



Public Health Act 1936

1936 CHAPTER 49

PART VI

HOSPITALS, NURSING HOMES, &C.

General.

199 Interpretation of Part VI.

- (1) In this Part of this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say,—

" nursing home " means any premises used or intended to be used for the reception of, and the providing of nursing for, persons suffering from any sickness, injury, or infirmity, and includes a maternity home, but does not include—

- (i) any hospital or other premises maintained or controlled by a Government department, county council (including the London County Council), local authority or metropolitan borough council, or any other authority or body constituted by special Act of Parliament or incorporated by Royal Charter;
- (ii) any institution for persons of unsound mind within the meaning of the Lunacy and Mental Treatment Acts, 1890 to 1930;
- (iii) any institution, house or home certified or approved by the Board of Control under the Mental Deficiency Acts, 1913 to 1927;

" maternity home " means any premises used or intended to be used for the reception of pregnant women, or of women immediately after childbirth;

" qualified nurse " means, subject to the provisions of the next succeeding subsection, a person registered in the general part of the register of nurses required to be kept under the Nurses Registration Act, 1919, or a person who had before the first day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, completed a three years course of training in a hospital which was during the period of her training, or subsequently became, a training school approved by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, or the General Nursing Council for

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Scotland, or the General Nursing Council for Northern Ireland, for the purpose of admission to the general part of the said register;

" pupil midwife " means a person who is undergoing training with a view to becoming a certified midwife, and for that purpose attending women in childbirth, as part of a course of practical instruction in midwifery recognised by the Central Midwives Board;

- (2) In relation to any premises used or intended to be used solely for the reception of, and the provision of nursing for, a class of patients in whose case the requisite nursing can be suitably and adequately provided by nurses of a class whose names are contained in some part of the register of nurses required to be kept, under the Nurses Registration Act, 1919, other than the general part of that register, references in the definition of " qualified nurse " contained in subsection (1) of this section to the general part of the register shall be construed as including references to that other part of the register.