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NURSES, MIDWIVES AND HEALTH VISITORS

The Nursing Qualifications (EEC Recognition) Order 1979

Laid before Parliament in draft

Made - - - - *6th December* 1979

Coming into Operation *1st January* 1980

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 6th day of December 1979

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas a draft of this Order has been laid before Parliament and has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(a), is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Nursing Qualifications (EEC Recognition) Order 1979 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1980.

Interpretation

2. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires—

"competent authority" means an authority or body designated by a member State in accordance with the Nursing Directive;

"member State" means a member State of the Communities;

"national", in relation to a member State, means the same as in the Community Treaties, but does not include a person who by virtue of Article 2 of Protocol No. 3 (Channel Islands and the Isle of Man) to the Treaty of Accession (b) is not to benefit from Community provisions relating to the free movement of persons and services;

"the Nursing Directive" means European Communities Council Directive No. 77/452/EEC concerning the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates

(a) 1972 c. 68.

(b) *See* Cmnd. 5179-I, p. 247.

and other evidence of the formal qualifications of nurses responsible for general care(a);

"nursing services" means nursing services of a kind which a person registered in the general part of a register is qualified to render;

"register" means the register of nurses maintained by—

the General Nursing Council for England and Wales,

the General Nursing Council for Scotland, or

the Northern Ireland Council for Nurses and Midwives;

"the relevant Council" means, in relation to the rendering of nursing services temporarily by visiting nurses, the Council responsible for maintaining the register of nurses in the part of the United Kingdom where the nursing services are rendered.

Recognition of European Community nursing qualifications by General Nursing Council for England and Wales

3.—(1) After section 3 of the Nurses Act 1957 (registration and enrolment of nurses) **(b)** there are inserted the following sections—

"Registration of nurses with Community nursing qualifications.

3A.—(1) A national of a member State who—

(*a*) holds one or more of the European nursing qualifications specified in Schedule 1A to this Act, having obtained them on or after the date on which the member State in which they were obtained implemented the First Nursing Directive; or

(*b*) subject to subsection (4) below, holds any nursing qualifications obtained in a member State before it implemented the First Nursing Directive,

shall, on making application to the Council and satisfying them that he is of good character, be entitled to be registered in the general part of the register.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1) above a member State is to be regarded as having implemented the First Nursing Directive on the date notified to the Commission as that on which it did so.

(3) An application for registration shall be made to the Council and shall be accompanied by—

(*a*) a certificate issued by the competent authority of the member State in which the qualifications were obtained or in which the applicant has been rendering nursing services attesting that the applicant meets the requirements of the member State as to good character or good repute for taking up the activity for which he is qualified; or

(*b*) where the member State has no such requirements, either an extract from the judicial record relating to the applicant or an equivalent document, issued by the competent authority of the member State.

(4) Where an application is made by a person falling within subsection (1)(*b*) above, either—

(*a*) the Council must be satisfied (by means of a certificate of the competent authority of the member State in which

(a) O.J. No. L 176/1, 15.7.77. (b) 1957. c. 15.

the qualifications were obtained, or otherwise) that they accord with the standards laid down by the Second Nursing Directive; or

(*b*) evidence of the qualifications must be accompanied by a certificate of the competent authority of any member State that the holder has lawfully been rendering nursing services for at least 3 years during the 5 years preceding the date of the certificate.

(5) The Council shall not accept any certificate or document mentioned in subsection (3) above if presented more than three months after its date of issue.

(6) A person who has duly applied for registration in the general part of the register shall be so registered within three months of the date on which the Council received all the documents necessary to his application.

(7) In this and the following section—

"competent authority" means an authority or body designated by a member State in accordance with the First Nursing Directive;

"member State" means a member State of the Communities;

"national", in relation to a member State, means the same as in the Community Treaties, but does not include a person who by virtue of Article 2 of Protocol No. 3 (Channel Islands and the Isle of Man) to the Treaty of Accession **(a)** is not to benefit from Community provisions relating to the free movement of persons and services;

"the First Nursing Directive" means European Communities Council Directive No. 77/452/EEC concerning the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of the formal qualifications of nurses responsible for general care **(b)**;

"the Second Nursing Directive" means European Communities Council Directive No. 77/453/EEC concerning the co-ordination of provisions in respect of activities of nurses responsible for general care **(c)**; and

"nursing services" means nursing services of a kind which a person registered in the general part of the register is qualified to render.

Requirement of linguistic knowledge.

3B.—(1) A national of a member State who applies to be registered in the general part of the register shall be required, on or after registration in that part, to satisfy the Council that he has the necessary knowledge of English, that is, the knowledge which, in the interests of himself and his patients, is necessary to render nursing services in the United Kingdom.

(2) The Council may provide facilities for testing the knowledge of English of applicants for registration.

(3) Subject to subsection (4) below, if the applicant does not, on being registered, satisfy the Council under this section, the

(a) *See* Cmnd. 5179-I, p. 247. **(b)** O.J. No. L 176/1, 15.7.77.
(c) O.J. No. L 176/8, 15.7.77.

registration shall lapse at the end of the period of six months beginning with the date of registration unless, in that period, he satisfies the Council that he has the necessary knowledge of English.

(4) The Council may extend the period referred to in subsection (3) above (by not more than another six months) if it appears to them that there are grounds for doing so in a particular case.

(5) A person whose registration has lapsed by virtue of subsection (3) above and who subsequently applies to be registered in the general part of the register is not entitled to be so registered unless, at the time of his application, he satisfies the Council that he has the necessary knowledge of English.".

(2) After subsection (2) of section 4 of that Act (registration of nurses trained abroad) there is inserted—

"(3) This section does not apply in a case where registration in the general part of the register is effected under section 3A above.".

(3) After Schedule 1 to that Act there is inserted—

"SCHEDULE 1A

EUROPEAN NURSING QUALIFICATIONS

In this Schedule "competent authority" has the same meaning as in section 3A of this Act.

Belgium

1. The certificate of "hospitalier(ère)/verpleegassistent(e)" awarded by the State or by schools established or recognised by the State.

2. The certificate of "infirmier(ère) hospitalier(ère)/ziekenhuisverpleger (-verpleegster)" awarded by the State or by schools established or recognised by the State.

3. The diploma of "infirmier(ère) gradué(e) hospitalier(ère)/gegradueerd ziekenhuisverpleger (-verpleegster)" awarded by the State or by higher paramedical colleges established or recognised by the State.

Denmark

The diploma of "sygeplejerske" awarded by nursing schools recognised by the "Sundhedsstyrelsen" (State board of health).

France

The State diploma of "infirmier(ère)" awarded by the Ministry of Health.

Germany

1. The certificates awarded by the competent authorities as a result of the "staatliche Prüfung in der Krankenpflege" (State nursing examination).

2. The certificates from the competent authorities of the Federal Republic of Germany stating that the diplomas awarded after 8th May 1945 by the competent authorities of the German Democratic Republic are recognised as equivalent to those listed in point 1 above.

Ireland

The certificate of "Registered General Nurse" issued by "An Bord Altranais" (the Nursing Board).

Italy

The "diploma di abilitazione professionale per infermiere professionale" awarded by State-recognised schools.

Luxembourg

The following diplomas awarded by the Ministry of Public Health on the strength of an examining board decision—

(*a*) the State diploma of "infirmier";

(*b*) the State diploma of "infirmier hospitalier gradué".

The Netherlands

The following diplomas awarded by one of the examining boards appointed by the public authorities—

(*a*) the diplomas of "verpleger A", "verpleegster A" or "verpleegkundige A";

(*b*) the diploma of "verpleegkundige MBOV (Mid-delbare Beroepsopleiding Verpleegkundige)" (intermediate nursing training);

(*c*) the diploma of "verpleegkundige HBOV (Hogere Beroepsopleiding Verpleegkundige)" (higher nursing training).".

Recognition of European Community nursing qualifications by General Nursing Council for Scotland

4.—(1) After section 6 of the Nurses (Scotland) Act 1951 (rules relating to register and roll) **(a)** there are inserted the following sections—

"Registration of nurses with Community nursing qualifications.

6A.—(1) A national of a member State who—

(*a*) holds one or more of the European nursing qualifications specified in Schedule 3A to this Act, having obtained them on or after the date on which the member State in which they were obtained implemented the First Nursing Directive; or

(*b*) subject to subsection (4) below, holds any nursing qualifications obtained in a member State before it implemented the First Nursing Directive,

shall, on making application to the Council and satisfying them that he is of good character, be entitled to be registered in the general part of the register.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1) above a member State is to be regarded as having implemented the First Nursing Directive on the date notified to the Commission as that on which it did so.

(3) An application for registration shall be made to the Council and shall be accompanied by—

(*a*) a certificate issued by the competent authority of the member State in which the qualifications were obtained or in which the applicant has been rendering nursing services attesting that the applicant meets the requirements of the member State as to good character or good repute for taking up the activity for which he is qualified; or

(*b*) where the member State has no such requirements, either an extract from the judicial record relating to the applicant

(a) 1951 c. 55.

or an equivalent document, issued by the competent authority of the member State.

(4) Where an application is made by a person falling within subsection (1)(*b*) above, either—

(*a*) the Council must be satisfied (by means of a certificate of the competent authority of the member State in which the qualifications were obtained, or otherwise) that they accord with the standards laid down by the Second Nursing Directive; or

(*b*) evidence of the qualifications must be accompanied by a certificate of the competent authority of any member State that the holder has lawfully been rendering nursing services for at least 3 years during the 5 years preceding the date of the certificate.

(5) The Council shall not accept any certificate or document mentioned in subsection (3) above if presented more than three months after its date of issue.

(6) A person who has duly applied for registration in the general part of the register shall be so registered within three months of the date on which the Council received all the documents necessary to his application.

(7) In this and the following section—

"competent authority" means an authority or body designated by a member State in accordance with the First Nursing Directive;

"member State" means a member State of the Communities;

"national", in relation to a member State, means the same as in the Community Treaties, but does not include a person who by virtue of Article 2 of Protocol No. 3 (Channel Islands and the Isle of Man) to the Treaty of Accession **(a)** is not to benefit from Community provisions relating to the free movement of persons and services;

"the First Nursing Directive" means European Communities Council Directive No. 77/452/EEC concerning the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of the formal qualifications of nurses responsible for general care **(b)**;

"the Second Nursing Directive" means European Communities Council Directive No. 77/453/EEC concerning the co-ordination of provisions in respect of activities of nurses responsible for general care **(c)**; and

"nursing services" means nursing services of a kind which a person registered in the general part of the register is qualified to render.

Requirement of linguistic knowledge.

6B.—(1) A national of a member State who applies to be registered in the general part of the register shall be required, on or after registration in that part, to satisfy the Council that he has the necessary knowledge of English, that is, the knowledge which,

(a) *See* Cmnd. 5179-I, p. 247. **(b)** O.J. No. L 176/1, 15.7.77.
(c) O.J. No. L 176/8, 15.7.77.

in the interests of himself and his patients, is necessary to render nursing services in the United Kingdom.

(2) The Council may provide facilities for testing the knowledge of English of applicants for registration.

(3) Subject to subsection (4) below, if the applicant does not, on being registered, satisfy the Council under this section, the registration shall lapse at the end of the period of six months beginning with the date of registration unless, in that period, he satisfies the Council that he has the necessary knowledge of English.

(4) The Council may extend the period referred to in subsection (3) above (by not more than another six months) if it appears to them that there are grounds for doing so in a particular case.

(5) A person whose registration has lapsed by virtue of subsection (3) above and who subsequently applies to be registered in the general part of the register is not entitled to be so registered unless, at the time of his application, he satisfies the Council that he has the necessary knowledge of English.".

(2) After subsection (2) of section 7 of that Act (registration of nurses trained abroad) there is inserted—

"(3) This section does not apply in a case where registration in the general part of the register is effected under section 6A above.".

(3) After Schedule 3 to that Act there is inserted—

"SCHEDULE 3A

EUROPEAN NURSING QUALIFICATIONS

In this Schedule "competent authority" has the same meaning as in section 6A of this Act.

Belgium

1. The certificate of "hospitalier(ère)/verpleegassistent(e)" awarded by the State or by schools established or recognised by the State.

2. The certificate of "infirmier(ère) hospitalier(ère)/ziekenhuisverpleger (-verpleegster)" awarded by the State or by schools established or recognised by the State.

3. The diploma of "infirmier(ère) gradué(e) hospitalier(ère)/gegradueerd ziekenhuisverpleger (-verpleegster)" awarded by the State or by higher paramedical colleges established or recognised by the State.

Denmark

The diploma of "sygeplejerske" awarded by nursing schools recognised by the "Sundhedsstyrelsen" (State board of health).

France

The State diploma of "infirmier(ère)" awarded by the Ministry of Health.

Germany

1. The certificates awarded by the competent authorities as a result of the "staatliche Prüfung in der Krankenpflege" (State nursing examination).

2. The certificates from the competent authorities of the Federal Republic of Germany stating that the diplomas awarded after 8th May 1945 by the

competent authorities of the German Democratic Republic are recognised as equivalent to those listed in point 1 above.

Ireland

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Italy

The "diploma di abilitazione professionale per infermiere professionale" awarded by State-recognised schools.

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The following diplomas awarded by the Ministry of Public Health on the strength of an examining board decision—

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(*b*) the State diploma of "infirmier hospitalier gradué".

The Netherlands

The following diplomas awarded by one of the examining board appointed by the public authorities—

(*a*) the diplomas of "verpleger A", "verpleegster A" or "verpleegkundige A";

(*b*) the diploma of "verpleegkundige MBOV (Mid-delbare Beroepsopleiding Verpleegkundige)" (intermediate nursing training);

(*c*) the diploma of "verpleegkundige HBOV (Hogere Beroepsopleiding Verpleegkundige)" (higher nursing training).".

Recognition of European Community nursing qualifications by Northern Ireland Council for Nurses and Midwives

5.—(1) After section 20 of the Nurses and Midwives Act (Northern Ireland) 1970 (ancillary duties in relation to the register, the roll and the list) **(a)** there are inserted the following sections—

"Registration of nurses with Community nursing qualifications.

20A.—(1) A national of a member State who—

(*a*) holds one or more of the European nursing qualifications specified in Schedule 1A to this Act, having obtained them on or after the date on which the member State in which they were obtained implemented the First Nursing Directive; or

(*b*) subject to subsection (4) below, holds any nursing qualifications obtained in a member State before it implemented the First Nursing Directive,

shall, on making application to the Council and satisfying them that he is of good character, be entitled to be registered in the general part of the register.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1) above a member State is to be regarded as having implemented the First Nursing Directive on the date notified to the Commission as that on which it did so.

(a) 1970 c. 11 (N.I.)

(3) An application for registration shall be made to the Council and shall be accompanied by—

(*a*) a certificate issued by the competent authority of the member State in which the qualifications were obtained or in which the applicant has been rendering nursing services attesting that the applicant meets the requirements of the member State as to good character or good repute for taking up the activity for which he is qualified; or

(*b*) where the member State has no such requirements, either an extract from the judicial record relating to the applicant or an equivalent document, issued by the competent authority of the member State.

(4) Where an application is made by a person falling within subsection (1)(*b*) above, either—

(*a*) the Council must be satisfied (by means of a certificate of the competent authority of the member State in which the qualifications were obtained, or otherwise) that they accord with the standards laid down by the Second Nursing Directive; or

(*b*) evidence of the qualifications must be accompanied by a certificate of the competent authority of any member State that the holder has lawfully been rendering nursing services for at least 3 years during the 5 years preceding the date of the certificate.

(5) The Council shall not accept any certificate or document mentioned in subsection (3) above if presented more than three months after its date of issue.

(6) A person who has duly applied for registration in the general part of the register shall be so registered within three months of the date on which the Council received all the documents necessary to his application.

(7) In this and the following section—

"competent authority" means an authority or body designated by a member State in accordance with the First Nursing Directive;

"member State" means a member State of the Communities;

"national", in relation to a member State, means the same as in the Community Treaties, but does not include a person who by virtue of Article 2 of Protocol No. 3 (Channel Islands and the Isle of Man) to the Treaty of Accession **(a)** is not to benefit from Community provisions relating to the free movement of persons and services;

"the First Nursing Directive" means European Communities Council Directive No. 77/452/EEC concerning the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of the formal qualifications of nurses responsible for general care **(b)**;

"the Second Nursing Directive" means European Communities Council Directive No. 77/453/EEC concerning the

(a) *See* Cmnd. 5179-I, p. 247. **(b)** O.J. No. L 176/1, 15.7.77.

co-ordination of provisions in respect of activities of nurses responsible for general care **(a)**; and

"nursing services" means nursing services of a kind which a person registered in the general part of the register is qualified to render.

Requirement of linguistic knowledge.

20B.—(1) A national of a member State who applies to be registered in the general part of the register shall be required, on or after registration in that part, to satisfy the Council that he has the necessary knowledge of English, that is, the knowledge which, in the interests of himself and his patients, is necessary to render nursing services in the United Kingdom.

(2) The Council may provide facilities for testing the knowledge of English of applicants for registration.

(3) Subject to subsection (4) below, if the applicant does not, on being registered, satisfy the Council under this section, the registration shall lapse at the end of the period of six months beginning with the date of registration unless, in that period, he satisfies the Council that he has the necessary knowledge of English.

(4) The Council may extend the period referred to in subsection (3) above (by not more than another six months) if it appears to them that there are grounds for doing so in a particular case.

(5) A person whose registration has lapsed by virtue of subsection (3) above and who subsequently applies to be registered in the general part of the register is not entitled to be so registered unless, at the time of his application, he satisfies the Council that he has the necessary knowledge of English.".

(2) After subsection (2) of section 21 of that Act (registration of nurses trained abroad) there is inserted—

"(3) This section does not apply in a case where registration in the general part of the register is effected under section 20A above.".

(3) After Schedule 1 to that Act there is inserted—

"SCHEDULE 1A

EUROPEAN NURSING QUALIFICATIONS

In this Schedule "competent authority" has the same meaning as in section 20A of this Act.

Belgium

1. The certificate of "hospitalier(ère)/verpleegassistent(e)" awarded by the State or by schools established or recognised by the State.

2. The certificate of "infirmier(ère) hospitalier(ère)/ziekenhuisverpleger (-verpleegster)" awarded by the State or by schools established or recognised by the State.

3. The diploma of "infirmier(ère) gradué(e) hospitalier(ère)/gegradueerd ziekenhuisverpleger (-verpleegster)" awarded by the State or by higher paramedical colleges established or recognised by the State.

(a) O.J. No. L 176/8, 15.7.77.

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The diploma of "sygeplejerske" awarded by nursing schools recognised by the "Sundhedsstyrelsen" (State board of health).

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2. The certificates from the competent authorities of the Federal Republic of Germany stating that the diplomas awarded after 8th May 1945 by the competent authorities of the German Democratic Republic are recognised as equivalent to those listed in point 1 above.

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The following diplomas awarded by the Ministry of Public Health on the strength of an examining board decision—

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The following diplomas awarded by one of the examining boards appointed by the public authorities—

(*a*) the diplomas of "verpleger A", "verpleegster A" or "verpleegkundige A";

(*b*) the diploma of "verpleegkundige MBOV (Mid-delbare Beroepsopleiding Verpleegkundige)" (intermediate nursing training);

(*c*) the diploma of "verpleegkundige HBOV (Hogere Beroepsopleiding Verpleegkundige)" (higher nursing training).".

Right of nurses established in other member States to render nursing services in the United Kingdom

6.—(1) If he complies with the requirements of this Article it shall be lawful for a person who is a national of any member State and lawfully established as a nurse responsible for general care in a member State other than the United Kingdom on visiting the United Kingdom to render nursing services here temporarily without first being registered in the general part of a register.

(2) Such a person intending so to render nursing services shall provide the relevant council with—

(*a*) a declaration in writing giving particulars of the nursing services to

be rendered and the period or periods in which he expects to render them; and

(*b*) a certificate (or certificates), issued by the competent authority, showing—

(i) that he is lawfully rendering nursing services in a member State other than the United Kingdom, and

(ii) that he holds nursing qualifications which member States are required by the Nursing Directive to recognise.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (2) above—

(*a*) in an urgent case the declaration to be provided under sub-paragraph (*a*) may be provided after the nursing services have been rendered, but if so it shall be provided as soon as possible thereafter; and

(*b*) every certificate to be provided under sub-paragraph (*b*) shall bear a date not less recent than 12 months prior to the date on which it is provided.

(4) Where a person has complied with the requirements of this Article and the relevant Council is the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, that person shall be deemed to be a registered general nurse for the purposes of the Nurses Act 1957**(a)** and a registered nurse for the purposes of the Nurses Agencies Act 1957**(b)**.

(5) Where a person has complied with the requirements of this Article and the relevant Council is the General Nursing Council for Scotland, that person shall be deemed to be a registered general nurse for the purposes of the Nurses (Scotland) Act 1951**(c)**.

(6) Where a person has complied with the requirements of this Article and the relevant Council is the Northern Ireland Council for Nurses and Midwives, that person shall be deemed to be a registered nurse for the purposes of the Nurses and Midwives Act (Northern Ireland) 1970**(d)** and the Nursing Homes and Nurses Agencies Act (Northern Ireland) 1971**(e)**.

(7) A person to whom paragraph (4), (5) or (6) above applies shall also be deemed to be, in relation to England and Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland, as the case may be, a registered nurse for the purposes of section 11 of the Medicines Act 1968**(f)**.

Disciplinary provisions affecting nurses who render nursing services while visiting the United Kingdom

7.—(1) If a national of a member State has complied with the requirements of paragraph (2) of Article 6 and rendered nursing services while visiting the United Kingdom, but is judged by the relevant Council—

(*a*) to be guilty of conduct which could lead the Council, in the case of a person registered in the general part of the register, to remove his name; or

(*b*) to have rendered other nursing services than those specified in the declaration given by him under paragraph (2) of Article 6,

the relevant Council may, if it thinks fit, impose on him a prohibition in respect

(a) 1957 c. 15. **(b)** 1957 c. 16. **(c)** 1951 c. 55.
(d) 1970 c. 11 (N.I.). **(e)** 1971 c. 32 (N.I.). **(f)** 1968 c. 67.

of rendering nursing services in that part of the United Kingdom for which it is responsible for maintaining the register.

(2) A prohibition imposed under this Article shall either relate to a period specified by the relevant Council or be expressed to continue for an indefinite period.

(3) A person may apply to the relevant Council for termination of a prohibition imposed on him under this Article and the relevant Council may, on any such application, terminate the prohibition.

(4) Where the relevant Council is the Northern Ireland Council for Nurses and Midwives, references in this Article to the relevant Council include reference to its Disciplinary Committee.

N. E. Leigh,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order, which is made under the European Communities Act 1972 and comes into operation on 1st January 1980, affects nationals of member States. It amends the Nurses Act 1957, the Nurses (Scotland) Act 1951 and the Nurses and Midwives Act (Northern Ireland) 1970 taking into account provisions of the European Communities Council Directives (EEC) relating to the right of nurses responsible for general care who obtain their qualifications in a member State other than the United Kingdom to be established and to render nursing services in the United Kingdom.

Article 2 contains some definitions. Article 3 inserts new sections 3A and 3B in the Nurses Act 1957 and adds Schedule 1A which describes the European Nursing Qualifications giving a right to be registered under section 3A. Under new section 3B, registration of any person under section 3 or section 3A lapses on failure to satisfy the General Nursing Council that the registrant has the knowledge of English necessary to render nursing services in the United Kingdom.

Article 4 inserts new sections 6A and 6B in the Nurses (Scotland) Act 1951 and adds Schedule 3A which effects changes to that Act corresponding to those described for Article 3. Article 5 makes corresponding provisions for Northern Ireland by inserting new sections 20A and 20B in the Nurses and Midwives Act (Northern Ireland) 1970 and adds Schedule 1A.

Article 6 relates to the rendering of nursing services in the United Kingdom temporarily by a person who is established as a nurse responsible for general care in a member State other than the United Kingdom. Such a person is not required to be registered provided a declaration is made as to the services intended to be rendered supported by proof of qualification and establishment in the other member State. Article 7 contains disciplinary provisions relating to persons rendering nursing services while visiting the United Kingdom.

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