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## THE NURSES REGISTRATION REGULATIONS 1966

BERNARD FERGUSSON, Governor-General

### ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government Buildings at Wellington this 9th day of May 1966

Present:

THE RIGHT HON. KEITH HOLYOAKE, C.H., PRESIDING IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Nurses and Midwives Act 1945, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

### REGULATIONS

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Nurses Registration Regulations 1966.

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

2. (1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—

“The Act” means the Nurses and Midwives Act 1945:

“Board” means the Nurses and Midwives Board:

“Community nurses’ training school” means a hospital or group of two or more hospitals for the time being approved by the Board as a training school for community nurses:

“Governing body” means the governing body of any hospital or institution to which section 24 of the Act applies; and includes the licensee of any private hospital, and the controlling authority of any private charitable institution:

“Grade A training school” means a hospital or group of two or more hospitals, or an institution, for the time being approved by the Board as a training school in which a complete course of training may be given:

“Grade B training school” means a hospital or group of two or more hospitals, or an institution, for the time being approved by the Board as a training school in which there may be given such limited period of training as may be determined by the Board:

“Male nurses’ training school” means a Grade A training school, or a Grade B training school, for male nurses:

“Maternity nurses’ training school” means a hospital or group of two or more hospitals for the time being approved by the Board as a training school for maternity nurses, but not for midwives:

“Matron” means the person in charge of training at a training school:

“Midwifery training school” means a hospital for the time being approved by the Board as a training school for midwives, or for midwives and maternity nurses:

“Nurses’ training school” means a Grade A training school, or a Grade B training school, for nurses:

“Nursing aid training school” means a hospital or group of two or more hospitals for the time being approved by the Board as a training school for nursing aids:

“Psychiatric nurses’ training school” means a Grade A training school, or a Grade B training school, for psychiatric nurses:

“Psychopaedic nurses’ training school” means a hospital or group of two or more hospitals for the time being approved by the Board as a training school for psychopaedic nurses:

“Secretary” means the Secretary to the Board:

“Student community nurse” means a woman who has been accepted by the governing body of a community nurses’ training school for training to qualify as a community nurse:

“Student male nurse” means a man who has been accepted by the governing body of a male nurses’ training school for training to qualify as a male nurse:

“Student maternity nurse” means a woman who has been accepted by the governing body of a midwifery training school, or of a maternity nurses’ training school, for training to qualify as a maternity nurse:

“Student midwife” means a woman who has been accepted by the governing body of a midwifery training school for training to qualify as a midwife:

“Student nurse” means a woman who has been accepted by the governing body of a nurses’ training school for training to qualify as a nurse:

“Student nursing aid” means a woman who has been accepted by the governing body of a nursing aid training school for training to qualify as a nursing aid:

“Student psychiatric nurse” means a person of either sex who has been accepted by the governing body of a psychiatric nurses’ training school for training to qualify as a psychiatric nurse:

“Student psychopaedic nurse” means a person of either sex who has been accepted by the governing body of a psychopaedic nurses’ training school for training to qualify as a psychopaedic nurse:

“Training” includes both theoretical and clinical instruction for the purposes of these regulations:

“Training school” means a hospital or group of two or more hospitals, or an institution, where persons may undergo training for the purposes of these regulations.

(2) For the purposes of subclause (1) of this regulation, “accepted” means lawfully accepted.

## PART I—TRAINING, EXAMINATION, AND REGISTRATION

*Approval of Training Schools*

3. (1) Subject to the provisions of section 24 of the Act and of this regulation, the Board may, in its absolute discretion, from time to time approve—

- (a) Any hospital, or any group of two or more hospitals under the control of any one governing body, as a nurses' training school, a male nurses' training school, a maternity nurses' training school, a nursing aid training school, or a community nurses' training school:
  - (b) Any public institution within the meaning of the Mental Health Act 1911 as a psychiatric nurses' training school, or as a psychopaedic nurses' training school:
  - (c) Any hospital as a midwifery training school, or as a midwifery training school and a maternity nurses' training school.
- (2) No hospital shall be approved as both a nurses' training school and a nursing aid training school.
- (3) Any approval given pursuant to subclause (1) of this regulation shall declare the hospital or institution, or the group of hospitals, to be a Grade A training school, or a Grade B training school, as the case may require.
- (4) Any governing body may apply to the Board, through the Secretary, to have any hospital or group of two or more hospitals, or any institution, approved as a training school pursuant to this regulation.
- (5) Any application under subclause (4) of this regulation shall specify the names of the persons who will constitute the teaching staff of the training school to which the application relates.
- (6) No training school shall be approved by the Board unless—
- (a) The matron of every hospital or institution in the training school, or, in the case of a midwifery training school or a maternity nurses' training school, the sister in charge, is registered under the Act in accordance with subclause (7) of this regulation; and
  - (b) Every such matron or sister in charge, as the case may require, is approved by the Board for the purposes of these regulations; and
  - (c) In the Board's opinion, there can be given at the training school the complete course of training and instruction required by these regulations or, in the case of a Grade B training school, such limited training as the Board may determine.
- (7) For the purposes of paragraph (a) of subclause (6) of this regulation, every such matron or sister in charge, as the case may require, shall be registered—
- (a) In the case of a nurses' training school, a male nurses' training school, a nursing aid training school, or a community nurses' training school, as a nurse and as a midwife, or as a nurse and as a maternity nurse:
  - (b) In the case of a psychiatric nurses' training school, as a nurse and as a psychiatric nurse:
  - (c) In the case of a psychopaedic nurses' training school, as a nurse and as a psychiatric nurse, or as a nurse and as a psychopaedic nurse:

- (d) In the case of a midwifery training school or a maternity nurses' training school, as a nurse and as a midwife.

4. Subject to the provisions of section 24 (7) of the Act, the Board may at any time revoke its approval of any training school, after giving to the governing body three months' notice in writing of its intention to do so, if—

- (a) The matron, or, in the case of a midwifery training school or a maternity nurses' training school, the sister in charge, of any hospital or institution in the training school is not registered in accordance with subclause (7) of regulation 3 hereof; or
- (b) At any such hospital or institution there is no longer a matron, or, in the case of a midwifery training school or a maternity nurses' training school, a sister in charge, approved by the Board for the purposes of these regulations; or
- (c) Any person teaching at the training school is not approved by the Board as a teacher for the purposes of these regulations; or
- (d) The course of training and instruction, or any portion of it, has not been or is not being given to the Board's satisfaction; or
- (e) In the opinion of the Board, any requirement of the Board imposed pursuant to the Act or these regulations has not been adequately complied with; or
- (f) In the opinion of the Board, the training school is no longer required.

#### *Educational Qualifications*

5. (1) No person shall, after the 1st day of December 1966, be accepted by the governing body of a male nurses' training school or of a nurses' training school as a student male nurse or as a student nurse, unless he or she—

- (a) Holds a School Certificate awarded under the Education (Post-primary Instruction) Regulations 1954\*; or
- (b) Has sat for the examination for the said School Certificate and has obtained—
  - (i) Not less than 50 per cent of the total possible marks in the aggregate for English and three other subjects; and
  - (ii) Not less than 45 per cent of the total possible marks in English and not less than 30 per cent of the total possible marks in each of any two of the following subjects, that is to say, any subject (except technical drawing and applied mechanics or mechanics) which is also a subject in the University Entrance Examination within the meaning of the Universities Act 1961, general science, general agriculture, and human biology; or
- (c) Satisfies the Board that he or she has passed, either in New Zealand or elsewhere, an examination which, in the opinion of the Board, is equivalent to the examination for the said School Certificate, or has attained in any such examination a standard which, in the opinion of the Board, is equivalent to the standard required by paragraph (b) of this subclause; or

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- (d) Being already registered under the Act in any other capacity, and having been admitted, or being eligible, whether by virtue of age, academic qualification, or otherwise, for admission, either absolutely or conditionally, to a university in New Zealand, has passed an educational test set by the Board.

(2) In determining whether a person has passed an examination equivalent to the examination for the said School Certificate, or has attained in any such examination a standard which, in the opinion of the Board, is equivalent to the standard required by paragraph (b) of subclause (1) of this regulation, the Board may take into consideration any two or more examinations, including any State examination prescribed under the Act and any educational test set by the Board, as if they constituted one examination, notwithstanding that the examinations were passed on different occasions or at different places.

(3) Nothing in subclause (1) or subclause (2) of this regulation shall compel the Board to set an educational test, or to examine any particular person or class of persons, or to set the same test for every person or class of persons examined on the same occasion.

(4) Nothing in this regulation shall compel the governing body of a male nurses' training school or of a nurses' training school to accept any person as a student male nurse or as a student nurse.

#### *Period of Training*

6. (1) The period of training required to be undergone by any person seeking to be registered under Part II of the Act shall be continuous and shall be as follows:

- (a) In the case of a woman seeking to be registered as a nurse—
- (i) If she has not previously been registered in any other capacity under the Act, a period of not less than three years:
  - (ii) If she has previously been registered under the Act as a midwife, or as a maternity nurse, or as a nursing aid, a period of not less than two years and six months:
  - (iii) If she has previously been registered under the Act as a psychiatric nurse or as a psychopaedic nurse, a period of not less than two years:
- (b) In the case of a man seeking to be registered as a male nurse—
- (i) If he has not previously been registered under the Act as a psychiatric nurse or as a psychopaedic nurse, a period of not less than three years:
  - (ii) If he has previously been registered under the Act as a psychiatric nurse or as a psychopaedic nurse, a period of not less than two years:
- (c) In the case of a person seeking to be registered as a psychiatric nurse—
- (i) If he or she has not previously been registered under the Act as a male nurse or as a nurse or as a psychopaedic nurse, a period of not less than three years:
  - (ii) If he or she has previously been registered under the Act as a male nurse or as a nurse or as a psychopaedic nurse, a period of not less than two years:

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

(i) If he or she has not previously been registered under the Act as a male nurse or as a nurse or as a psychiatric nurse, a period of not less than three years:

(ii) If he or she has previously been registered as a male nurse or as a nurse or as a psychiatric nurse, a period of not less than two years:

Provided that, if any question arises in any particular case or class of cases, as to the date, being a date subsequent to the 7th day of October 1960, on which a person commenced his or her training as a psychopaedic nurse, that question shall be decided by the Board:

(e) In the case of a woman seeking to be registered as a nursing aid, a period of not less than one year and six months:

(f) In the case of a woman seeking to be registered as a community nurse, a period of not less than one year and six months:

Provided that the Board may direct, either generally or in relation to any particular case or class of cases, that the training of a student community nurse shall be deemed to have begun on such date before the commencement of these regulations as the Board may specify or describe:

(g) In the case of a woman seeking to be registered as a maternity nurse—

(i) If she has not previously been registered under the Act as a nurse, a period of not less than one year and six months:

(ii) If she has previously been registered under the Act as a nurse after a course of training and examination not including maternity nursing, a period of not less than six months:

(h) In the case of a registered maternity nurse seeking to be registered as a midwife, a period of not less than six months.

(2) Notwithstanding anything in this regulation, the period of training of any person seeking to be registered in any capacity under the Act who—

(a) Is registered in any other capacity under the Act; or

(b) Has undergone in New Zealand, or elsewhere than in New Zealand, the whole or any part of any period or course of training or instruction—

may be reduced by such period as the Board 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.

(3) For the purposes of this regulation, the period of training undergone by any student, who is not a registered nurse or a student midwife, shall be deemed to be continuous notwithstanding any lawful absence of the student on holiday or sick leave or on other leave:

Provided that with respect to leave, other than holiday leave, the period of training shall be deemed to be continuous only if—

- (a) During the whole of the period of training prescribed for that student by or under the foregoing provisions of this regulation the periods of any such absence do not exceed in the aggregate—
- (i) Six months, exclusive of any period of sick leave which continues for less than six months, in the case of a student nurse, a student male nurse, or a student psychiatric or psychopaedic nurse;
  - (ii) Three months, exclusive of any period of sick leave which continues for less than three months, in the case of a student nursing aid, a student community nurse, or a student maternity nurse who is not a registered nurse; and
- (b) The period of training actually undergone by the student, after deduction of the total of the periods of any such absence, is not less than the appropriate periods so prescribed.
- (4) Notwithstanding anything in this regulation, any person who has begun but ceased to pursue a period of continuous training prescribed in these regulations may, subject to such conditions (if any) as the Board thinks fit to impose, be allowed by the Board to resume and complete that training.

#### *Place of Training*

7. (1) The period of training of any person seeking to be registered under the Act shall be undergone in any approved training school or approved training schools as follows—

- (a) In the case of a student nurse—
  - (i) In one Grade A nurses' training school and one maternity nurses' training school; or
  - (ii) In one Grade A nurses' training school and one Grade B nurses' training school for such respective periods as the Board may determine, and one maternity nurses' training school:
- (b) In the case of a student male nurse or a student psychiatric nurse—
  - (i) In one Grade A male nurses' training school, or in one Grade A psychiatric nurses' training school, as the case may require; or
  - (ii) In one Grade A male nurses' training school and one Grade B male nurses' training school, or in one Grade A psychiatric nurses' training school and one Grade B psychiatric nurses' training school, as the case may require, and in each case for such respective periods in each training school as the Board may determine:
- (c) In the case of a student psychopaedic nurse, in one psychopaedic nurses' training school:
- (d) In the case of a student nursing aid, in one nursing aid training school:
- (e) In the case of a student community nurse, in one community nurses' training school:
- (f) In the case of a student maternity nurse, in one maternity nurses' training school:
- (g) In the case of a student midwife, in one midwifery training school.

(2) Notwithstanding anything in this regulation, any person unable to complete a period of training pursuant to this regulation, through interruption or otherwise, may, subject to such conditions (if any) as the Board sees fit to impose, be allowed to complete the period of training in any other training school or training schools, as the Board may decide.

#### *Course of Training*

8. (1) The course of training and instruction required to be undergone by a person seeking to be registered under Part II of the Act shall be such of the courses specified in the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, or Eighth Schedules hereto as the case may require.

(2) No woman shall be accepted for training as a midwife unless she is already registered as a maternity nurse and her acceptance for training as a midwife has been approved by the Director of the Division of Nursing in the Department of Health.

(3) Except in so far as the Board may from time to time approve, all nursing training and instruction which a student nurse is required to undergo in the course of her clinical nursing experience shall be given by a registered nurse or registered medical practitioner.

(4) For the purpose of giving effect to the said courses of training and instruction, the Board may from time to time issue supplementary instructions in such form as it thinks fit for use in training schools, and any such instructions shall be deemed to be part of the course to which they relate.

(5) The governing body of each training school shall cause the course of training and instruction, and such examinations as are required, to be conducted to the Board's satisfaction, and shall furnish such material for the purpose of training and instruction as the Board may direct.

(6) All lectures and instructions shall be delivered by persons approved by the Board, who shall be registered medical practitioners or persons registered under the Act who are the holders of such teaching qualifications as are recognised by the Board, or other competent lecturers and instructors.

(7) The governing body of each training school shall make available for the general use of students—

- (a) Such teaching equipment, text books, and reference books as may from time to time be decided by the Board; and
- (b) Such classroom accommodation as the Board may from time to time require.

(8) Notwithstanding anything in regulation 7 of these regulations, the Board may permit a student, either generally or in relation to any particular case or class of cases, to undergo a specified part or specified parts of the appropriate course of training and instruction in a place other than the training school to which he or she belongs.

(9) If at any time the Board is of opinion that experiments with regard to nursing training should be carried out in any training school, it may authorise the governing body of the training school to employ students in the conduct of those experiments, and the period during which any student is so employed shall count as part of the period of training.



*Hospital Examinations*

9. (1) Every student nurse shall be required, during her period of training, to pass an examination, to be conducted by her training school and known as the Hospital Final Examination for Nurses, in the subjects of the State Examination for Nurses (Final Professional) and in practical general nursing and practical obstetrical nursing.

(2) Every student male nurse shall be required, during his period of training, to pass an examination, to be conducted by his training school and known as the Hospital Final Examination for Male Nurses, in the subjects of the State Examination for Male Nurses (Final Professional) and in practical nursing.

(3) Every student psychiatric nurse shall be required, during his or her period of training, to pass an examination, to be conducted by his or her training school and known as the Hospital Final Examination for Psychiatric Nurses, in the subjects of the State Examination for Psychiatric Nurses (Final Professional) and including an oral and practical examination in psychiatric nursing and psychiatry.

(4) Every student psychopaedic nurse shall be required, during his or her period of training, to pass an examination, to be conducted by his or her training school and known as the Hospital Final Examination for Psychopaedic Nurses, in the subjects of the State Examination for Psychopaedic Nurses (Final Professional) and including the presentation of a case study.

(5) No candidate shall sit for the Hospital Final Examination for Nurses, the Hospital Final Examination for Male Nurses, the Hospital Final Examination for Psychiatric Nurses, or the Hospital Final Examination for Psychopaedic Nurses, more than two months before the date of the respective final professional State examinations.

(6) In addition to the examinations prescribed in the preceding provisions of this regulation, every student nurse, student male nurse, student psychiatric nurse, and student psychopaedic nurse, who, at the 1st day of July 1967, has not passed the appropriate first professional examination prescribed by regulation 10 of these regulations, may, at the discretion of the governing body of his or her training school, be required to pass, during his or her period of training, a hospital examination consisting of, in the case of a student nurse or a student male nurse, a written paper in the theory and practice of nursing, in the case of a student psychiatric nurse, a written paper in psychiatric nursing, and, in the case of a student psychopaedic nurse, a written paper in psychopaedic nursing, and in that event the students shall sit for those examinations not less than nine months, and, except in the case of a student who has failed in such an examination or the equivalent State examination, not more than 15 months, after the commencement of the period of training.

(7) Every student maternity nurse, not being a registered nurse, shall be required to pass,—

(a) If she has begun her training before the commencement of these regulations, an examination to be conducted by her training school and known as the Anatomy and Physiology Examination for Eighteen Months' Trainees, between the seventh and the twelfth month of her period of training; or

(b) If she begins her training after the commencement of these regulations, an examination in obstetrical nursing and practical obstetrical nursing, to be conducted by her training school and known as the Hospital Examination for Maternity Nurses, within two months prior to the first occasion on which she sits for the State Examination for Maternity Nurses.

(8) Every student community nurse shall be required to pass a practical examination in nursing, to be conducted by her training school and known as the Hospital Practical Examination for Community Nurses, between the beginning of the fourth and, except where impracticable, the end of the sixth month after passing the State Examination for Community Nurses.

(9) The examinations referred to in the foregoing provisions of this regulation shall be conducted by examiners approved by the Board; and the Board may—

(a) Require from the governing body of any training school such evidence as it thinks necessary of the standard required to pass any examination:

(b) Decline to recognise any candidate as having passed if in its opinion the standard of any examination is not satisfactory, or if any of the examiners is not so approved.

(10) The governing body of any training school to which this regulation applies shall give to every candidate who has passed an examination pursuant to subclauses (1) to (4) or (7) of this regulation a certificate to that effect in a form to be provided by the Board.

(11) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this regulation, the Board may permit any candidate, who fails to sit for a hospital examination within the period prescribed in that behalf, to sit for that examination at a later date, and nothing therein contained shall prevent the governing body of a training school from setting, for the purposes of a course of training, such tests at such times as the governing body sees fit.

#### *State Examinations*

10. (1) Subject to subclause (3) of this regulation, the examinations to be conducted under Part II of the Act shall be—

(a) The State Examination for Nurses (First Professional), comprising the theory and practice of nursing (written paper):

(b) The State Examination for Nurses (Final Professional), comprising—

(i) Medical nursing (written paper):

(ii) Surgical nursing (written paper):

(iii) Obstetrical nursing (written paper):

(c) The State Examination for Male Nurses (First Professional), comprising the theory and practice of nursing (written paper):

(d) The State Examination for Male Nurses (Final Professional), comprising—

(i) Medical nursing (written paper):

(ii) Surgical nursing (written paper):

(e) The State Examination for Psychiatric Nurses (First Professional), comprising psychiatric nursing (written paper):

- (f) The State Examination for Psychiatric Nurses (Final Professional), comprising—
  - (i) Psychiatric nursing (written paper):
  - (ii) Psychiatry (written paper):
- (g) The State Examination for Psychopaedic Nurses (First Professional), comprising psychopaedic nursing (written paper):
- (h) The State Examination for Psychopaedic Nurses (Final Professional), comprising—
  - (i) Psychopaedics (written paper):
  - (ii) Psychopaedic nursing (written paper):
- (i) The State Examination for Nursing Aids, comprising the theory and practice of nursing (written paper):
- (j) The State Examination for Community Nurses, comprising the theory and practice of nursing (written paper):
- (k) The State Examination for Maternity Nurses, comprising obstetrical nursing (written paper):
- (l) The State Examination for Midwives, comprising—
  - (i) Midwifery (written paper):
  - (ii) Oral examination in obstetrical nursing.

(2) The subjects of the said examinations shall cover—

- (a) In the case of the first professional State examinations, those parts of the appropriate courses of training and instruction, as prescribed by these regulations, undergone by the candidates for those examinations up to the date of the examinations:
  - (b) In the case of the final professional State examinations, and of the State examinations for nursing aids, maternity nurses, and midwives, the whole of the appropriate courses of training and instruction prescribed by these regulations:
  - (c) In the case of the State examination for community nurses, the whole of the appropriate course of training and instruction prescribed by these regulations, notwithstanding that a student community nurse is required to undergo a further period of training after passing such examination.
- (3) The examinations prescribed in paragraphs (a), (c), (e), and (g) of subclause (1) of this regulation shall be abolished on the 1st day of July 1967.

(4) Notwithstanding the abolition of the first professional examinations by subclause (3) of this regulation, every student nurse, student male nurse, student psychiatric nurse, and student psychopaedic nurse, who has commenced his or her period of training before the 1st day of October 1966, shall be required to pass either the appropriate first professional examination, for which purpose the Board may conduct an examination at any time whether before or after the 1st day of July 1967, or an equivalent examination conducted by the governing body of his or her training school after that date.

11. The examinations referred to in regulation 10 hereof shall be held at such times and at such places as the Board from time to time determines.

12. (1) Subject to regulation 21 hereof, candidates shall sit for the said examinations at the following times:

- (a) In the case of any first professional State examination, not less than nine months and not more than 15 months after the commencement of the period of training:
- (b) In the case of any final professional State Examination, or in the case of any of the State examinations for nursing aids, maternity nurses, or midwives, after the completion of the appropriate period and course of training prescribed for the candidates by or under these regulations:
- (c) In the case of the State examination for community nurses, not less than 12 months and not more than 18 months after the commencement of the period of training.

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

- (a) Has yet to complete the period of training; or
- (b) Has completed the period of training but has not undergone the full course of training—

to sit for any such examination; but nothing in this regulation shall be construed as permitting that person to dispense with completing the period of training, or completing the full course of training, before being registered under the Act.

#### *Minimum Age for State Examination*

13. Notwithstanding anything in these regulations, no candidate shall be eligible to sit for any of the following State examinations unless at the date of commencement of the examination the candidate—

- (a) In the case of the State Examination for Nursing Aids, has attained the age of 18 years:
- (b) In the case of the State Examination for Maternity Nurses, has attained the age of 20 years:
- (c) In the case of the State Examination for Midwives, has attained the age of 22 years:
- (d) In the case of the State Examination for Nurses (Final Professional), has attained the age of 20 years:
- (e) In the case of the State Examination for Male Nurses (Final Professional), has attained the age of 20 years:
- (f) In the case of the State Examination for Psychiatric Nurses (Final Professional), has attained the age of 20 years:
- (g) In the case of the State Examination for Psychopaedic Nurses (Final Professional), has attained the age of 20 years:
- (h) In the case of the State Examination for Community Nurses, has attained the age of 17 years and six months.

#### *Exemptions for Specified Subjects*

14. Notwithstanding anything in these regulations, the Board may if it thinks fit exempt any candidate from the requirement of undergoing and receiving the course of training and instruction in 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 Board is satisfied—

- (a) That that person has been credited with a pass in that subject in any other examination conducted by any other examining body recognised by the Board 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 Board as being equivalent to the course and examination under these regulations.

#### *Non-conformity with Regulations*

15. If any candidate is credited with passing any State examination after having presented himself therefor otherwise than in conformity with the provisions of these regulations, the fact that he is so credited shall not be deemed to satisfy the Board that he has passed that examination pursuant to the Act.

#### *Conduct of State Examinations*

16. (1) Every intending candidate for the State Examination for Nurses (First Professional), the State Examination for Male Nurses (First Professional), the State Examination for Psychiatric Nurses (First Professional), or the State Examination for Psychopaedic Nurses (First Professional), shall apply to the Secretary on a form to be provided by the Board.

(2) There shall be tendered with the application a confidential report, on a form to be provided by the Board, by the matron of the training school at which the candidate has completed the period of training.

(3) The Board may in its discretion refuse to permit the candidate to sit for the examination until it is satisfied that he is of good character and reputation and a fit and proper person to be registered in the class for which the examination is held.

17. (1) Every intending candidate for the State Examination for Nurses (Final Professional), the State Examination for Male Nurses (Final Professional), the State Examination for Psychiatric Nurses (Final Professional), the State Examination for Psychopaedic Nurses (Final Professional), the State Examination for Midwives, the State Examination for Maternity Nurses, the State Examination for Community Nurses, or the State Examination for Nursing Aids, shall apply to the Secretary on a form to be provided by the Board.

(2) There shall be tendered with the application—

(a) The appropriate certificates or certificate, as the case may require, referred to in subclause (10) of regulation 9 hereof, where that subclause is applicable:

(b) A confidential report, on a form to be provided by the Board, by the matron of the training school at which the candidate has completed the period of training:

(c) The appropriate fee prescribed by subclause (1) of regulation 33 hereof.

(3) The Board may in its discretion refuse to permit the candidate to sit for the examination until it is satisfied that he is of good character and reputation and a fit and proper person to be registered in the class for which the examination is held.

18. Every application under regulation 16 or regulation 17 hereof shall be forwarded so as to be received by the Secretary at least six weeks before the date of the commencement of the examination.

19. (1) Notice of the date of every State examination shall be given by the Board to the matron of every training school affected not later than three months before the date fixed for the commencement of the examination.

(2) The matron of every training school affected shall, at least nine weeks before the date of the commencement of the examination, supply to the Secretary a list of names of the candidates in her training school who intend to sit for the examination or, if the case so requires, notify the Secretary that no persons in the training school intend to sit.

(3) Notice of the place of every State examination shall be given by the Board to the matron of every training school affected not later than one week before the date of the examination.

(4) It shall be the duty of every matron to notify all the candidates in her training school of the date and place of the examination.

20. Notwithstanding anything in these regulations, the Board may permit any candidate to sit for any State examination at some specified place other than the place fixed pursuant to regulation 11 hereof.

21. Any candidate who fails to sit for any State examination on account of sickness or for some other reason held by the Board to be sufficient, or who sits for and fails to pass the examination, may, subject to regulation 23 hereof, sit for the examination at a later date.

#### *Partial Passes and Repetitions*

22. A partial pass may be granted in any State examination on such conditions as the Board may from time to time determine.

23. (1) The Board may from time to time prescribe, in relation to any particular State examination or any particular subject or subjects in any such examination, the number of occasions, being not less than three in any case, on which persons may sit for that examination or subject or subjects.

(2) If the Board is of the opinion that, in the special circumstances of a particular case, it would be a hardship for a person to be unable, by reason of the exercise of the powers conferred on the Board by subclause (1) of this regulation, to sit for a particular examination or a particular subject or particular subjects, the Board may permit that person to sit for that examination or subject or subjects, as the case may require, on one further occasion.

#### *Notifications from Training Schools to Board*

24. (1) The governing body of every training school shall furnish to the Board such reports on the staff concerned with the training of students under these regulations, particulars of the clinical experience and training facilities available, and the students, as the Board may from time to time require.

(2) The governing body of every training school shall from time to time, immediately upon any change in the position of matron or in the staff concerned with the training of students, or, in the case of a maternity annexe of a hospital, any change in the position of sister in charge, notify the particulars of such change to the Board.

(3) The governing body of every training school shall furnish to the Board, within 28 days following the completion by any student of a course of training prescribed under the Act, a certificate of training, on a form to be provided by the Board, verified by the matron and by a medical officer of the training school at which that student has completed the course of training.

#### *Registration*

25. (1) Every application by a candidate to sit for any final professional State examination, or a State examination for midwives, maternity nurses, community nurses, or nursing aids, under these regulations shall be deemed to be an application for appropriate registration if the candidate passes that examination, and shall be a sufficient application for registration under section 17 of the Act.

(2) Every application by a candidate to sit for the State Examination for Nurses (Final Professional) shall be deemed to be an application for registration both as a nurse and as a maternity nurse if the candidate passes that examination, and shall be a sufficient application for registration under the said section 17. Every such applicant, on becoming entitled to registration, shall be registered both as a nurse and as a maternity nurse, but a combined certificate may be issued for both such registrations.

(3) Every applicant for registration under the Act shall furnish evidence sufficient to satisfy the Board that he is of good character and reputation and is a fit and proper person to be registered in accordance with his application.

(4) There shall be submitted with every application for registration made by a person trained elsewhere than in New Zealand the following original certificates:

- (a) A certificate of training and examination (if any):
- (b) A certificate of registration (if any).

(5) Every person applying for registration under the Act by virtue of having undergone a course of training and passed an examination elsewhere than in New Zealand shall supply the Board with satisfactory proof of his identity, and shall furnish such evidence as the Board may require of the nature of the training undergone, the clinical experience acquired, and the examinations passed outside New Zealand.

(6) Every application for registration under the Act by a person trained elsewhere than in New Zealand shall be made in a form to be provided by the Board.

(7) Every certificate of registration under the Act shall be in such form as the Board may from time to time determine.

#### *Form of Registers*

26. (1) There shall be entered in the appropriate register the following particulars in respect of every person registered under the Act, namely:

- (a) Registration number:
- (b) Date registration approved:
- (c) Name in full:
- (d) Where trained:
- (e) Other qualifications:
- (f) Such other particulars as the Board may require.

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

(3) Any failure to comply with the requirements of the Board as to the form and manner of keeping the register shall not affect the validity of the register.

#### *Entry in Register of Additional Qualifications*

27. Every application under section 19 of the Act for the insertion in the appropriate register of particulars of any approved certificate, diploma, or licence other than that by virtue of which the applicant is registered shall be made in a form to be provided by the Board, and shall be accompanied by such evidence as may be required by the Board that the applicant is the holder of the qualification to which it relates.

### PART II—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

#### *Secretary to the Board*

28. (1) The Board may from time to time procure the appointment of some employee of the Public Service to be the Secretary to the Board.

(2) The fact that any person describes himself in any document or signs any document as Secretary to the Board shall be sufficient evidence, until the contrary is proved, that he is the Secretary to the Board for the time being, and that he has been duly appointed to that office.

#### *Evidence of Decisions of the Board*

29. The determination of the Board 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 Secretary.

#### *Service of Notices*

30. Except as otherwise provided in these regulations, any notice to be given by the Board under these regulations shall be sufficient if given in writing, signed by the Registrar or the Secretary, and sent by ordinary prepaid letter post to the addressee at his 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.

31. Every notice required to be served on any person in respect of the exercise of the disciplinary powers of the Board under section 33 of the Act shall be served by posting it by registered letter addressed to that person at his 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.

#### *Appeals*

32. (1) Where the Board refuses to enter the name of any person in the appropriate register, or removes the name of any person from the register, or suspends his registration, or imposes on him any penalty, the Registrar shall forthwith inform that person of the Board's decision.



(2) If the person decides to appeal from that decision, he shall, within the time prescribed by or allowed under section 34 of the Act, give to the Registrar notice of appeal in the form in the Ninth Schedule hereto, or to the like effect.

(3) The assessors on the Board of Appeal shall be appointed by the Minister of Health. One such assessor shall be appointed on the recommendation of the appellant, and the other on the recommendation of the Nurses and Midwives Board.

(4) As soon as practicable after receiving the notice of appeal the Registrar shall inform the appellant of the name of the person appointed to act as assessor on behalf of the Nurses and Midwives Board at the hearing, and of the name of the Magistrate who will be the Chairman of the Board of Appeal, and shall at the same time send to the Magistrate a copy of the Nurses and Midwives Board's decision and of the notice of appeal.

(5) The Board of Appeal shall hear and determine the appeal at such convenient place and time as may be decided by the Magistrate.

(6) The Magistrate shall cause at least seven days' previous notice of the place and time of hearing to be given to the assessors, the Nurses and Midwives Board, and the appellant.

(7) At the hearing of the appeal the appellant may himself appear and give evidence, and may either be heard in person or be represented by some other person or by solicitor or counsel; and evidence may be given on behalf of the Nurses and Midwives Board by any person, whether a member or not, appointed by that Board, and any such person may be heard on its behalf, or it may be represented by solicitor or counsel.

(8) The order made in respect of the appeal shall be in writing signed by the Magistrate and at least one of the assessors. A copy of the order shall be given to the appellant and a copy to the Nurses and Midwives Board; and that Board shall forthwith give effect to the order.

#### *Fees*

33. (1) The fees payable by candidates applying to sit for State examinations shall be as follows:

(a) For the State Examination for Nurses (Final Professional), the State Examination for Male Nurses (Final Professional), the State Examination for Psychiatric Nurses (Final Professional), or the State Examination for Psychopaedic Nurses (Final Professional), a fee of £3:

(b) For the State Examination for Midwives, a fee of £2:

(c) For the State Examination for Maternity Nurses, or the State Examination for Nursing Aids, a fee of £1:

(d) For the State Examination for Community Nurses, a fee of 10s.:

Provided that any candidate who fails to sit for any such examination on account of sickness or for some other reason held by the Board to be sufficient, or who fails to pass any such examination on sitting for the first time, may sit for the examination on one further occasion without payment of an additional fee:

Provided also that the fees payable by candidates applying to sit for any such examination, or any subject in any such examination, for the third time or on any later occasion, shall be calculated at the rate of £1 in respect of every subject in which the candidate desires to be examined in lieu of the fees hereinbefore prescribed.

(2) A fee paid pursuant to paragraphs (a), (b), or (c), of subclause (1) of this regulation shall include registration by virtue of passing the examination, and, in the case of the State Examination for Nurses (Final Professional), shall include registration both as a nurse and as a maternity nurse.

(3) The fee for registration as a community nurse shall be 10s. if the applicant has passed the State Examination for Community Nurses and £1 in any other case.

(4) The fee for registration as a psychiatric nurse under section 14 (1) (c) of the Act shall be 10s.

(5) The fee for registration as a psychopaedic nurse under section 14A (1) (c) of the Act shall be 10s.

(6) The fee for registration in any case for which no fee is prescribed in the foregoing provisions of this regulation shall be £3, or, where the applicant seeks to be registered by virtue of more than one qualification, £3 for the first and £1 10s. for every additional qualification:

Provided that no such fee shall be payable in respect of an application for registration by a nurse, male nurse, psychiatric nurse, psychopaedic nurse, nursing aid, community nurse, midwife, or maternity nurse already registered according to law in any overseas country and temporarily employed in a hospital or institution in New Zealand, on exchange, for not more than 12 months, with a person registered in New Zealand in the same capacity under the Act and similarly employed in that overseas country.

(7) The fee for issuing a certificate of registration shall be 5s. Where pursuant to subclause (2) of regulation 25 hereof a combined certificate of registration as a nurse and as a maternity nurse is issued by virtue of the applicant having passed the State Examination for Nurses (Final Professional), a fee of 5s. shall be payable for that certificate.

(8) The fee for the restoration of a name to any register or registers, pursuant to an application under section 21 (4) of the Act, shall be 2s. 6d. irrespective of the number of registers affected.

(9) The fee for the issue of an annual practising certificate under section 28 of the Act shall be 5s.

(10) All fees shall be paid in cash at the time of application.

#### *Revocations*

34. The regulations specified in the Tenth Schedule hereto are hereby revoked.

## SCHEDULES

Reg. 8 (1)

## FIRST SCHEDULE

## COURSE OF TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION FOR NURSES

## THEORETICAL CONTENT

*Public Health and Social Services—*

- Public health and social services.
- Psychology and mental health.

*Nursing Arts—*

- Nursing.
- Obstetrical nursing (as in Part B of the Seventh Schedule hereto).
- Paediatric nursing.
- Medical and surgical nursing and specialties.
- Geriatric nursing.

*Nursing Sciences—*

- Anatomy and physiology.
- Biochemistry.
- Microbiology.
- Nutrition.
- Pharmacology.

*Profession of Nursing—*

- Nursing trends and professional responsibilities.

*Ward Administration.*

## CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

(Minimum Requirements)

- Introduction to nursing.
- Obstetrical nursing.
- Medical nursing.
- Surgical nursing.
- Paediatric nursing.
- Eye, ear, nose, and throat nursing.
- Urological nursing.
- Orthopaedic nursing.
- Gynaecological nursing.
- Geriatric nursing.
- Communicable disease nursing, including tuberculosis.
- Operating theatre nursing.
- Outpatients or casualty nursing, or both.
- Public health or district nursing, or both.
- Diet department experience.

Night duty: No longer than 24 weeks shall be spent on night duty during the period of training, and no longer than 12 weeks shall be spent on night duty at any one time.

## SECOND SCHEDULE

Reg. 8 (1)

## COURSE OF TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION FOR MALE NURSES

## THEORETICAL CONTENT

*Public Health and Social Services—*

- Public health and social services.
- Psychology and mental health.

*Nursing Arts—*

- Nursing.
- Medical and surgical nursing and specialties.
- Diseases of genito-urinary system.

*Nursing Sciences—*

- Anatomy and physiology.
- Biochemistry.
- Microbiology.
- Nutrition.
- Pharmacology.

*Profession of Nursing—*

- Nursing trends and professional responsibilities.

*Ward Administration.*

## CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

(Minimum Requirements)

- Introduction to nursing.
- Medical nursing.
- Surgical nursing.
- Eye, ear, nose, and throat nursing.
- Urological nursing.
- Orthopaedic nursing.
- Geriatric nursing.
- Communicable disease nursing, including tuberculosis.
- Operating theatre nursing.
- Outpatients or casualty nursing, or both.
- District nursing experience.
- Diet department experience.

Night duty: No longer than 24 weeks shall be spent on night duty during the period of training, and no longer than 12 weeks shall be spent on night duty at any one time.

Reg. 8 (1)

## THIRD SCHEDULE

COURSE OF TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION FOR PSYCHIATRIC  
NURSES*Basic Nursing Sciences—*

- Anatomy and physiology.
- Nutrition.
- Microbiology.
- Pharmacology.
- Psychology.
- Psychiatry.

*Public Health and Social Services—*

- Trends and professional responsibilities.
- Public health and social services.
- Introduction to psychology and mental health.

*Nursing Arts—*

- General nursing.
  - Psychiatric nursing.
  - Medical and surgical nursing.
  - Meal service to patients.
  - Care of the mentally deficient child.
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Reg. 8 (1)

## FOURTH SCHEDULE

COURSE OF TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION FOR PSYCHOPAEDIC  
NURSES*Nursing Arts—*

- Basic nursing arts.
- Psychopaedic nursing.
- Paediatric nursing.
- Professional life.
- Professional trends and developments.
- Public health and social services.
- Psychology.
- Child development and mental health.

*Nursing Sciences—*

- Anatomy, physiology.
- Biochemistry.
- Nutrition.
- Microbiology.
- Pharmacology.
- First aid.
- Paediatrics.
- Psychopaedics.

## FIFTH SCHEDULE

Reg. 8 (1)

## COURSE OF TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION FOR NURSING AID

*Basic Nursing Sciences—*

Anatomy and physiology.  
 Nutrition.  
 Microbiology.  
 Pharmacology.

*Nursing Arts—*

General nursing.  
 Introduction to obstetrical nursing.  
 Introduction to paediatric nursing.  
 Practical demonstrations and ward clinics in nursing arts.  
 Meal service to patients.

*Public Health and Social Services—*

Public health and social services.  
 Psychology and mental health.

*Profession of Nursing—*

Nursing trends and professional responsibilities.

## SIXTH SCHEDULE

Reg. 8 (1)

## COURSE OF TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION FOR COMMUNITY NURSES

## THEORETICAL TRAINING

Introduction to nursing and the community nurse course.  
 Basic needs of health and factors causing disease.  
 Basic nursing knowledge and skills, and their adaptation to maternal and child health, community health, medical and surgical nursing, and psychiatric nursing.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE  
(Minimum Requirements)

Medical nursing.  
 Surgical nursing.  
 Obstetrical nursing.  
 Paediatric nursing.  
 District nursing.

## SEVENTH SCHEDULE

Reg. 8 (1)

## COURSE OF TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION FOR MATERNITY NURSES AND NURSES

The course of training and instruction for examination of maternity nurses shall be divided into two parts, namely:

- (a) The course for the student maternity nurse who is not registered under the Act (hereinafter referred to as the Eighteen Months' Course); and

SEVENTH SCHEDULE—*continued*

- (b) The course for the student maternity nurse who is registered as a nurse under the Act, and for the woman who is undergoing training as a nurse (hereinafter referred to as the Six Months' Course):

## A. THE EIGHTEEN MONTHS' COURSE

*Theoretical Content*

Anatomy and physiology.  
Nursing arts.  
Nutrition and meal service.  
An introduction to the principles and practice of obstetrical, medical, and surgical nursing.  
Pharmacology.  
Microbiology.  
Obstetrical nursing.

*Clinical Experience*

(Minimum Requirements)

Assistance at labour.  
Conduct of labour.  
Abdominal palpation:  
    (a) Ante-natal patient.  
    (b) Labour patient.  
Rectal examination.  
Examination of ante-natal patients:  
    (a) First visits.  
    (b) Return visits.  
Preparation of labour patients.  
Obstetrical analgesia.  
Nursing of puerperal patients.  
Nursing of infants.

## B. THE SIX MONTHS' COURSE

*Theoretical Content*

Anatomy and physiology.  
Nursing arts.  
Nutrition and meal service.  
Pharmacology.  
Microbiology.  
The principles and practice of obstetrical nursing during normal pregnancy, labour, and the puerperium.

*Clinical Experience*

(Minimum Requirements)

As in the Eighteen Months' Course.

## EIGHTH SCHEDULE

Reg. 8 (1)

## COURSE OF TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION FOR MIDWIVES

*Theoretical Content*

Anatomy and physiology.  
 Pharmacology.  
 Radiology.  
 Health education.  
 Professional responsibilities.  
 Administration and legal responsibilities.  
 Nursing practice.

*Clinical Experience*

(Minimum Requirements)

Ante-natal clinic and ward.  
 Labour ward.  
 Post-natal ward.  
 Neo-natal care.  
 Examination of ante-natal patients:  
 (a) First visits.  
 (b) Return visits.  
 Preparation of labour patients.  
 Assistance at labour.  
 Rectal examinations.  
 Vaginal examinations.  
 Obstetrical analgesia.  
 Conduct of deliveries.  
 Follow through nursing care.

## NINTH SCHEDULE

Reg. 32 (2)

*The Nurses and Midwives Act 1945*

## NOTICE OF APPEAL

To the Registrar, Nurses and Midwives Board,  
 Wellington.

TAKE notice that I, ....., of ....., hereby appeal under section 34 of the Nurses and Midwives Act 1945 against the decision of the Nurses and Midwives Board conveyed to me by letter dated the ..... day of ..... 19.....

The following are the grounds on which I make my appeal: .....

I hereby recommend ..... of ..... as an assessor for the purposes of this appeal.

Dated at ..... this ..... day of ..... 19.....

*Signature of appellant:*.....

I hereby consent to act as an assessor for the purposes of this appeal.

*Signature:*.....



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## TENTH SCHEDULE

## REGULATIONS REVOKED

Title	Serial Number
Nurses Registration Regulations 1958 .....	1958/92
Nurses Registration Regulations 1958, Amendment No. 1 .....	1960/104
Nurses Registration Regulations 1958, Amendment No. 2 .....	1963/11
Nurses Registration Regulations 1958, Amendment No. 3 .....	1964/80

T. J. SHERRARD,  
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 the Nurses Registration Regulations 1958 and the amendments thereto.

The major addition to the regulations replaced is contained in regulation 5 which prescribes the minimum education requirements before students are accepted as student nurses or as student male nurses.

The minimum so required is a pass in the School Certificate examination or in an equivalent examination. A candidate who has sat the School Certificate examination and attained a prescribed aggregate in specified subjects will be deemed, for the purposes of these regulations, to have passed School Certificate. Provision is also made for the qualification and registration of community nurses, a class of nurse constituted recently.

The regulations also provide for the abolition of all First Professional State Examinations on 1 July 1967. There are miscellaneous changes intended to clarify provisions in the regulations revoked.

Apart from the matters referred to in this note, no change in the effect of the previous law is made.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Health.