

2002 No. 82

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

**The Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors (Professional
Conduct) (Amendment) Rules 2002 Approval Order 2002**

Made - - - - - *18th January 2002*

Coming into force - - *18th February 2002*

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 19(5) of the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1997^(a), and as respects proceedings in England and Wales only, hereby approves the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors (Professional Conduct) (Amendment) Rules 2002 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 2002 Approval Order 2002, and shall come into force on 18th February 2002.

Irvine of Lairg, C.

Dated 18th January 2002

^(a) 1997 c. 24. The whole Act is repealed by section 60(3) of and Schedule 5 to the Health Act 1999 (c. 8) from a date or dates to be appointed; in relation to section 10(5) and paragraph 7(4) of Schedule 1 this repeal has been commenced on 11 May 2001 by article 2(2)(a) of the Health Act 1999 (Commencement No. 11) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/1985).

SCHEDULE

The Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors (Professional Conduct) (Amendment) Rules 2002

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, and after due consultation in accordance with section 19(3) thereof, 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 2002.

(2) For the purposes of these rules “the Professional Conduct rules” means The Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors (Professional Conduct) Rules 1993(a), as amended.

Amendment of the Professional Conduct rules

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

(2) In rule 7 (Preliminary Proceedings Committee):

- (a) in paragraph (3) for the words “of its members” there shall be substituted the words “persons, who may or may not be Council members,”;
- (b) in paragraph (4) the words “, who shall be a member of the Council,” shall be deleted;
- (c) for paragraph (5) there shall be substituted the following:
“(5) The quorum of the Preliminary Proceedings Committee shall be 3, of whom at least 1 shall be a Council member.”.

(3) In rule 12 (Professional Conduct Committee):

- (a) for paragraph (2) there shall be substituted the following:
“(2) The quorum of the Conduct Committee shall be 3, of whom at least 1 shall be a Council member.”;
- (b) in paragraph (5) after the word “persons” there shall be added the words “, who may or may not be Council members,”;
- (c) in paragraph (6) the words “, who shall be a member of the Council,” shall be deleted.

(4) In rule 29 (Health Committee):

- (a) in paragraph (2):
 - (i) for the words “some of its members” there shall be substituted the words “persons, who may or may not be Council members,”, and
 - (ii) for the second use of the word “members” there shall be substituted the word “persons”;
- (b) in paragraph (5) the words “, who shall be a member of the Council,” shall be deleted;
- (c) for paragraph (6) there shall be substituted the following:
“(6) The quorum of the Health Committee shall be 3, of whom at least 1 shall be a Council member.”.

GIVEN under the Official Seal of the
UNITED KINGDOM CENTRAL
COUNCIL FOR NURSING, MIDWIFERY
AND HEALTH VISITING this 10th day of
January, 2002

Alison Norman
President

Sue Norman
Chief Executive/Registrar

(a) S.I. 1993/893, as amended by S.I. 2001/536, and to which there are other amendments not relevant to these rules.

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 remove the requirement for the deputy chairman of, respectively, the Preliminary Proceedings Committee, the Professional Conduct Committee and the Health Committee to be Council members; and to reduce from two to one the number of Council members necessary to constitute a quorum of each of the said Committees.

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