



THE OBSTETRIC REGULATIONS 1986, AMENDMENT NO. 1

PAUL REEVES, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At Wellington this 3rd day of September 1990

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to section 153 of the Hospitals Act 1957 and section 60 of the Nurses Act 1977, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

1. Title and commencement—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Obstetric Regulations 1986, Amendment No. 1, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Obstetric Regulations 1986* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the 7th day of September 1990.

2. Staffing of maternity hospitals—Regulation 3 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by adding the following subclause:

“(4) It shall be sufficient compliance with paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) or paragraph (d) of subclause (2) of this regulation if the person on duty or

in charge or visiting, as the case may be, is registered as a midwife by virtue of the provisions of section 39 of the Nurses Act 1977.”

3. Medical practitioners and registered midwives to notify of septic condition, etc.—Regulation 6 (1) of the principal regulations is hereby amended by inserting after the words “medical practitioner”, the words “or registered midwife”.

4. Medical practitioner or registered midwife to notify birth to Medical Officer of Health—Regulation 7 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by inserting, after the words “medical practitioner”, the words “or registered midwife”.

5. Register of patients—Regulation 8 (1) of the principal regulations is hereby amended by inserting in paragraph (b), after the words “medical practitioner”, the words “or registered midwife”.

6. Clinical records—Regulation 9 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by revoking subparagraph (iv) of paragraph (a), and substituting the following subparagraph:

“(iv) The name of the person delivering the patient; and”.

MARIE SHROFF,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations, which come into force on 7 September 1990, amend the Obstetric Regulations 1986. The amendments are consequential upon the changes made to the Nurses Act 1977 by the Nurses Amendment Act 1990.

Provisions in the Obstetric Regulations 1986 that require medical practitioners to notify septic conditions of patients, notify births, and keep clinical records are applied to registered midwives.

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