

Hon. Mr. Nordmeyer

NURSES AND MIDWIVES REGISTRATION
AMENDMENT

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to provide for the Training and Registration of Psychiatric Nurses, and to amend the Nurses and Midwives Registration Act, 1925. Title.

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

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Nurses and Midwives Registration Amendment Act, 1944, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Nurses and Midwives Registration Act, 1925 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act). Short Title. See Reprint of Statutes, Vol. V, p. 688

(2) Except as hereinafter provided, this Act shall come into force on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and forty-five. Commencement.

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Registration and Training of Psychiatric Nurses

Register of
Psychiatric
Nurses.

2. The Registrar shall keep in his office a Register of Psychiatric Nurses, in which shall be entered the names and addresses of all persons registered as psychiatric nurses in accordance with the provisions of this Act, together with such other particulars in relation thereto as may from time to time be prescribed. 5

Qualifications
of applicants
for registration
as psychiatric
nurses.

3. (1) Every person shall, on payment of the prescribed fee, be entitled to be registered under this Act as a psychiatric nurse who satisfies the Board,— 10

(a) In the case of an applicant qualified by examination and trained in New Zealand, that she has undergone the prescribed course of training in an approved training school for psychiatric nurses and has passed the examination for psychiatric nurses prescribed pursuant to this Act: 15

(b) In the case of an applicant qualified by examination and trained elsewhere than in New Zealand, that she is the holder of a certificate, recognized in accordance with regulations made for the purposes of this Act, which satisfies the Board that she has undergone a course of training and has passed an examination equivalent to the training and examination required in the case of psychiatric nurses trained in New Zealand: 20 25

(c) In the case of any other applicant, that she has before the commencement of this Act passed the examination prescribed and conducted by the Mental Hospitals Department and known as the Senior Examination for Mental Nurses. 30

(2) No person shall be registered as a psychiatric nurse under paragraph (c) of the *last preceding* subsection unless application for registration is made within two years after the termination of the present war. 35

(3) The Board may approve as a training school for psychiatric nurses any public institution within the meaning of the Mental Defectives Act, 1911. 40

See Reprint
of Statutes,
Vol. V, p. 743

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4. Sections eighteen, nineteen, twenty, twenty-one, twenty-two, and twenty-five of the principal Act, sections three and four of the Nurses and Midwives Registration Amendment Act, 1933, sections nine, ten, and
5 eleven of the Nurses and Midwives Registration Amendment Act, 1939, and section five of the Nurses and Midwives Registration Amendment Act, 1943, shall apply to or in respect of registered psychiatric nurses and persons applying for registration as psychiatric
10 nurses in the same manner as they apply to or in respect of nurses and other persons who are registered or apply for registration under the principal Act as nurses.

Application to psychiatric nurses of certain general provisions of principal Act.
1933, No. 9
1939, No. 20
1943, No. 11

5. Except with the approval of the Minister, given
15 on a recommendation made by the Nurses and Midwives Registration Board on special grounds to be specified in the recommendation, a Hospital Board shall not appoint any person to the staff of any institution under the control of the Hospital Board to carry out
20 the duties of a psychiatric nurse unless she is registered under this Act as a psychiatric nurse.

Hospital Boards to appoint psychiatric nurses.

6. Where any person who is registered as a psychiatric nurse in accordance with this Act applies for registration as a nurse under Part II of the principal
25 Act she shall be deemed to have satisfied the requirements of subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subsection one of section ten of the principal Act if she satisfies the Board that, since her registration as a psychiatric nurse, she has had an approved course of
30 training as a nurse extending over such period less than three years as may be prescribed by regulations under the principal Act.

Applicant for registration as a nurse to receive credit for training as a psychiatric nurse.

7. The authority to make regulations conferred on the Governor-General by section twenty-nine of the
35 principal Act is hereby extended to authorize the making of all such regulations as may be considered necessary or expedient for the purposes of the foregoing provisions of this Act, and, in particular, to authorize the making of regulations with respect
40 to the training, examination, and registration of psychiatric nurses.

Regulations.

8. Every person commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ten pounds who, not being registered as a psychiatric
45 nurse, describes herself as a registered psychiatric

Offences by unregistered persons.

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nurse or uses any other designation or description that might cause any person reasonably to believe that she is registered as a psychiatric nurse.

Miscellaneous

Director-General of Mental Hospitals to be member of Board.

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9. (1) Section four of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting in subsection two, after paragraph (a), the following paragraph:—

“(aa) The Director-General of Mental Hospitals under the Mental Defectives Act, 1911:”

(2) In the absence from any meeting of the Board of the Director-General of Mental Hospitals, he may authorize any registered medical practitioner being an officer of the Mental Hospitals Department to attend the meeting in his stead. While any person is attending any meeting of the Board pursuant to this subsection he shall be deemed for all purposes to be a member of the Board. The fact that any person so attends shall be sufficient evidence of his authority so to do.

(3) This section shall come into force on the passing of this Act.

Constitution of Board further amended.

10. (1) Section four of the principal Act is hereby further amended by repealing paragraph (d) of subsection two, and substituting the following paragraph:—

“(d) Four other persons, of whom one shall be a registered nurse, one shall be a registered midwife, and one shall be a registered psychiatric nurse, each appointed on the recommendation of the New Zealand Registered Nurses' Association or other association or society approved by the Minister for the purpose.”

(2) The persons holding office on the commencement of this Act as members of the Board by appointments made pursuant to the paragraph hereby repealed shall continue to hold office as if the appointments had originated pursuant to the paragraph hereby enacted.

Consequential repeal.

(3) Section five of the Nurses and Midwives Registration Amendment Act, 1930, is hereby amended by repealing paragraph (b) thereof.

Quorum of Board to be five.

11. Section seven of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the word “three” from subsection two, and substituting the word “five”.