

1977 No. 69

NURSES AND MIDWIVES**Nurses (Amendment) Rules Approval Order**

Made 10th March 1977

Coming into operation 2nd May 1977

WHEREAS the Northern Ireland Council for Nurses and Midwives, in exercise of its powers under Part II and Section 52 of the Nurses and Midwives Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(a), has made amendments to the Nurses Rules (Northern Ireland) 1965(b) and has submitted them to the Department(c) of Health and Social Services (in this order referred to as "the Department") for approval:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Department, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 52 of the Nurses and Midwives Act (Northern Ireland) 1970 and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, makes the following order:

1. This order may be cited as the Nurses (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1977 Approval Order (Northern Ireland) 1977.

2. The Department hereby approves the amendments to the Rules in the form set out in the Schedule.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 10th March 1977.

(L.S.)

R. J. Christie

Assistant Secretary

(a) 1970 c. 11 (N.I.)

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1965 No. 152 (p. 1536)

(c) Formerly Ministry: see 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 8(1)

SCHEDULE

The Northern Ireland Council for Nurses and Midwives, in exercise of its powers under Part II and Section 52 of the Nurses and Midwives Act (Northern Ireland) 1970 and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Rules:—

1. These Rules may be cited as the Nurses (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1977.

2. The Nurses Rules (Northern Ireland) 1965 shall be amended as follows:—

PART VI

The following rule shall be substituted for Rule 44:

“44. The Council shall grant a Certificate of Registration as a Nurse Tutor (hereinafter referred to as the Council's Certificate) to any person who makes application in writing to the Secretary and satisfies the following requirements:

- (1) that the applicant must be a registered nurse with not less than two years acceptable post registration professional experience approved by Council; and
- (2) must have completed successfully a course of training (for the time being approved by Council) conducted under the auspices of a University or other institution, which course to have been of at least one year's duration and to have included training in teaching methods with particular application to the teaching of nursing which would entitle the applicant to the award of a diploma or a certificate as the case may be, of that University or institution; or
- (3) must have undergone a midwife teacher's course—
 - (a) of not less than three academic terms and must have been awarded the Midwife Teacher's Diploma of the Central Midwives Board or the Central Midwives Board for Scotland; or
 - (b) of not less than six months duration and must have been awarded the Midwife Teacher's Diploma of the Central Midwives Board or the Central Midwives Board for Scotland, provided the applicant—
 - (i) had been employed for the full-time equivalent of five years in midwifery teaching, or
 - (ii) had completed a course approved on an individual basis by the Council to include the theory and practice of education, educational psychology and sociology.

(Applications for registration as a nurse tutor under the provisions of paragraph 3 must be received not later than a date two years after the opening of the register); or
- (4) the applicant's name must be included in any roll of teachers for the time being maintained by the Council for the Education and Training of Health Visitors; or
- (5) the applicant must have completed successfully a course of training which is recognised for the time being by the Department of Education as entitling the applicant to recognition as a qualified teacher and as having since registration, not less than three years acceptable experience in nursing approved by the Council.
- (6) In any particular case where the applicant appears to the Council to be qualified for the teaching of nursing otherwise than as mentioned in the preceding provisions of this rule. Notwithstanding what is hereinbefore provided in paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) of this Rule, the Council, at their discretion may waive compliance with any of the requirements specified in the paragraphs to such extent as they may think fit in any particular case.”

PART VIA

Qualifications of Clinical Instructors

The following rule shall be substituted for Rule 49C:

"49C. Any registered nurse who holds a Certificate of Registration as a Clinical Instructor granted by the General Nursing Council, England and Wales or by the General Nursing Council, Scotland, on making application to the Secretary of the Council and on paying such fee as the Council with the approval or the Department of Health and Social Services may from time to time determine and on production of the certificate granted by the General Nursing Council, England and Wales or the General Nursing Council, Scotland, shall be granted the Council's certificate."

The Seal of the Northern Ireland Council for Nurses and Midwives was affixed hereto this 22nd day of February 1977.

(L.S.)

T. C. C. Adam
Chairman

W. B. Baxter
Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The Rules approved by this Order amend the Nurses Rules (Northern Ireland) 1965 and make provision for:—

- (a) a register for teachers of nursing in Northern Ireland to include Nurse Tutors and Midwife Teachers.
- (b) the inclusion of registered nurses who hold a certificate or registration as a Clinical Instructor issued by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.