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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1983 No. 668 (c. 20)**

**NURSES, MIDWIVES AND HEALTH VISITORS**

The Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors  
Act 1979 (Commencement No. 4) Order 1983

Made - - - - 28th April 1983

In exercise of the power conferred on me by section 24(2) of the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1979, I hereby make the following order:—

1. This order may be cited as the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1979 (Commencement No. 4) Order 1983 .

2. The day appointed for the coming into operation of any provision of the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1979 specified in the first column of the Schedule to this order which relates to the matter specified in the first in relation to that provision in the second column of that Schedule shall be 1st July 1983.

28th April 1983

*Norman Fowler*  
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of  
State

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## SCHEDULE

Article 2

<i>Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1979</i>	<i>Subject matter</i>
Section 2	Functions of Central Council
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Section 9	Local training committees
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Section 11	Admission to register
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Section 13	Appeals
Section 14	False claim of professional qualification
Section 15	Rules as to midwifery practice
Section 16	Local supervision of midwifery practice
Section 17	Attendance by unqualified persons at childbirth
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Section 21 so far as not already in force	Dissolution of existing bodies
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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This Order brings into operation those remaining provisions of the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1979 for which no date has been appointed by previous commencement orders. The main provisions covered by the Order concern:—

- (a) the functions of the United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting and the National Boards for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting ( sections 2 and 6) ;
- (b) the dissolution of the existing nursing bodies (section 21) ;

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- (c) the professional register ( section 10) ;
- (d) removal from the register ( section 12) ; and
- (e) offences ( sections 14 and 17) .

#### NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

Dates, including some after the date of this Order, have been appointed by commencement orders made before the date of this Order for the coming into force of the following provisions of the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1979:—

Provision	Date of commencement	S.I. No.
Sections 5, 7(1) and 7(7)(a) partially, 7(5), 19(3)(a), (4) and (5) partially, 20 partially, 23(1) to (3), Schedule 2 paragraphs 3(1)(b) and (2), 4(1) and (2), 5, 6(1)(a) and (3) to (6), 7 and 8, Schedule 4 partially and Schedule 6	15th September 1980	1980/893
Sections 1, 3(1) and (4)(a) partially, 3(2), 19(3) (a), (4) and (5) so far as not already in force, 20 so far as not already in force, Schedule 1 (except paragraph 6(2)), Schedule 2 Part I and Schedule 4 so far as not already in force	1st November 1980	1980/893
Sections 3 and 7 so far as not already in force and section 8	1st December 1982	1982/1565
Schedule 2 so far as it is not already in force	15th September 1983	1982/963
Paragraph 6(2) of Schedule 1	1st November 1983	1982/963