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GUYANA

RULES

MADE UNDER

THE NURSES AND MIDWIVES REGISTRATION ORDINANCE (Chapter 137)

UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE NURSES AND MIDWIVES REGISTRATION ORDINANCE, THE FOLLOWING RULES HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL :—

1. These Rules may be cited as the Nurses and Midwives (Amendment) Rules, 1968 and shall be construed and read as one with the Nurses and Midwives Rules, 1954,* hereinafter referred to as the Principal Rules, and any Rules amending the same.

2. The following definitions shall be inserted in their correct alphabetical order in paragraph (1) of rule 2 of the Principal Rules —

“practical nurse” means a nurse who has undergone training in accordance with the Regulations of the General Nursing Council and who works under the supervision of a registered general nurse;

“pupil practical nurse” means a nurse who for the time being is undergoing training for admission to that part of the register containing the names of practical nurses;

“registered practical nurse” means a nurse who is registered in that part of the register containing the names of practical nurses;

3. Rules 5, 6 and 7 of the Principal Rules are hereby amended by the insertion of the words “or practical nurse” immediately after the word “midwife” wherever it appears.

4. Rule 8 of the Principal Rules is hereby amended as follows —

(a) by the insertion of the words “or practical nurse” immediately after the word “midwife” wherever it appears; and

(b) by the substitution for the words “a fee of one dollar” of the words “such fee as may be determined under subsection (1) of section 6 of the Ordinance.”

5. Rule 9 of the Principal Rules is hereby amended by the substitution of the words "nurses, midwives and practical nurses" for the words "nurses and midwives".

6. Rule 10 of the Principal Rules is hereby amended —

- (a) by the substitution in paragraph (1) of the words "nurse, midwife or practical nurse" for the words "nurse or midwife"; and
- (b) by the substitution in paragraph (5) of the words "such registration fee as may be determined under subsection (1) of section 6 of the Ordinance", for the words "a registration fee of five dollars".

7. Rule 11 of the Principal Rules is hereby amended —

- (a) by the substitution of the words "midwife or practical nurse, namely" for the words "midwife, namely" in paragraph (1);
- (b) by the insertion of the words "or not less than two years training in practical nursing" immediately after the word "midwifery" where it appears in the third line of sub-paragraphs (a) and (b), respectively, of paragraph (1);
- (c) by the insertion of the words "or practical nursing" immediately after the word "midwifery" appearing in the seventh line of sub-paragraphs (a) and (b), respectively, of paragraph (1);
- (d) by the insertion of the words "or of practical nursing" immediately after the word "midwifery" and the words "or as a practical nurse" immediately after the word "midwife", wherever each word appears, in sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (1); and
- (e) by the insertion of the words "or as a practical nurse" immediately after the word "midwife", and the words "or in practical nursing" immediately after the word "midwifery", in paragraph (2).

8. Rule 12 of the Principal Rules is hereby amended —

- (a) by the deletion of the word "prescribed"; and
- (b) by the insertion of the word "determined" immediately after the word "fee".

9. Rule 13 of the Principal Rules is hereby amended —

- (a) by the substitution of the words "such fee as may be determined under subsection (1) of section 6 of the Ordinance" for the words "a fee of two dollars"; and
- (b) by the substitution of the words "in each case a fee as may be determined in the manner hereinbefore mentioned for the words "one dollar in each case".

10. Paragraph (1) of rule 14 of the Principal Rules is hereby amended by the addition of the following sub-paragraphs —

- “(e) Complete Training Schools for Registered Practical Nurses.
(f) Affiliated Training Schools for Registered Practical Nurses”.
11. Rule 15 of the Principal Rules is hereby amended —
- (a) by the insertion of the words, “pupil practical nurses” after the word “nurses” in paragraph (1); and
 - (b) by the insertion of the words “or a pupil practical nurse” after the word “nurse” wherever it appears.
12. Rule 16 of the Principal Rules (as amended by the Nurses and Midwives (Amendment) Rules, 1959* is hereby amended —
- (a) by the substitution for sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1) of the following sub-paragraph —
 - “(a) a written examination (hereinafter referred to as “the test examination”) comprising questions on general intelligence and English for candidates not possessing the General Certificate of Education with at least four subjects including English or such other certificate which, in the opinion of the Council, is of an equivalent or higher standard; and”;
 - (b) by the insertion in sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (1) of the words “assessment tests” after the words “final examinations”;
 - (c) by the substitution for paragraph (2) of the following paragraph —

“(2) The entrance fee for the test examination, the preliminary examination, the final examination and the assessment test, as the case may be, shall be paid before the applicant’s name is entered for the examination and shall be such fee, respectively as may be determined under subsection (1) of section 6 of the Ordinance”.
13. Rule 17 of the Principal Rules is hereby amended by the deletion of the words “and Arithmetic”.
14. Rule 18 of the Principal Rules is hereby amended by —
- (a) re-numbering the rule as paragraph (1); and
 - (b) by the addition of the following paragraph —

“(2) No pupil practical nurse shall enter for the assessment test until she has completed one year of training and the instructions in the prescribed syllabus as contained in the Third Schedule to these Rules.”
15. Rules 19 and 20 of the Principal Rules are hereby amended by the insertion of the words “or practical nurse” immediately after the word “midwife” wherever it appears in those rules.
16. Rule 21 of the Principal Rules is hereby amended by —

- (a) the insertion of the words "or practical nurse" immediately after the word "midwife" in paragraph (1) thereof;
- (b) by the insertion of the words "or assessment test, as the case may be," immediately after the word "examination" in paragraph (1) thereof;
- (c) by the substitution of the following paragraph for paragraph (2) —
 - "(2) (a) Any nurse or midwife who has passed the final examination for the general part or any other part of the register shall have her name inserted in that part of the register upon payment of the fee determined for the purposes of rule 13 of these Rules.
 - (b) Any practical nurse who has passed the assessment test shall have her name inserted in the appropriate part of the register, after completing a further one year's practical experience and upon payment of the fee determined for the purposes of rule 13 of these Rules," and
- (d) by the insertion of the words "or a practical nurse" immediately after the word "nurse" in paragraph (3).

17. Rule 22 of the Principal Rules (as amended by the Nurses and Midwives Amendment Rules, 1959)* is hereby amended by the addition thereto of the following sub-paragraphs —

- "(d) in the case of candidates for midwifery training only for the part of the register for registered midwives the person must have completed a course of eighteen months training at an approved training school in midwifery and must have taken the preliminary examination of the Council after six months training and must have fulfilled the conditions specified in paragraph III of Part II of the Third Schedule to these Rules;
- (e) in the case of candidates for the practical nurses' part of the register the person must have completed a course of not less than two years' training in an approved training school for practical nurses of which period amounting to an aggregate of not less than one year shall have been spent in a complete practical school for practical nurses".

18. Rule 24 of the Principal Rules is hereby amended by the insertion of the words "or practical nurse" immediately after the word "midwife".

19. Rules 25 and 26 of the Principal Rules are hereby amended by the substitution of the word "five" for the word "two" wherever it appears in those rules.

20. Part V of the Principal Rules is hereby amended —

- (a) by the insertion of the words "or practical nurse" immediately after "midwife" in the heading thereto; and
 - (b) by the insertion of the words "or registered practical nurse" immediately after the word "midwife" in paragraphs (1) and (4) of rule 27.
21. Part VI of the Principal Rules is hereby amended —
- (a) by the insertion of the words "or practical nurse" immediately after the word "midwife" wherever it appears;
 - (b) by the insertion of the words "or practical nurses" immediately after the word "midwives" wherever it appears; and
 - (c) by the substitution of the word "five" for the word "two" in paragraph (4) of rule 28.
22. The First Schedule to the Principal Rules is hereby amended by the insertion of the words "or practical nurse" immediately before the word "admitted".
23. The Third Schedule to the Principal Rules is hereby amended —
- (a) by the insertion of a comma and the word "dietetics" immediately after the word "nutrition" in Part I;
 - (b) by the insertion of the word "surgery" immediately before the words "medical treatment" in Part II;
 - (c) by the substitution of the words "and legal and administrative aspects" for the full stop appearing immediately after the words "mental nursing" in Part II;
 - (d) by the addition thereof of a Part III, as set out in the First Schedule to these Rules.
24. The Fourth Schedule to the Principal Rules is hereby amended —
- (a) by the deletion therefrom of the words "Registered Nurse";
 - (b) by the insertion immediately after the word "necessary" in the footnote to the said schedule of the following paragraph —
"The colours of the certificates for General Nurses and Midwives shall be buff oriole. The colour for practical nurses to be white and the colour for the Mental nurses to be green."
25. The Second Schedule to these Rules shall be substituted for the Sixth Schedule to the Principal Rules.

FIRST SCHEDULE

R. 23 (d).

PART III

Conditions to be fulfilled by candidates for the Part of the Register for Practical Nurses.

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Syllabus of training for the assessment test —

- (a) 3 months in a preliminary training school;
- (b) 9 months in the wards of an approved training institution with lectures once weekly; and

(c) assessment test at the end of 1 year
a further one year's practical experience to be entitled to enrolment.

Syllabus for Theoretical experience.

I. Introduction.

Development of nursing—its value to the community.

The Nurse's place and responsibility in the hospital and health services.

The Nurse's relationship with her patients, her colleagues, the medical administrative and other hospital staffs.

The patient as an individual. The effect of illness and separation from familiar background on the behaviour of children and adults.

II. Body Structure and Functions in Health—Elementary Hygiene—The Laws of Healthy Living—The Maintenance of Health.

An elementary knowledge of:

The Structure and functions of the human body applied to the normal.

Hygiene: The Laws of healthy living as these effect the individual and the community, and are applied to the home. The maintenance of health. The importance of promoting good health. The factors which cause deterioration in health and how these may be dealt with by the individual in the family and in the community.

Nutrition: Purpose of food. Types of food and necessary food factors. Preparation and serving of foods. Principles and methods of simple cooking.

III. First Aid.

The principles and practice of first aid.

IV. General Nursing

Domestic Cleanliness and Hygiene of the Wards

Handling of Equipment.

Routine Nursing Procedures.

Care of Patients.

Domestic Cleanliness. Ward Hygiene

Equipment: Handling and care of equipment in common use, including bed accessories and utensils.

Routine Nursing Procedures: Preparation and making of beds and cots. Positions used in nursing. Admission of patients. Immersion and blanket bathing. Care of mouth, hair, nails, hands and feet, skin. The treatment of verminous patients. The giving and removing of sanitary utensils. Care of helpless and incontinent patients. Prevention of bed sores. Taking temperature, pulse and respiration rate. Charting, Serving meals and feeding helpless patients. Care of ambulant patients. Ambulance duties. Care of patients' property. Care and custody of medicines. Giving medicines. Technique of giving hypodermic and intramuscular injections. Safe custody of poisons,

i.e. disinfectants. Preparation of lotions in common use. Observations and disposal of urine, faeces, sputum and vomit. Collection of specimens. Simple urine test. Giving and receiving reports. Writing ward reports. Special Nursing Procedures. Preparation for method of carrying out the following:—Sponging of patients. Swabbing and bathing of eyes. Preparation for examination of throat. Application of ice-bag, compresses, fomentations, poultices, liniments and ointments. Application of strapping, elastoplast and simple splints. Preparation for application of plaster of paris. Administration of artificial respiration, cardiac resuscitation and preparation for administration of oxygen. Use of dry and moist inhalations. Use of steam kettle and steam tent. Preparation for examination, of vagina* and rectum. Giving enemas. Passing a flatus tube. The use and care of common surgical appliances, e.g. trusses, colostomy belts.

Surgical cleanliness and surgical nursing care. Sterilization of articles in common use. Disinfectants in common use. Disinfection. Preparation of surgical dressings. Conduct of simple dressings. Preparation of patients for and care of patients recovering from operations.

Ward administration in connection with: visits of ministers of religion; patients' visitors; transfer and discharge of patients; care of hospital property and of patients' property.

Knowledge of procedure to be adopted in the case of seriously ill patients, accidents and emergencies in the ward; fire precautions.

V. The Nursing Duties and attention required during illness— The main features of Disease

Introduction: The importance of the early recognition of the signs and symptoms of disease. General principles of nursing care. Nursing care and observation of infants and children. Bathing, feeding and clothing. Symptoms and signs of minor ailments. Principles of nursing care in Infectious Diseases. Infection. Modes of transmission and prevention of spread of infections, e.g. tuberculosis, gastrointestinal disorders, common infections of childhood.

Special aspects of disease in old age, in chronically ill and mentally ill.

The importance of providing occupation and of getting patients up".

SECOND SCHEDULE

Rule 25.

Sixth Schedule

DESCRIPTION OF NURSE'S BADGE

The Nurse's Badge shall be in blue and silver designed as follows:—
Diameter 1.1/8 inches.

*Not applicable to the training of male pupil practical Nurses.

Blue outer garter, bearing the words "General Nursing Council" Guyana, in silver letters".

Centre—Silver background with a Maltese Cross in blue with a silver Nightingale lamp mounted in the centre of the Maltese Cross.

DESCRIPTION OF MIDWIFE'S BADGE

The Midwife's Badge shall be in blue and silver designed as follows:—
Shield shaped of blue enamel. Top edge of shield bears the words "General Nursing Council" and the bottom "Guyana" in silver letters.

Centre—The figure of a Stork carrying a baby in silver"

Made by the General Nursing Council for Guyana this 27th day of February, 1968.

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Chairman of the Council.

Approved by the Governor-General this 16th day of March, 1968.

R. A. CHEONG,
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Governor-General.