone a course of training (for the time being approved by the Council) conducted under the auspices of a University or 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 institution, 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 one year has been spent in 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 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 Education and Training of Health Visitors and she has had not less than two years' experience in nursing since registration, of which:—

(i) not less than one year has been spent as a Health Visitor, and

(ii) not less than one year has been spent in 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 provisions 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."

(18) In Rule 69 of the principal Rules for the words "General Part" in both cases where the words appear there shall be substituted the words "any Part".

(19) For Rule 72 of the principal Rules there shall be substituted therefor the following Rule:—

"72. The Council shall grant a Certificate of Registration as a Clinical Teacher in the form set out in Schedule 7 to these Rules to a Registered Nurse who makes application in writing to the Registrar for such Certificate and who satisfies the following requirements:

(1) (*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 Clinical Teacher, or

(*b*) She possesses the qualification of a Midwifery Tutor's Diploma, and

(2) She has completed not less than two years' post-registration experience in a post of responsibility of which:

(i) not less than one year has been spent in an approved training institution in which pupil or student nurses are regularly trained, and

(ii) not less than one year's experience as approved by Council.

Provided that the Council may in their discretion waive compliance with any of the requirements specified in this Rule to such extent as they think fit in any particular case."

(20) In Rule 74 of the principal Rules for the words "the General Part" in both cases where the words appear there shall be substituted the words "any Part".

Made by the General Nursing Council for Scotland on this Twenty-third day of July, 1973.

(L.S.) *JESSIE G. M. MAIN,*
Registrar,
The General Nursing Council for Scotland.

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Edinburgh.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Instrument.)

The Amendment Rules make changes in and prescribe in greater detail the periods of training required for a nurse already registered on one Part of the Register for admission to another Part, and make Rules regarding Integrated Nursing Courses conducted at a University or other establishment of higher education, which have formerly been conducted on an experimental basis only.

The Amendment Rules also abolish the minimum age requirements for entry to the Final Examination and admission to the Register or the Roll, limit the number of entries to the Final Examination, introduce a period of remission of training for the Register for a person who is already a Certified Midwife, reduce the period of geriatric/chronic sick experience prescribed for Pupil Nurses, and revise the requirements for Registration as a Teacher of Nurses or a Clinical Teacher.

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