

1957 No. 1257

NURSES, ENGLAND

The Nurses Regulations, 1957

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Coming into Operation	1st August, 1957

The Minister of Health, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by proviso (b) to subsection (1) of section 28 of the Nurses Act, 1957(a), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Nurses Regulations, 1957, and shall come into operation on the first day of August, 1957.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(b), applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(3) References in any other regulations to the regulations revoked by these regulations or to any provision thereof shall be construed as references to these regulations or to the corresponding provision thereof, as the case may be.

2.—(1) Subject to the provisions of these regulations, a person who is not a registered nurse or an enrolled assistant nurse may—

(a) if the person, being under the age of twenty-one years has passed the final examination for admission to the part of the register containing the names of nurses trained in the nursing of persons suffering from infectious diseases, but cannot because of his or her age be admitted to that part, use the name or title of "trained fever nurse";

(b) if the person is for the time being on the general part of the list kept under section 5 of the Nurses Act, 1957, use the name or title of "trained nurse";

(c) if the person is for the time being on some other part of the said list, use in relation to himself or herself any expression containing the words "trained nurse" which sufficiently indicates that he or she is on that part;

(d) if the person has satisfied the General Nursing Council for England and Wales that he or she would have been eligible for admission to some part of the said list, had he or she applied for admission thereto within two years from the passing of the Nurses Act, 1943, and was prevented from applying for such admission within the said period by circumstances beyond his or her control occasioned by the war then in progress, use any name or title, or use in relation to himself or herself any expression, which he or she would be entitled to use under sub-paragraphs (b) or (c) of this paragraph if he or she was for the time being on that part of the said list;

(e) if the person—

(i) is certified under the Midwives Act, 1951(c), or

(ii) is, by virtue of section 6 of the Emergency Laws (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953(d), for the time being deemed, for the purposes

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

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*Summary.* Regulations have been made by the Minister under Section 6 of the Nurses Act, 1943, consolidating the existing Regulations with some amendments, of which the most important concerns the abolition of the Minister's list of foreign-trained nurses.

1. A copy of the Nurses Regulations (S.I. 1957 No. 1257) is enclosed. These Regulations consolidate the existing Nurses Regulations with some minor amendments necessary to bring them up to date. There is also one amendment of substance. Under Regulation 2 (1) (f) of the Nurses Regulations, 1945 (S.R. and O., 1945, No. 638), the Minister maintained a list of persons who had completed nurse training abroad, and who, by virtue of the regulation, were entitled to describe themselves as nurses (with some indication of the country in which they were trained). Under the new Regulations this list will no longer be maintained but the right of the persons concerned to describe themselves as nurses is preserved.

2. R.H.B. (51) 3 authorized the employment as staff nurses, at the appropriate rate of pay, of nurses who were on the Minister's List of Foreign-Trained Nurses. Nurses, who, at the date of this memorandum, are employed and paid as staff nurses by virtue of their being on the List may continue to be so employed and paid. Subject to what is said in the next paragraph, other nurses trained outside Great Britain who do not obtain registration or enrolment with the General Nursing Council for England and Wales or the General Nursing Council for Scotland can be employed and paid in England and Wales only as nursing auxiliaries or, in mental and mental deficiency hospitals, as nursing assistants.

3. Hospital authorities who have in the past provided temporary special nursing experience for foreign-trained nurses for whom arrangements have been made by the National Council of Nurses, may continue to provide this facility. The appropriate rate of pay for such nurses will be the same as the rate of salary payable to nursing auxiliaries or nursing assistants as the case may be.

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To: Regional Hospital Boards,  
Hospital Management Committees,  
Boards of Governors.

of subsection (2) of section 23 of the National Health Service Act, 1946(e), to be a certified midwife, or

(iii) is a woman who, before the first day of January, 1937, was certified by the authorities of a hospital or other institution, to which the Minister has by order applied proviso (c) to subsection (1) of section 11 of the Midwives Act, 1951, to have been trained in obstetric nursing,

use the name or title of "maternity nurse":

Provided that a woman may not use that name or title by virtue of sub-paragraph (e) (iii) of this paragraph in an area to which the said subsection (1) has been applied, unless she has given to the authority of the area the notice required by the said proviso (c):

(f) if the person is undergoing training for admission to the register, use the name or title of "student nurse";

(g) if the person is undergoing training for admission to the roll, use the name or title of "pupil assistant nurse" during training for the examination prescribed by rules made, or having effect, under section 3 of the Nurses Act, 1957, and use the name or title of "senior pupil assistant nurse" while he or she is undergoing practical experience under trained supervision after passing that examination;

(h) if the person—

(i) is for the time being employed in nursing persons suffering from mental disabilities in an institution within the meaning of the Mental Treatment Act, 1930(f), or in a Broadmoor institution, or in an institution, certified house or approved home within the meaning of the Mental Deficiency Act, 1913(g), or a hospital or part of a hospital designated for the purposes of section 20 of the Lunacy Act, 1890(h), or

(ii) holds the certificate of proficiency in mental nursing or the certificate of proficiency in the nursing of mental defectives granted by the Royal Medico-Psychological Association,

use in relation to himself or herself an expression containing the word "nurse" which sufficiently indicates that he or she is a nurse only of patients suffering from mental disabilities;

(i) if the person holds the tuberculosis nursing certificate granted by the British Tuberculosis Association, or is in training for that certificate, use in relation to himself or herself any expression containing the word "nurse" which sufficiently indicates that he or she is a nurse, or, as the case may be, is in training to become a nurse, of tuberculous patients only;

(j) if the person holds the orthopaedic nursing certificate granted by the Central Council for the Care of Cripples or the Joint Examination Board of the British Orthopaedic Association and the said Central Council, or is in training for that certificate, use in relation to himself or herself any expression containing the word "nurse" which sufficiently

indicates that he or she is a nurse, or, as the case may be, in training to become a nurse, only of persons suffering from some orthopaedic disability:

(k) if the person has in a country or territory, other than England and Wales, successfully completed his or her training as a nurse in accordance with a scheme of training in force in that country or territory, use in relation to himself or herself any expression containing the word "nurse" which sufficiently indicates the country or territory in which his or her training was received;

(l) if, being a person who is serving in Her Majesty's military or air forces (otherwise than as a member of the army reserve or the air force reserve not for the time being called out on permanent service or as a member of the territorial army or auxiliary air force not for the time being embodied), he or she is qualified therein as a trained nurse, use the name or title of "trained nurse";

(m) if, being a person—

(i) who has at any time been entitled under the preceding sub-paragraph to use the name or title of "trained nurse", or would at any time have been so entitled if these regulations, or the regulations revoked by these regulations had then been in force, or

(ii) who has, while serving in Her Majesty's naval forces, passed for leading sick berth attendant,

he or she is no longer serving in Her Majesty's forces (otherwise than as aforesaid or as a member of a naval reserve force not for the time being called out for service or called into actual service) use the name or title of "service-trained nurse";

(n) if, being a person to whom none of the preceding sub-paragraphs of this paragraph applies, he or she is a person to whom any provision of regulations made under proviso (b) to subsection (2) of section 12 of the Nurses (Scotland) Act, 1951(i), or under proviso (b) to subsection (1) of section 6 of the Nurses Act (Northern Ireland), 1946(j), applies, use any name or title, or use in relation to himself or herself any expression containing the word "nurse", which he or she would be authorised to use if that provision extended to England and Wales.

(2) Nothing in these regulations shall entitle a person who is not a registered nurse or an enrolled assistant nurse to use in relation to himself or herself any expression which contains the word "registered" or the word "enrolled".

3. The regulations named in the Schedule to these regulations are hereby revoked.

## SCHEDULE

- The Nurses Regulations, 1945(k).
- The Nurses (No. 2) Regulations, 1945(l).
- The Nurses Amendment Regulations, 1946(m).
- The Nurses Amendment (No. 2) Regulations, 1946(n).
- The Nurses Regulations, 1947(o). (Regulation 2 only).
- The Nurses (Amendment) Regulations, 1949(p).

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this sixteenth day of July, 1957.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)*

These regulations are a consolidation of the Nurses Regulations, 1945 (as amended), with a few minor amendments. The main amendment enables persons trained as nurses outside England and Wales to use in relation to themselves any expression containing the word "nurse" which sufficiently indicates the country or territory in which their training was received without having their names placed on the list formerly kept by the Minister (Regulation 2 (k)).

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- (k) S.R. & O. 1945/638 (Rev. XVI, p. 1062: 1945 I, p. 898).
  - (l) S.R. & O. 1945/1436 (Rev. XVI, p. 1065: 1945 I, p. 900).
  - (m) S.R. & O. 1946/1141 (Rev. XVI, p. 1062: 1946 I, p. 1183).
  - (n) S.R. & O. 1946/1893 (Rev. XVI, p. 1065: 1946 I, p. 1183).
  - (o) S.R. & O. 1947/145 (Rev. XVI, p. 1065: 1947 I, p. 1524).
  - (p) S.I. 1949/1987 (1949 I, p. 2878).