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NURSES, MIDWIVES AND HEALTH VISITORS

The Nurses (Amendment) Rules Approval Instrument 1980

Made - - - - 17th December 1980

Laid before Parliament 19th December 1980

Coming into Operation 2nd January 1981

The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of powers conferred by section 32 of the Nurses Act 1957(a), and now vested in him(b), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby approves the rules made by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales as set out in the Schedule hereto.

This instrument may be cited as the Nurses (Amendment) Rules Approval Instrument 1980, and shall come into operation on 2nd January 1981 following the coming into operation of the Nurses and Enrolled Nurses (Amendment) Rules Approval Instrument 1980(c).

Patrick Jenkin,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

17th December 1980.

SCHEDULE

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Nurses Acts 1957 to 1969

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by sections 3(1) and 30 of the Nurses Act 1957 and of all other

(a) 1957 c. 15.

(b) See Secretary of State for Social Services Order 1968 (S.I. 1968/1699), Art. 2.

(c) S.I. 1980/1837.

powers enabling them in that behalf, having consulted with the General Nursing Council for Scotland and the Northern Ireland Council for Nurses and Midwives, hereby make the following rules:—

Citation and interpretation

1. These rules, which may be cited as the Nurses (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 1980, shall be read as one with the Nurses Rules 1969(a), (hereinafter referred to as “the principal rules”).

Amendment of rule 14 of the principal rules

2. For rule 14 there shall be substituted the following rule—

“ 14. The period of weeks referred to in the preceding rule may be reduced to:—

- (a) a minimum of 73 weeks for a person who is already registered in another part of the register;
- (b) a minimum of 97 weeks for a person who is already an enrolled general nurse;
- (c) a minimum of 122 weeks for a person who is an enrolled mental nurse or an enrolled nurse for the mentally subnormal;
- (d) a minimum of 122 weeks for a person who begins training before 1st January, 1982, and is at the time she begins training a certified midwife, or is qualified in ophthalmic or orthopaedic nursing.”.

Amendment of rule 16 of the principal rules

3. For rule 16 there shall be substituted the following rule—

“ 16. The period of weeks referred to in the preceding rule may be reduced to:—

- (a) a minimum of 49 weeks for a registered nurse for the mentally subnormal;
- (b) a minimum of 73 weeks for a person who is already a registered nurse other than a registered nurse for the mentally subnormal;
- (c) a minimum of 97 weeks for an enrolled mental nurse or an enrolled nurse for the mentally subnormal;
- (d) a minimum of 122 weeks for an enrolled general nurse.”.

Z. E. Oxlade,

Chairman of the Council.

The seal of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was hereunto affixed on 16th December 1980.

M. Storey,

Registrar.

(L.S.)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Instrument.)

The Rules approved by this Instrument replace rules 14 and 16 of the Nurses Rules 1969 as amended by the Nurses (Amendment) Rules 1980.

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