EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

The Rules approved by this Order, and made by the United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting, further amend the principal Rules approved by the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Rules Approval Order 1983.

Rule 2 of these Rules deletes rule 14(3) of the principal Rules which makes provision in respect of the maximum number of times student nurses may enter a training course for entry to any of parts 1 to 8 of the register of nurses, midwives and health visitors ("the register"); amends rule 19 of the principal Rules respecting examinations so that the maximum number of times a student nurse may enter for examinations no longer applies; and inserts a new provision in rule 30(1) enabling the Council to accept vocational qualifications as educational entry requirements in relation to training of student midwives for entry to part 10 of the register.

Rule 3 of these Rules amends rule 3 of the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors (Midwives Training) Amendment Rules 1990 (transitional provision) so as to remove the provision relating to the maximum number of times student midwives who commenced their training before 1st September 1990 may enter midwifery examinations.