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 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS
 

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1979 No. 49

## NURSES AND MIDWIVES

**The Nurses and Enrolled Nurses (Amendment)****Rules Approval Instrument 1979**

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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 Schedules 1 and 2 hereto.

This instrument may be cited as the Nurses and Enrolled Nurses (Amendment) Rules Approval Instrument 1979, and shall come into operation on 22nd February 1979.

*David Ennals,*

Secretary of State for Social Services.

18th January 1979.

## SCHEDULE 1.

## 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 powers conferred upon them by sections 3(1), 4, 7(1)(b), 10, 17 and 30 of the Nurses Act 1957(c) and of all other 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.—(1) These rules, which may be cited as the Nurses (Amendment) Rules 1979, shall be read as one with the Nurses Rules 1969(d), (hereinafter referred to as “the principal rules”).

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(a) 1957 c. 15.

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

(c) 1957 c. 15, section 17 was amended by section 1 of the Teachers of Nursing Act 1967 (c. 16) and section 4(1) was amended by section 7(2) of the Nurses Act 1969 (c. 47).

(d) S.I. 1969/1675, as amended by S.I. 1973/1077 and 1976/1188.

*Amendment of rule 14 of the principal rules*

2. Rule 14 of the principal rules shall be amended as follows—
- (a) in paragraph (b), the words “with specified practical experience” shall be omitted;
  - (b) in paragraph (c) head (i) shall be omitted;
  - (c) paragraph (d) shall be omitted.

*Amendment of rule 20 of the principal rules*

3. Rule 20 of the principal rules shall be amended as follows—
- (a) in paragraph (b) the words “with specified practical experience” shall be omitted;
  - (b) in paragraph (c) head (i) shall be omitted;
  - (c) paragraph (d) shall be omitted.

*Amendment of rule 22 of the principal rules*

4. Rule 22 of the principal rules shall be amended as follows—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (3), for the words “the month following the month in which that section is to be completed” there shall be substituted the words “March, July and November for the February, June and October examinations respectively”; and omit all the words after the word “Rules” to the word “failure”;
  - (b) in paragraph (4), for “4” in the last line, substitute “3”.

*Amendment of rule 24 of the principal rules*

5. In paragraph (1) of rule 24 of the principal rules there shall be inserted after the word “certificate” the words “which shall remain the property of the Council”.

*Amendment of rule 30 of the principal rules*

6. In rule 30 of the principal rules for “£6” there shall be substituted “£14” and for “£17” there shall be substituted “£18·70”.

*Amendment of rule 31 of the principal rules*

7. In rule 31 of the principal rules, for the words “be marked ‘Duplicate’ ” there shall be substituted the words “shall remain the property of the Council”.

*Amendment of rule 34 of the principal rules*

8. At the end of rule 34 of the principal rules there shall be added the words “and shall remain the property of the Council”.

*Amendment of rule 36 of the principal rules*

9. In head (iii) of paragraph (2)(b) of rule 36 of the principal rules after the word “Diploma” the word “in” shall be substituted for the word “of”.

*Amendment of rule 54 of the principal rules*

10. In rule 54 of the principal rules after the word "her" where it occurs the second time there shall be inserted the words "and such certificate or certificates shall remain the property of the Council".

*Termination of certain provisions for reduction of training periods*

11. The provisions made by rules 14(c)(iv) to (vi) and 20(c)(iv) to (vi) of the principal rules (reduction of periods of training in the case of certified midwives and persons qualified in ophthalmic or orthopaedic nursing) shall not apply to any period of training beginning on or after 1st January 1982 for the final examination for the general part of the register or the part of the register for sick children's nurses.

(L.S.)

Z. E. Oxlade,  
Chairman of the Council.

The seal of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was hereunto affixed on 8th January 1979.

M. Storey,  
Registrar.

## SCHEDULE 2

## 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), 7, 10 and 30 of the Nurses Act 1957(a) and of all other 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.—(1) These rules, which may be cited as the Enrolled Nurses (Amendment) Rules 1979, shall be read as one with the Enrolled Nurses Rules 1969(b) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal rules").

*Amendment of rule 12 of the principal rules*

2. In paragraph (d) of rule 12 of the principal rules, before the word "orthopaedic" there shall be inserted the word "or"; and the words "or thoracic nursing" shall be omitted.

*Amendment of rule 12B of the principal rules*

3. In rule 12B of the principal rules there shall be omitted the words "(or army male nurse class I)".

(a) 1957 c. 15.

(b) S.I. 1969/1674, amended by S.I. 1973/1077 and 1976/1188.

*Amendment of rule 17 of the principal rules*

4. In paragraph (1)(d) of rule 17 of the principal rules there shall be omitted all the words after the word "satisfied" to the end of the paragraph.

*Amendment of rule 21 of the principal rules*

5. In paragraph (1) of rule 21 of the principal rules after the word "effect" there shall be inserted the words "(which certificate or certificates shall remain the property of the Council)".

*Amendment of rule 31 of the principal rules*

6. At the end of rule 31 of the principal rules there shall be added the words "and shall remain the property of the Council".

*Amendment of rule 32 of the principal rules*

7. In rule 32 of the principal rules, for the words "be marked 'Duplicate'" there shall be substituted the words "shall remain the property of the Council".

*Amendment of rule 48 of the principal rules*

8. In rule 48 of the principal rules after the word "her" where it occurs the second time there shall be inserted the words "and such certificate or certificates shall remain the property of the Council".

*Amendment of Schedule 4 to the principal rules*

9. In paragraph 4 of Schedule 4 to the principal rules for the words "bronze and apple green enamel" there shall be substituted the words "a copper-based alloy, partly enamelled in apple green".

*Termination of certain provisions for reduction of training periods*

10. The provisions made by rule 12(d), in the case of persons qualified in ophthalmic or orthopaedic nursing, and by rule 12(e), in the case of certified midwives, for the reduction of periods of training, shall not apply to any period of training for the general part of the roll beginning on or after 1st January 1982.

*Revocation*

11. Rule 23 is hereby revoked.

(L.S.)

*Z. E. Oxlade,*  
Chairman of the Council.

The seal of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was hereunto affixed on 8th January 1979.

*M. Storey,*  
Registrar.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Instrument.)*

The Rules approved by this Instrument further amend the Nurses Rules 1969 and the Enrolled Nurses Rules 1969. They provide for—

- (a) cessation of reduction in training for the general part of the register or roll, or the part of the register for sick children's nurses in the case of holders of the Thoracic Nursing Certificate;
- (b) cessation as from 1st January 1982 of reduction in training for the general part of the register or roll, or the part of the register for sick children's nurses, by virtue of midwifery, ophthalmic or orthopaedic qualification;
- (c) cessation of discretion to remove from the roll the name of a person whose name is or has been included in the register;
- (d) reduction from 4 to 3 of the number of attempts allowed for entry into the Final State Written Examination;
- (e) cancellation of requirement to undergo refresher courses following third attempt of Final State Written Examination or prior to third entry to Assessment;
- (f) certificates issued by the Council to remain the property of the Council;
- (g) increase in the amount of fees payable by persons trained outside the United Kingdom;
- (h) alteration of composition of State Enrolled Nurses' Badge.

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