

New Zealand.

NURSES REGISTRATION.

1908, No. 134.

AN ACT to consolidate certain Enactments of the General Assembly relating to the Registration of Trained Nurses.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short Title.

1. (1.) The Short Title of this Act is "The Nurses Registration Act, 1908."

Enactments consolidated.

(2.) This Act is a consolidation of the enactments mentioned in the Schedule hereto, and with respect to those enactments the following provisions shall apply:—

Savings.

(a.) The register in force on the coming into operation of this Act under the said enactments shall be deemed to be the register under this Act, and all registrations effected therein shall enure accordingly.

(b.) All appointments, regulations, certificates, records, instruments, and generally all acts of authority which originated under any of the said enactments, and are subsisting or in force on the coming into operation of this Act, shall enure for the purposes of this Act as fully and effectually as if they had originated under the corresponding provisions of this Act, and accordingly shall, where necessary, be deemed to have so originated.

(c.) All matters and proceedings commenced under any such enactment, and pending or in progress on the coming into operation of this Act, may be continued, completed, and enforced under this Act.

Interpretation:
1901, No. 12, sec. 2

2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,—

"Hospital" means a public hospital within the meaning of "The Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1908"; and

includes such other hospitals, the proprietors of which consent to such hospitals being open to inspection under that Act, as may be approved by the Governor in Council :

“ Minister ” means the Minister for the time being in charge of hospitals :

“ Registrar ” means the Inspector-General of Hospitals.

3. (1.) The Registrar shall from time to time cause the names of all duly qualified nurses to be registered in a book to be kept by him at his office for that purpose, and to be called “ The Nurses Register of New Zealand.”

Register of Nurses.
1901, No. 12, sec. 3

(2.) Such register shall show the name and address and qualifications of each nurse entered therein, and where and when she was trained.

(3.) A copy of the register shall be published in the *Gazette* annually in the month of January.

4. (1.) Every person who on the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and two (being the date of the coming into operation of “ The Nurses Registration Act, 1901 ”), had received four consecutive years’ training as a nurse in a hospital, and who passes an examination under this Act in theoretical and practical nursing, is entitled to registration on payment of a fee of one pound towards the cost of examination.

Who may be
registered.
Ibid. sec. 4

(2.) Every person who has attained the age of twenty-three years, and is certified as having had three years’ training as a nurse in a hospital, together with systematic instruction in theoretical and practical nursing from the medical officer and the matron of that hospital, and who passes an examination under this Act, is entitled to registration on payment of a fee of one pound.

(3.) Every person is entitled to registration, on payment of a fee of one pound, who holds a certificate from the medical officer or authorities of any hospital out of New Zealand recognised by the Minister under any regulations under this Act that the holder has received such training and passed such examination as would be required from New Zealand nurses under this Act.

(4.) All examinations under this Act shall be held by Examiners appointed under this Act.

5. No certificate given by the medical officer of any hospital shall entitle the holder thereof to registration unless it appears therein that such holder has attended a course of at least twelve lectures delivered in that hospital in each of the three years’ residence therein of the holder of the certificate.

Training necessary.
Ibid. sec. 6

6. When a nurse is duly registered she shall receive a certificate in the prescribed form, together with a badge bearing her name and the date of registration.

Certificate and
badge of registration.
Ibid. sec. 7

7. Every person who procures herself to be registered under this Act by means of any false or fraudulent representation, or by the production of any false certificate or testimonial, is liable to a fine of five pounds, and, on conviction, shall have her name erased from the register.

Fraudulent
registration.
Ibid. sec. 8

8. Any registered nurse who is convicted of an indictable offence shall have her name erased from the register by order of the Governor in Council, and any registered nurse who is proved to the satisfaction of the Registrar and any Magistrate to have been guilty of grave

Registration may
be cancelled for
misconduct.
Ibid. sec. 9

misconduct shall be liable to have her name erased from the register by order of the Governor in Council.

Application of fees,
&c.
1901, No. 12, sec. 10

9. All fees and fines received under this Act shall be paid into the Public Account and form part of the Consolidated Fund, and all expenses of administering this Act shall be paid out of moneys appropriated by Parliament for that purpose.

Recovery of fines.

10. All fines shall be recovered in a summary way under "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1908."

Appointment of
Examiners
Ibid, sec. 11

11. The Governor may from time to time—

(a.) Appoint fit persons to be Examiners under this Act, and fix the remuneration of such persons; and

Regulations.

(b.) Make such regulations as are necessary to carry this Act into effect.

Preference to be
given to registered
nurses.
Ibid, sec. 12

12. In all appointments of nurses in hospitals under the control of Boards constituted under "The Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1908," preference of employment in regard to future vacancies shall be given to registered nurses:

Provided that nothing herein shall be construed to interfere with the employment of probationer nurses in such institutions.

SCHEDULE.

ENACTMENTS CONSOLIDATED.

1901, No. 12.—"The Nurses Registration Act, 1901."