

**2001 No. 536**

**NURSES, MIDWIVES AND HEALTH VISITORS,  
ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors (Professional  
Conduct) (Amendment) Rules 2001 Approval Order 2001**

*Made* - - - - - *23rd February 2001*

*Coming into force* *1st March 2001*

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 19(5) of the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1997<sup>(a)</sup>, and as respects proceedings in England and Wales only, hereby approves the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors (Professional Conduct) (Amendment) Rules 2001 made by the United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting and set out in the Schedule to this Order.

This Order may be cited as the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors (Professional Conduct) (Amendment) Rules 2001 Approval Order 2001, and shall come into force on 1st March 2001.

Dated 23rd February 2001

*Irvine of Lairg, C.*

**SCHEDULE**

**THE NURSES, MIDWIVES AND HEALTH VISITORS (PROFESSIONAL  
CONDUCT) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2001**

The United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 10 of the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1997, hereby makes the following rules—

**Citation and Interpretation**

**1.**—(1) These rules may be cited as the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors (Professional Conduct) (Amendment) Rules 2001.

(2) For the purposes of these rules “the Professional Conduct rules” means the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors (Professional Conduct) Rules 1993<sup>(b)</sup>.

**Amendment of the Professional Conduct rules**

**2.**—(1) The Professional Conduct rules shall be amended in accordance with the following paragraphs of this rule.

---

<sup>(a)</sup> 1997 c. 24.

<sup>(b)</sup> S.I. 1993/893 to which there are amendments not relevant to these rules.

(2) In rule 7(5) (Preliminary Proceedings Committee) for the number “3” there shall be substituted the number “2”.

(3) In rule 12(2) (Professional Conduct Committee) for the word “three” there shall be substituted the word “two”.

(4) In rule 29 (Health Committee)—

(a) in paragraph (1) the word “comprise” shall be deleted and shall be replaced by the word “include”;

(b) in paragraph (5)—

(i) the word “members” shall be deleted, and

(ii) after the second use of the word “chairman” there shall be added the words “, who shall be a member of the Council,”;

(c) for paragraph (6) there shall be substituted the following—

“(6) The Health Committee shall be quorate if at least two members of the Council constitute a majority of those considering a particular case.”.

(5) In rule 30 (Appointment of persons to conduct initial consideration of cases), in paragraph (1) the words “its members to be” shall be deleted.

GIVEN under the Official Seal  
of the UNITED KINGDOM CENTRAL  
COUNCIL FOR NURSING, MIDWIFERY  
AND HEALTH VISITING this  
1st day of February, 2001

*Alison Norman*  
President

*Sue Norman*  
Chief Executive/Registrar

---

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order approves, as respects proceedings in England and Wales only, the Rules set out in the Schedule. These amend the Professional Conduct Rules of the United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting so as to reduce from three to two the number of Council members necessary to constitute a quorum of each of the Preliminary Proceedings Committee, the Professional Conduct Committee and the Health Committee, and to increase the involvement of non-Council members in the initial consideration of some cases.

**£1.50**

© Crown copyright 2001

Printed and published in the UK by The Stationery Office Limited  
under the authority and superintendence of Carol Tullo,  
Controller of Her Majesty’s Stationery Office and Queen’s Printer of  
Acts of Parliament

E 0480 03/01 ON (MFK)