



**THE NURSES REGULATIONS 1979, AMENDMENT NO. 7**

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DAVID BEATTIE, Governor-General

**ORDER IN COUNCIL**

At the Government House at Wellington this 16th day of September 1985

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to sections 51 (9) and 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.

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**REGULATIONS**

**1. Title and commencement**—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Nurses Regulations 1979, Amendment No. 7, 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 1st day of October 1985.

\*S.R. 1979/277

- Amendment No. 1: S.R. 1980/74
- Amendment No. 2: S.R. 1981/118
- Amendment No. 3: S.R. 1981/245
- Amendment No. 4: S.R. 1982/114
- Amendment No. 4: *(Revoked by S.R. 1983/69)*
- Amendment No. 5: S.R. 1983/69
- Amendment No. 6: S.R. 1984/127

**2. Courses and examinations for qualification as comprehensive nurse**—The principal regulations are hereby amended by revoking regulation 3 (as substituted by regulation 3 of the Nurses Regulations 1979, Amendment No. 1) and substituting the following regulation:

“3. (1) Except in a case to which any of subclauses (2) to (4) of this regulation applies, the course and examination prescribed for the purposes of section 17 (1) of the Act for registration as a comprehensive nurse are—

“(a) The completion of a course in comprehensive nursing in the Nursing Department of an institution specified in the First Schedule to these regulations of 3 years or such lesser period as the governing body of the institution may determine from time to time; and

“(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 and competent nursing care, and the legal and ethical responsibilities of the comprehensive nurse.

“(2) In the case of a person who is registered as a general nurse, the course and examination prescribed for the purposes of section 17 (1) of the Act for registration as a comprehensive nurse are—

“(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; and

“(b) A pass in—

“(i) The State Examination referred to in regulation 13 (2) of these regulations; and

“(ii) Either the State Examination referred to in regulation 13 (3) of these regulations or the State Examination referred to in regulation 13 (4) of these regulations.

“(3) In the case of a person who is registered as a general and obstetric nurse, the course and examination prescribed for the purposes of section 17 (1) of the Act for registration as a comprehensive nurse are—

“(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; and

“(b) A pass in—

“(i) The State Examination referred to in regulation 13 (3) of these regulations; or

“(ii) The State Examination referred to in regulation 13 (4) of these regulations.

“(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 are—

“(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; and

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

**3. State Examinations following nursing programmes**—(1) The principal regulations are hereby amended by revoking regulation 13, and substituting the following regulation:

"13. (1) The examination prescribed for the purposes of section 17 (2) of the Act for registration as a general and obstetric nurse is the State Examination for general and obstetric nursing, comprising the theory and practice of medical, surgical, and obstetric nursing, including the administration of safe and competent nursing care and the ethical and legal responsibilities of the general and obstetric nurse.

"(2) The examination prescribed for the purpose of section 17 (2) of the Act for registered general nurses seeking registration as general and obstetric nurses is the State Examination for general nurses seeking to become general and obstetric nurses, comprising the theory and practice of obstetric nursing, including the administration of safe and competent nursing care and the ethical and legal responsibilities of the general and obstetric nurse.

"(3) The examination prescribed for the purposes of section 17 (4) of the Act for registration as a psychiatric nurse is the State Examination for psychiatric nurses, comprising the theory and practice of psychiatric nursing, including the administration of safe and competent nursing care and the ethical and legal responsibilities of the psychiatric nurse.

"(4) The examination prescribed for the purposes of section 17 (5) of the Act for psychopaedic nurses is the State Examination for psychopaedic nurses, comprising the theory and practice of psychopaedic nursing, including the administration of safe and competent nursing care and the ethical and legal responsibilities of the psychopaedic nurse.

"(5) The examination prescribed for the purposes of section 17 (6) of the Act for enrolled nurses is the State Examination for enrolled nurses, comprising the elementary theory and practice of nursing, including the administration of safe and competent nursing care, under the direction of a registered nurse, and the ethical and legal responsibilities of the enrolled nurse.

"(6) The subjects of the examinations prescribed in subclauses (1) to (5) of this regulation shall cover the whole of the appropriate nursing programmes prescribed by these regulations, and specified in the Fourth Schedule, the Fifth Schedule, the Sixth Schedule, the Seventh Schedule, or the Eighth Schedule to these regulations, as the case may require."

(2) Regulation 14 of the principal regulations is hereby consequentially amended by omitting the expression "13 (1)", and substituting the expression "13".

**4. Applications for registration**—Regulation 22 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by revoking subclause (1), and substituting the following subclause:

"(1) Every application for registration or enrolment shall be on a form to be provided by the Council."

**5. Fees**—The principal regulations are hereby amended by revoking regulation 25 (as amended by regulation 2 of the Nurses Regulations 1979, Amendment No. 3), and substituting the following regulation:

"25. (1) The fee payable by a nursing student on application to sit any State Examination shall be,—

"(a) In respect of a student seeking to sit an examination to qualify as a registered general and obstetric nurse or registered comprehensive nurse, \$45:

"(b) In respect of a student seeking to sit an examination to qualify as a midwife, psychiatric nurse, psychopaedic nurse, or enrolled nurse, \$15.

“(2) The fee payable by a nursing student on application under section 17 of the Act for registration or enrolment shall be \$20, which shall include the issue of a certificate of registration or enrolment.

“(3) The fee payable by a person on application under section 18 of the Act for registration or enrolment shall be \$45 and a further fee of \$20, which shall include the issue of a certificate of registration or enrolment, shall be payable if the registration or enrolment is granted.

“(4) The fee for temporary registration or enrolment under section 31 (2) of the Act shall be \$20.

“(5) The fee for an application for the restoration of a name to the register or roll following its removal under Part IV of the Act shall be \$65, irrespective of the number of parts of the register affected.

“(6) The fee for supplying any document for the purpose of enabling a nurse to seek registration or enrolment overseas shall be \$10.

“(7) The fee for an annual practising certificate issued under section 51 (4) of the Act shall be \$10.

“(8) The fee for an annual practising certificate issued under section 51 (9) of the Act shall be \$20.

“(9) The fee for inspection of the register or roll shall be \$5.”

**6. Institutions at which course in comprehensive nursing is conducted**—The First Schedule to the principal regulations (as substituted by regulation 4 of the Nurses Regulations 1979, Amendment No. 5, and amended by regulation 2 of the Nurses Regulations 1979, Amendment No. 6) is hereby amended by adding the following items:

“Carrington Technical Institute.  
Porirua Community College.  
Waiariki Community College.”

**7. Institutions at which courses for persons holding certain registration and seeking registration as comprehensive nurses are conducted**—The principal regulations are hereby amended by revoking the Ninth Schedule (as inserted by regulation 7 (1) (c) of the Nurses Regulations 1979, Amendment No. 1), and substituting the Ninth Schedule set out in the Schedule to these regulations.

**8. Consequential revocations**—The following regulations are hereby consequentially revoked:

- (a) Regulations 3 and 7 (1) (c) of, and the Schedule to, the Nurses Regulations 1979, Amendment No. 1;
  - (b) The Nurses Regulations 1979, Amendment No. 3;
  - (c) Regulation 5 of the Nurses Regulations 1979, Amendment No. 5.
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## SCHEDULE

## NEW NINTH SCHEDULE TO PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS

## "NINTH SCHEDULE

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

*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*

Auckland Technical Institute.  
Christchurch Polytechnic.  
Manawatu Polytechnic.  
Nelson Polytechnic.  
Southland Community College.  
Waikato Technical Institute.  
Wellington Polytechnic."

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

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations, which come into force on 1 October 1985, amend the Nurses Regulations 1979 in relation to courses, examinations, and fees.

*Regulation 2* sets out the courses and examinations required to qualify for registration as a comprehensive nurse. The principal change is removal of the requirement that the State Examination for those who do not hold some other registration must comprise 3 papers.

*Regulation 3* substitutes a new regulation prescribing the examinations required for registration as a general and obstetric nurse, psychiatric nurse, psychopaedic nurse, or enrolled nurse. The principal changes are the exclusion of an examination for midwives who completed the nursing programme in midwifery in 1979 and omission of references to the examinations being written papers.

The effect of *regulation 4* is to remove the provision whereby an application to sit the State Examination is deemed to be an application for registration or enrolment by any successful candidate at the Examination.

*Regulation 5* prescribes fees payable for various matters. The changes are—

- (a) A fee of \$20 is payable for application under section 17 of the Act for registration or enrolment. This fee is in addition to the fee to apply to sit the State Examination, and not included in that fee as was previously the case;
- (b) The present fee of \$5 for an application under section 18 of the Act (which relates to applications for registration and enrolment by persons qualified overseas) is increased to \$45, and there is a further \$20 fee if registration or enrolment is granted;
- (c) The fee for restoration of a name to the register is increased from \$5 to \$65;
- (d) A new fee of \$10 for supplying a document for overseas registration or enrolment;
- (e) A new fee of \$20 for an annual practising certificate issued to any person who has not held a practising certificate in either of the 2 preceding years;
- (f) A new fee of \$5 for inspection of the register or roll.

*Regulation 6* adds Carrington Technical Institute, Porirua Community College, and Waiariki Community College to the list of institutions at which the course in comprehensive nursing is conducted.

*Regulation 7* substitutes a new list of institutions at which courses are conducted for persons registered as general nurses, general and obstetric nurses, psychiatric nurses, or psychopaedic nurses who wish to be registered as comprehensive nurses. The effect of the amendment is to include on the list of such institutions the Christchurch Polytechnic, Manawatu Polytechnic, Southland Community College, Waikato Technical Institute, and Wellington Polytechnic.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Health.