



## THE NURSES REGULATIONS 1979, AMENDMENT NO. 1

KEITH HOLYOAKE, Governor-General

### ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government Buildings at Wellington this 14th day of April 1980

Present:

THE RIGHT HON. R. D. MULDOON PRESIDING IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to section 60 of the Nurses Act 1977, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

### REGULATIONS

**1. Title and commencement**—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Nurses Regulations 1979, Amendment No. 1, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Nurses Regulations 1979\* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

**2. Meaning of “student” amended**—Regulation 2 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by adding to the definition of the term “student” the following paragraph:

“(c) A person who has been accepted by the governing body of an institution specified in the Third Schedule to these regulations for the purpose of undertaking the prescribed course in relation to qualification as a midwife; and ‘midwifery student’ has a corresponding meaning.”

**3. Qualifications for comprehensive nurses**—The principal regulations are hereby amended by revoking regulation 3, and substituting the following regulation:

“3. (1) Except in a case to which any of subclauses (2) to (4) of this regulation applies, the qualifications prescribed for the purposes of section 17 (1) of the Act for registration as a comprehensive nurse shall be as follows:

“(a) The completion of a 3-year course in comprehensive nursing in the Nursing Department of an institution specified in the First Schedule to these regulations:

“Provided that any part of the course in comprehensive nursing may be reduced by such period as the governing body may determine from time to time:

“(b) A pass in the State Examination for comprehensive nurses comprising the theory and practice of medical, surgical, obstetric, psychopaedic, psychiatric, and community health nursing, with reference to the scientific basis of nursing, including the administration of safe, competent nursing care, and the legal and ethical responsibilities of the comprehensive nurse (3 written papers).

“(2) In the case of a person who is registered as a general nurse, the qualifications prescribed for the purposes of section 17 (1) of the Act for registration as a comprehensive nurse shall be as follows:

“(a) The completion of a course in obstetric nursing and either psychiatric nursing or psychopaedic nursing in the Nursing Department of an institution specified in the Ninth Schedule to these regulations:

“(b) A pass in the State Examination as follows:

“(i) The paper prescribed by paragraph (d) of regulation 13 (1) of these regulations:

“(ii) Either the paper prescribed by paragraph (b) or the paper prescribed by paragraph (c) of the said regulation 13 (1).

“(3) In the case of a person who is registered as a general and obstetric nurse, the qualifications prescribed for the purposes of section 17 (1) of the Act for registration as a comprehensive nurse shall be as follows:

“(a) The completion of a course in psychiatric nursing or psychopaedic nursing in the Nursing Department of an institution specified in the Ninth Schedule to these regulations:

“(b) A pass in the State Examination as follows:

“(i) The paper prescribed by paragraph (b) of regulation 13 (1) of these regulations; or

“(ii) The paper prescribed by paragraph (c) of the said regulation 13 (1).

“(4) In the case of a person who is registered as a psychiatric nurse or as a psychopaedic nurse, the qualifications for the purposes of section 17 (1) of the Act for registration as a comprehensive nurse shall be as follows:

“(a) The completion of a course in general and obstetric nursing in the Nursing Department of an institution specified in the Ninth Schedule to these regulations:

“(b) A pass in the State Examination prescribed by paragraph (a) of regulation 13 (1) of these regulations.”

**4. Minimum educational qualifications**—Regulation 8 (1) of the principal regulations is hereby amended by adding to paragraph (b) the word “; or”, and by adding the following paragraph:

“(c) Satisfies the governing body of an institution specified in the First Schedule to these regulations or the governing body of a school of nursing, as the case may require, that he has sat for

an examination outside New Zealand and has either passed in it or has attained in it a standard which, in the opinion of the Nursing Council, on the advice of the Department of Education, is equivalent to the standard required by paragraph (a) of this subclause."

**5. Certificates of satisfactory completion of course or nursing programme**—Regulation 12 (1) of the principal regulations is hereby amended by omitting the words ", at least 6 weeks before the State Examination,".

**6. Application to sit for State Examination**—Regulation 16 (2) of the principal regulations is hereby amended by omitting the words "has completed" in both places where they occur, and substituting in each case the words "is completing".

**7. Schedules**—(1) The principal regulations are hereby amended—

- (a) By omitting from the First Schedule the words "Christchurch Technical Institute", and substituting the words "Christchurch Polytechnic":
- (b) By omitting from the Third Schedule the words "Christchurch Technical Institute", and substituting the words "Christchurch Polytechnic":
- (c) By renumbering the Ninth Schedule as the Tenth Schedule, and by inserting before that Schedule, the new Ninth Schedule set out in the Schedule to these regulations.

(2) Regulation 28 of the principal regulations is hereby consequentially amended by omitting the word "Ninth", and substituting the word "Tenth".

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## SCHEDULE

Reg. 7 (1) (c)

### NEW NINTH SCHEDULE

Reg. 3 (2) (a), (3) (a), (4) (a)

#### "NINTH SCHEDULE

"INSTITUTIONS AT WHICH COURSES ARE CONDUCTED FOR PERSONS REGISTERED AS GENERAL NURSES, GENERAL AND OBSTETRIC NURSES, AND PSYCHIATRIC OR PSYCHOPAEDIC NURSES AND SEEKING REGISTRATION AS A COMPREHENSIVE NURSE

Nelson Polytechnic.  
Waikato Technical Institute."

P. G. MILLEN,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.*

These regulations are made pursuant to section 60 of the Nurses Act 1977, and amend the Nurses Regulations 1979.

*Regulation 1* relates to the Title and commencement.

*Regulation 2* amends the definition of the term "student" to include midwifery students.

*Regulation 3* prescribes the qualifications necessary for registered general nurses, registered general and obstetric nurses, registered psychiatric nurses, and registered psychopaedic nurses to become registered as comprehensive nurses.

*Regulation 4* provides for the recognition of equivalent overseas qualifications for admission to courses in nursing.

*Regulation 5* relaxes the requirement that the nursing schools must provide a personal report on each student at least 6 weeks before that student sits a State examination, by removing that deadline.

*Regulation 6* is of similar effect. It allows the report to be prepared while the student is still finishing his or her course, rather than waiting until the student has completed it.

*Regulation 7* amends the First and Third Schedules consequent upon the change of name of the Christchurch Technical Institute to the Christchurch Polytechnic. The new Ninth Schedule is necessary for the purposes of regulation 3.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Health.