



## THE NURSES REGULATIONS 1986

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Administrator of the Government

### ORDER IN COUNCIL

At Wellington this 21st day of July 1986

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to sections 51 (9) and 60 of the Nurses Act 1977, His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, 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 1986.

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the 14th day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

**2. Interpretation**—In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—

“The Act” means the Nurses Act 1977:

“Accepted” means lawfully accepted:

“Chief Executive” means the Chief Executive of the Nursing Council:

“Nursing Council” means the Nursing Council of New Zealand:

“School”, when preceded by the expressions “general and obstetric nurses’”, “psychiatric nurses’”, “psychopaedic nurses’”, or “enrolled nurses’”, means an institution or group of institutions approved by the Nursing Council as, respectively, a school of nursing for general and obstetric nursing students, psychiatric nursing students, psychopaedic nursing students, or nursing students for enrolment:

“State Examination” means an examination prescribed by any provision of regulations 3, 4, and 16 of these regulations:

“Student” means—

(a) A person who has been accepted by the governing body of an institution specified in the First Schedule to these regulations for the purpose of undertaking the prescribed nursing course in relation to qualification as a comprehensive nurse; and “comprehensive nursing student” has a corresponding meaning:

(b) A person who has been accepted by the governing body of a school of nursing for the purpose of undertaking a nursing programme; and “general and obstetric nursing student”, “psychiatric nursing student”, “psychopaedic nursing student”, and “nursing student for enrolment”, mean, respectively, a person who has been so accepted for the purpose of undertaking the nursing programme prescribed in relation to qualification as a general and obstetric nurse, psychiatric nurse, psychopaedic nurse, or enrolled nurse:

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

**3. Nursing courses and examinations for qualification as comprehensive nurse**—(1) Except in a case to which any of subclauses (2) to (4) of this regulation applies, the nursing 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 nursing 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 Eighth Schedule to these regulations; and
  - (b) A pass in—
    - (i) The State Examination referred to in regulation 16 (2) of these regulations; and
    - (ii) Either the State Examination referred to in regulation 16 (3) of these regulations or the State Examination referred to in regulation 16 (4) of these regulations.
- (3) In the case of a person who is registered as a general and obstetric nurse, the nursing 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 Eighth Schedule to these regulations; and
  - (b) A pass in—
    - (i) The State Examination referred to in regulation 16 (3) of these regulations; or
    - (ii) The State Examination referred to in regulation 16 (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 Eighth Schedule to these regulations; and
  - (b) A pass in the State Examination referred to in regulation 16 (1) of these regulations.

**4. Qualifications for midwives**—The nursing course and examination prescribed for the purposes of section 17 (3) of the Act for registration as a midwife are—

- (a) The completion of the course in midwifery (of at least 6 months' duration) in the Nursing Department of an institution specified in the Second Schedule to these regulations; and

- (b) A pass in the State Examination for midwives, comprising the theory and practice of midwifery and obstetrics, and advanced knowledge of—
- (i) Relevant sciences; and
  - (ii) Health education; and
  - (iii) Research; and
  - (iv) Management principles; and
  - (v) Legal requirements,—

as they apply to hospital and community care of mothers, infants, and families.

**5. Nursing courses at technical institutions**—The governing body of every institution specified in the First Schedule or the Second Schedule or the Eighth Schedule to these regulations shall provide the Nursing Council with such information relating to nursing courses conducted by the institution as the Nursing Council may from time to time require.

**6. Approval of schools of nursing**—(1) Subject to the provisions of section 36 of the Act and of this regulation, the Nursing Council may from time to time approve any institution, or any group of 2 or more institutions under the control of any 1 governing body, as a general and obstetric nurses' school, a psychiatric nurses' school, a psychopaedic nurses' school, or an enrolled nurses' school.

(2) Any governing body may apply to the Nursing Council to have any institution or group of 2 or more institutions under its control approved as a school of nursing.

(3) Any application under subclause (2) of this regulation shall specify the names of the persons who will constitute the teaching staff of the proposed school of nursing.

(4) No institution or group of institutions shall be approved as a school of nursing unless—

- (a) The nominated head of the proposed school of nursing is registered under the Act; and
- (b) The said nominated head is approved by the Nursing Council for the purposes of these regulations; and
- (c) In the Nursing Council's opinion there can be provided at the proposed school of nursing the complete nursing programme required by these regulations.

**7. Revocation of approval**—The Nursing Council, subject to the concurrence of the Minister, may at any time revoke approval of a school of nursing, after giving to the governing body 3 months' notice in writing of its intention to do so, if—

- (a) The head of the school of nursing is no longer approved by the Nursing Council for the purposes of these regulations; or
- (b) Any person teaching at the school of nursing is not approved by the Nursing Council as a teacher for the purpose of these regulations; or
- (c) The nursing programme, or any part of the programme, has not been or is not being given to the satisfaction of the Nursing Council; or

- (d) In the opinion of the Nursing Council, any requirement of the Nursing Council imposed pursuant to the Act or these regulations has not been or is not being adequately complied with; or
- (e) In the opinion of the Nursing Council, the facilities available at the school of nursing are inadequate for the purposes of the school; or
- (f) In the opinion of the Nursing Council, the school of nursing is no longer required.

**8. Minimum educational qualifications**—(1) No person who is not a registered nurse shall be accepted by the governing body of an institution specified in the First Schedule to these regulations or by the governing body of a school of nursing, as the case may require, as a comprehensive nursing student, a general and obstetric nursing student, a psychiatric nursing student, or a psychopaedic nursing student, unless the person—

- (a) Has obtained in the examination for School Certificate (whether at 1 attempt or in the course of more than 1 attempt), not less than 30 percent of the total possible marks in English; and—
  - (i) Not less than 50 percent of the total possible marks in each of 3 subjects, and not less than 180 marks in the aggregate in respect of those 3 subjects and, if necessary, 1 further subject; or
  - (ii) Not less than 50 percent of the total possible marks in each of 2 subjects, and not less than 40 percent of the total possible marks in each of 2 further subjects; or
  - (iii) Not less than 225 marks in the aggregate in respect of any number of subjects, not exceeding 5:

Provided that for the purposes of subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph, Grade 7 in a sixth form certificate shall be deemed to be the equivalent of a 50 percent pass in a school certificate subject; or

- (b) Is an enrolled nurse, or has attained the age of 20, and satisfies the governing body of the institution specified in the First Schedule to these regulations or the governing body of the school of nursing, as the case may require, that the person is fit to undertake the course in comprehensive nursing or the nursing programme that the person seeks to pursue; or
- (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 the person has undertaken an educational course or programme and has either passed an examination or has attained a standard in an examination 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.

(2) Nothing in this regulation compels the governing body of an institution specified in the First Schedule to these regulations or the governing body of a school of nursing to accept any person as a student.

**9. Nursing programmes**—(1) The nursing programme required to be undertaken by a person seeking to be registered as a general and obstetric nurse, a psychiatric nurse, or a psychopaedic nurse, or seeking to be enrolled, shall be the appropriate programme specified in the Third

Schedule or the Fourth Schedule or the Fifth Schedule or the Sixth Schedule to these regulations, as the case may require.

(2) No person who is not registered as a comprehensive nurse or as a general and obstetric nurse shall be accepted as a midwifery student.

(3) The nursing programme for a registered general nurse seeking to be registered as a general and obstetric nurse shall be the programme specified in the Seventh Schedule to these regulations.

(4) For the purpose of giving effect to any nursing programme, the Nursing Council may, from time to time, with the approval of the Minister, issue details of such nursing programmes in such form as the Nursing Council thinks fit.

(5) The governing body of each school of nursing shall cause the nursing programmes, and such examinations as are required, to be conducted to the satisfaction of the Nursing Council, and shall furnish such material for the purposes of the programme as the Nursing Council may direct.

(6) All lectures and instructions in any school of nursing shall be delivered by persons approved by the Nursing Council, who shall be persons registered under the Act, medical practitioners, or other competent lecturers and instructors.

(7) The governing body of each school of nursing shall make available for the general use of nursing students such teaching facilities as the Nursing Council may from time to time require.

**10. Periods of nursing programmes**—The period of the nursing programme required to be undertaken by any person seeking to be registered as a general and obstetric nurse, a psychiatric nurse, a psychopaedic nurse, or seeking to be enrolled, shall be continuous and shall be as follows:

(a) In the case of a person seeking to be registered as a general and obstetric nurse,—

(i) If the person is not registered in any capacity, a period of not less than 3 years:

(ii) If the person is registered as a midwife or as an obstetric nurse, a period of not less than 2 years and 6 months:

(iii) If the person is registered as a psychiatric nurse or as a psychopaedic nurse, a period of not less than 2 years:

(iv) If the person is registered as a general nurse, a period of not less than 6 months:

(v) If the person is an enrolled nurse, a period of not less than 2 years and 9 months:

(b) In the case of a person seeking to be registered as a psychiatric nurse,—

(i) If the person is not registered in any capacity, a period of not less than 3 years:

(ii) If the person is registered as a general nurse, or as a general and obstetric nurse, or as a psychopaedic nurse, a period of not less than 2 years:

(iii) If the person is an enrolled nurse, a period of not less than 2 years and 9 months:

(c) In the case of a person seeking to be registered as a psychopaedic nurse,—

- (i) If the person is not registered in any capacity, a period of not less than 3 years:
- (ii) If the person is registered as a general nurse, or as a general and obstetric nurse, or as a psychiatric nurse, a period of not less than 2 years:
- (iii) If the person is an enrolled nurse, a period of not less than 2 years and 9 months:
- (d) In the case of a person seeking to be enrolled, a period of not less than 1 year.

### **11. Power to reduce period of nursing programme—**

Notwithstanding anything in regulation 10 of these regulations, the period of the nursing programme to be undertaken by any person seeking to be registered in any capacity, or to be enrolled, who—

- (a) Is registered in any other capacity under the Act; or
- (b) Has undertaken, in New Zealand or elsewhere, the whole or any part of any nursing programme—

may be reduced by such period as the Nursing Council may determine from time to time; and any such determination may relate generally to all such persons, or to any specified class of such persons, or to any such person as aforesaid.

**12. Special provisions in respect of holiday leave, sick leave, and other special leave—**(1) Subject to subclause (2) of this regulation, the nursing programme undertaken by any nursing student, other than an obstetric nursing student, shall, for the purposes of regulation 10 of these regulations, be deemed to be continuous notwithstanding any lawful absence of the student on holiday or sick leave or on other special leave.

(2) For the purposes of regulation 10 of these regulations, any nursing programme referred to in subclause (1) of this regulation shall be deemed to be continuous in respect of leave other than holiday leave only if—

- (a) During the whole of the period of the nursing programme the periods of any such absence do not exceed in the aggregate—
  - (i) Six months, exclusive of any period of sick leave that continues for less than 6 months, in the case of a general and obstetric nursing student, a psychiatric nursing student, or a psychopaedic nursing student; or
  - (ii) One month, exclusive of any period of sick leave that continues for less than 1 month, in the case of a person seeking enrolment; and

(b) The period of the nursing programme actually undertaken by the student, after deduction of the total of the periods of any such absence, is not less than the prescribed period.

(3) For the purposes of these regulations, a nursing student shall be deemed to be undertaking a nursing programme during—

- (a) Any period in which the student is absent on holiday leave or on other special leave:
- (b) Any period or periods totalling not more than 10 days for each year of the programme in which the student is lawfully absent on sick leave.

**13. Resumption and completion of nursing programme—**Notwithstanding anything in regulation 10 of these regulations, any person who has begun but ceased to pursue continuously a prescribed nursing programme may, subject to such conditions (if any) as the Nursing Council thinks fit to impose, be allowed by the Nursing Council to resume and complete the nursing programme.

**14. Place where nursing programme to be undertaken—**(1) The nursing programme shall be undertaken in a school of nursing approved by the Nursing Council for the purpose.

(2) Notwithstanding anything in subclause (1) of this regulation, any person seeking to complete a nursing programme in more than 1 school of nursing may, subject to such conditions (if any) as the Nursing Council thinks fit to impose, be allowed by the Nursing Council to complete the nursing programme in 1 or more other schools of nursing as the Nursing Council may decide.

(3) Any permission granted by the Nursing Council under subclause (2) of this regulation may be expressed to apply in relation to nursing students generally, or in relation to any particular class of nursing student, or in relation to any particular nursing student.

(4) Without prejudice to the right of the Nursing Council to impose conditions under subclause (2) of this regulation, the occurrence of an interval of time while the nursing student is transferring from 1 school of nursing to another school of nursing shall not by itself be deemed to break the continuity of the nursing programme.

**15. Certificates of satisfactory completion of nursing course or nursing programme—**(1) The governing body of every institution specified in the First Schedule or the Second Schedule or the Eighth Schedule to these regulations, and the governing body of every school of nursing, shall, at the expiration of the period of the nursing course or nursing programme, as the case may require, assess the competence of every nursing student on the basis of the student's performance as shown throughout the nursing course or the nursing programme, as the case may require, and shall send to the Nursing Council in respect of every nursing student whose performance is adequate a certificate of satisfactory completion of the nursing course or the nursing programme.

(2) The governing body of an institution specified in the First Schedule or the Second Schedule or the Eighth Schedule to these regulations, and the governing body of a school of nursing, shall take into consideration the performance of each student throughout the nursing course or the nursing programme, and may conduct such tests as it thinks fit for the purpose of the evaluation required by subclause (1) of this regulation.

**16. State Examinations following nursing programmes—**(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 purposes 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 Third Schedule, the Fourth Schedule, the Fifth Schedule, the Sixth Schedule, or the Seventh Schedule to these regulations, as the case may require.

**17. Time and place of State Examinations**—The examinations referred to in regulations 3, 4, and 16 of these regulations shall be held at such times and at such places as the Nursing Council from time to time determines.

**18. When State Examinations to be undertaken**—(1) Subject to subclause (4) of this regulation, nursing students shall sit for the examination at the first opportunity after completion of the course in comprehensive nursing referred to in regulation 3 of these regulations, or the appropriate nursing programme, as the case may require.

(2) Notwithstanding anything in subclause (1) of this regulation, on special application the Nursing Council may, if it thinks fit, permit any person who is otherwise eligible but who—

(a) Has yet to complete the period of the course in comprehensive nursing or the nursing programme; or

(b) Has completed the period of the course in comprehensive nursing or the nursing programme but has not undertaken the full course in comprehensive nursing or the nursing programme,—

to sit for any such examination; but nothing in this regulation shall be construed as permitting that person to dispense with completing the said period, or completing the full course in comprehensive nursing or the nursing programme, before being registered or enrolled.

(3) Notwithstanding anything in these regulations, the Nursing Council may permit any student to sit for any State Examination at some specified

place other than the place fixed pursuant to regulation 17 of these regulations.

(4) Any nursing student who fails to sit for, or fails to complete, a State Examination on account of sickness, or for some other reason held by the Nursing Council to be sufficient, or who sits for and fails to pass the examination, may, subject to subclause (5) of this regulation, sit for the examination at the next opportunity, or, with the approval of the Nursing Council and subject to such conditions (if any) as the Nursing Council thinks fit to impose, at a later date.

(5) No nursing student may sit for any particular State Examination on more than 3 occasions.

**19. Application to sit for State Examination**—(1) Every nursing student intending to be a candidate for a State Examination shall make application therefor to the Nursing Council through the governing body of an institution specified in the First Schedule or the Second Schedule or the Eighth Schedule to these regulations, or through the head of the student's school of nursing, as the case may require, on a form to be provided by the Nursing Council, and forwarded so as to be received by the Nursing Council at least 6 weeks before the State Examination.

(2) There shall be tendered with the application a confidential report, on a form to be provided by the Nursing Council, by the head of the Nursing Department in any institution specified in the First Schedule or the Second Schedule or the Eighth Schedule to these regulations at which the nursing student is completing a nursing course, or by the head of the school of nursing at which the nursing student is completing a nursing programme, as the case may require.

(3) The Nursing Council may in its discretion refuse to permit the nursing student to sit for the examination until it is satisfied that the student is of good character and reputation and a fit and proper person to be registered in the class for which the examination is held or to be enrolled.

**20. Notification of State Examinations**—(1) Notice of the date of every State Examination shall be given by the Nursing Council to the governing body of every institution specified in the First Schedule or the Second Schedule or the Eighth Schedule to these regulations, and to the head of every school of nursing affected, not later than 3 months before the date fixed for the commencement of the examination.

(2) The governing body of every institution specified in the First Schedule or the Second Schedule or the Eighth Schedule to these regulations and the head of every school of nursing shall, at least 9 weeks before the date of the commencement of the examination, supply to the Nursing Council a list of names of the nursing students in the institution or school who intend to sit for the examination or, if the case so requires, notify the Nursing Council that no persons in the institution or school intend to sit.

(3) Notice of the place of every State Examination shall be given by the Nursing Council to the governing body of every institution specified in the First Schedule or the Second Schedule or the Eighth Schedule to these regulations, and to the head of every school of nursing affected, not later than 1 week before the date of the examination.

(4) It shall be the duty of the governing body of every institution specified in the First Schedule or the Second Schedule or the Eighth Schedule to these regulations, and of every head of a school of nursing, to notify all the

candidates in the institution or the school of nursing of the date and place of the examination.

**21. Exemptions from specified subjects**—Notwithstanding anything in these regulations, the Nursing Council may, if it thinks fit, exempt any student from undertaking, in any nursing programme or nursing course, any specified subject, and from sitting for any State Examination in that subject, and credit that person with a pass in that subject, if the Nursing Council is satisfied—

- (a) That the student has been credited with a pass in that subject in any other examination conducted by the Nursing Council or by any other examining body recognised by the Nursing Council for the purposes of this regulation; and
- (b) That the course of training and instruction, and the examination, relating to that subject are recognised by the Nursing Council as being equivalent to the material nursing programme or nursing course and examination under these regulations.

**22. Effect of non-conformity with regulations**—If any person is credited with passing any State Examination after having presented himself or herself therefor otherwise than in conformity with the provisions of these regulations, the fact that the person is so credited shall not be deemed to satisfy the Nursing Council that the person has passed that examination pursuant to the Act.

**23. Notifications to the Nursing Council from schools of nursing**—(1) The head of every school of nursing shall furnish to the Nursing Council such reports on the staff concerned with the education of nursing students under these regulations, particulars of the clinical experience and educational facilities available, and the students, as the Nursing Council may from time to time require.

(2) The head of every school of nursing shall from time to time, immediately upon any change in the position of head of the school, or in the staff concerned with the teaching of nursing students, notify the particulars of such change to the Nursing Council.

**24. Registration or enrolment**—(1) Every application for registration or enrolment shall be on a form to be provided by the Nursing Council.

(2) Every applicant for registration or enrolment shall furnish evidence sufficient to satisfy the Nursing Council that the applicant is of good character and reputation, and is a fit and proper person to be registered or enrolled in accordance with the application.

(3) Every person applying for registration or enrolment by virtue of having undergone a course or programme of nursing education and passed an examination elsewhere than in New Zealand shall supply the Nursing Council with satisfactory proof of the person's identity, and shall furnish such evidence as the Nursing Council may require of the nature of the education undertaken, the clinical experience acquired, and the examinations passed outside New Zealand.

(4) Every certificate of registration or enrolment shall be in such form as the Nursing Council may from time to time determine.

**25. Form of register and roll**—(1) There shall be entered in the appropriate part of the register, or on the roll, the following particulars in respect of every person registered or enrolled:

- (a) Registration number or enrolment number:
- (b) The date when registration or enrolment was directed:
- (c) Name in full:
- (d) Where the nursing course or nursing programme was undertaken:
- (e) Other qualifications:
- (f) Such other particulars as the Nursing Council may require.

(2) The register or roll shall be kept in such form and in such manner as the Nursing Council may from time to time determine.

(3) Any failure to comply with the requirements of the Nursing Council relating to the form and manner of keeping the register or roll shall not affect the validity of the register or roll.

**26. Administration**—(1) This regulation shall be read subject to any provision of the Act requiring a decision of the Nursing Council to be recorded under the hand of the Chairman or other specified person, or requiring any document to be sent by registered post.

(2) The fact that any person is described in any document as Registrar or Chief Executive, or signs any document as Registrar or Chief Executive, shall be sufficient evidence, until the contrary is proved, that that person is the Registrar or the Chief Executive, as the case may require, for the time being, and that that person has been duly appointed to that office.

(3) The determination of the Nursing Council on any matter within its jurisdiction under the Act or these regulations shall be sufficiently authenticated if set out in writing signed by the Registrar or the Chief Executive.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in these regulations, any notice to be given by the Nursing Council under these regulations shall be sufficient if given in writing, signed by the Registrar or the Chief Executive, and sent by ordinary prepaid letter post to the addressee at the addressee's last known address, and when so given shall be deemed to have been given at the time when in the ordinary course of post it would be delivered at that address.

(5) Every notice required to be served on any person in respect of the exercise of the disciplinary powers of the Nursing Council under Part IV, or in respect of the disability provisions under section 32, of the Act shall be served by posting it by registered letter addressed to that person at that person's last known address in New Zealand. A notice so posted shall be deemed to have been served at the time when the registered letter would in the ordinary course of post be delivered; and, in proving service, it shall be sufficient to prove that the letter was properly addressed and posted.

(6) Where the Nursing Council, in respect of any person, makes a decision from which that person has a right of appeal under the Act, the Registrar shall forthwith inform that person of the Nursing Council's decision.

**27. Fees**—(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 \$13.

(8) The fee for an annual practising certificate issued under section 51 (9) of the Act shall be \$26.

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

**28. Nurse inspectors**—The Nursing Council may appoint nurse inspectors whose function shall be to inspect schools of nursing and report to the Nursing Council on the content of the nursing programmes there offered and the facilities there available.

**29. Revocations**—The regulations specified in the Ninth Schedule to these regulations are hereby revoked.

**30. Savings**—(1) In the case of any person who was a candidate for a State Examination before the date of the commencement of these regulations, regulation 18 (1) of the Nurses Regulations 1979 (which relates to partial passes) shall, in relation to that State Examination, continue in force and have effect as if the Nurses Regulations 1979 had not been revoked by regulation 29 of these regulations.

(2) Notwithstanding the revocation of the Nurses Regulations 1979 by regulation 29 of these regulations, in the case of any person who is a nursing student at the date of the commencement of these regulations, regulation 18 (2) and (3) of the Nurses Regulations 1979 (which relates to repetitions of examinations) shall continue in force and shall apply until the earlier of—

(a) The date upon which that person ceases to undertake a nursing course prescribed by regulation 3 or regulation 4 of these regulations or a nursing programme prescribed by regulation 9 of these regulations for which that person had been accepted at the date of commencement of these regulations;

(b) The 31st day of March 1991.

## SCHEDULES

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Reg. 3

### FIRST SCHEDULE

INSTITUTIONS AT WHICH THE COURSE IN COMPREHENSIVE NURSING IS  
CONDUCTED

Auckland Technical Institute.  
 Carrington Technical Institute.  
 Christchurch Polytechnic.  
 Hawke's Bay Community College.  
 Manawatu Polytechnic.  
 Manukau Technical Institute.  
 Nelson Polytechnic.  
 Northland Community College.  
 Otago Polytechnic.  
 Parumoana Community College.  
 Southland Community College.  
 Taranaki Polytechnic.  
 Waikato Technical Institute.  
 Waiariki Community College.  
 Wellington Polytechnic.

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### SECOND SCHEDULE

INSTITUTIONS AT WHICH THE COURSE IN MIDWIFERY IS CONDUCTED

Auckland Technical Institute.  
 Christchurch Polytechnic.  
 Waikato Technical Institute.  
 Wellington Polytechnic.

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Reg. 9(1)

### THIRD SCHEDULE

NURSING PROGRAMME FOR GENERAL AND OBSTETRIC NURSES

*Sciences basic to nursing*

Behavioural.  
 Biological.  
 Medical.  
 Physical.  
 Social.

*Nursing experience and studies*

With

individuals in growth and development  
 families at all stages of the life cycle  
 population susceptible to health problems

THIRD SCHEDULE—*continued*

In

health promotion, which includes  
 assistance in disease prevention  
 care of the sick

Which will develop the skills, abilities, and attitudes necessary for  
 identification of problems and potential problems  
 verbal and written communication  
 initiation and evaluation of nursing action  
 maintenance of continuity of care  
 exercise of ethical and professional judgment and accountability

## FOURTH SCHEDULE

Reg. 9 (1)

## NURSING PROGRAMME FOR PSYCHIATRIC NURSES

*Sciences basic to nursing*

Behavioural.  
 Biological.  
 Medical.  
 Physical.  
 Social.

*Nursing experience and studies*

With

individuals in growth and development  
 families at all stages of the life cycle  
 population susceptible to health problems

In

health promotion where mental health is a significant problem. This  
 includes  
 assistance in disease prevention  
 care of the sick

Which will develop the skills, abilities, and attitudes necessary for  
 identification of problems and potential problems  
 verbal and written communication  
 initiation and evaluation of nursing action  
 maintenance of continuity of care  
 exercise of ethical and professional judgment and accountability

## FIFTH SCHEDULE

Reg. 9 (1)

## NURSING PROGRAMME FOR PSYCHOPAEDIC NURSES

*Sciences basic to nursing*

Behavioural.  
 Biological.  
 Medical.

FIFTH SCHEDULE—*continued*

Physical.

Social.

*Nursing experience and studies*

With

individuals in growth and development  
families at all stages of the life cycle  
population susceptible to health problems

In

health promotion where intellectual handicap is a significant problem.  
This includes

assistance in disease prevention  
care of the sick

Which will develop the skills, abilities, and attitudes necessary for  
identification of problems and potential problems  
verbal and written communication  
initiation and evaluation of nursing action  
maintenance of continuity of care  
exercise of ethical and professional judgment and accountability

Reg. 9 (1)

## SIXTH SCHEDULE

## NURSING PROGRAMME FOR ENROLLED NURSES

*Theoretical Content*

Basic principles from the following sciences applied to nursing

Behavioural.

Biological.

Medical.

Physical.

Social.

Nursing studies at a basic level.

*Nursing experience* (in situations that do not call for complex nursing judgment)

With

individuals in growth and development  
families at all stages of the life cycle

In

health promotion, which includes  
assistance in disease prevention  
care of the sick

Which will develop the skills, abilities, and attitudes necessary for  
identification of problems  
verbal and written communication  
the giving of nursing care under the direction and supervision of a  
registered nurse or medical practitioner



## SEVENTH SCHEDULE

Reg. 9 (3)

NURSING PROGRAMME FOR REGISTERED GENERAL NURSES SEEKING  
REGISTRATION AS GENERAL AND OBSTETRIC NURSES*Sciences basic to nursing*

Anatomy and physiology.

Nursing studies.

Nutrition.

Pharmacology.

Microbiology.

The principles and practice of obstetrical nursing during normal pregnancy, labour, and the puerperium.

*Clinical Experience*

Examination of antenatal patients.

Preparation of patients for labour.

Assistance at labour.

Nursing of puerperal patients.

Nursing of infants.

## EIGHTH SCHEDULE      Regs. 3 (2) (a), 3 (3) (a), 3 (4) (a)

INSTITUTIONS AT WHICH NURSING 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.

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NINTH SCHEDULE  
REGULATIONS REVOKED

Title	Serial Number
The Nurses Regulations 1979 . . . . .	1979/277
The Nurses Regulations 1979, Amendment No. 1	1980/74
The Nurses Regulations 1979, Amendment No. 2	1981/118
The Nurses Regulations 1979, Amendment No. 5	1983/69
The Nurses Regulations 1979, Amendment No. 6	1984/127
The Nurses Regulations 1979, Amendment No. 7	1985/239
The Nurses Regulations 1979, Amendment No. 8	1986/4

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 consolidate and amend the Nurses Regulations 1979.

The principal changes are as follows:

*Regulation 4* provides that every student seeking registration as a midwife must complete a nursing course of at least 6 months duration in a technical institute specified in the Second Schedule to these regulations and must pass the State Examination for midwives. It is no longer possible for a student to complete a midwifery programme at a school of nursing.

*Regulation 8 (1) (c)* of the Nurses Regulations 1979 provided that overseas students could be credited with qualifications obtained overseas which were "equivalent" to those required for New Zealand nursing students. *Regulation 8 (1) (c)* of these regulations extends this provision to all students who have undertaken educational courses or programmes and who have passed an examination or achieved a standard in an examination equivalent to the standard required by *regulation 8 (1) (a)* of these regulations.

*Regulation 18 (5)* provides that no nursing student may sit for any particular State Examination on more than 3 occasions. This replaces *regulation 18 (2) and (3)* of the Nurses Regulations 1979 which gave the Nursing Council power to prescribe the number of occasions, being not less than 3, on which any person could sit for a particular examination or subject, and to waive the restriction in any case where hardship would be caused to a particular student if that student was not permitted to sit for the examination or subject on a further occasion. Savings provisions in respect of existing students are set out in *regulation 30*.

*Regulation 18 (1)* of the Nurses Regulations 1979, which provided that where a State Examination comprised more than 1 paper, a candidate could be granted a partial pass if the candidate passed 1 or more papers, has also been revoked. Savings provisions in respect of existing students are set out in *regulation 30*.

*Regulation 21* provides that the Nursing Council may exempt any student from undertaking a particular subject in any nursing course at a technical institute or in any nursing programme at a school of nursing, or from sitting for any State Examination in that subject, where the Nursing Council is satisfied as to various matters set out in the regulation, including, as one alternative, that the student has been credited with a pass in that subject in any other examination conducted by the Nursing Council. Under the Nurses Regulations 1979 only students on nursing programmes could be so exempted.

*Regulation 30* is a savings provision which—

- (a) Protects the interests of nursing students who have obtained partial passes in State Examinations held before the date on which these regulations come into force;
- (b) Provides that, in the case of persons who are nursing students at the date on which these regulations come into force, regulation 18 (2) and (3) of the Nurses Regulations 1979 (which relates to repetitions of examinations) will continue to apply until the earlier of the dates specified in regulation 30.

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