

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

REHABILITATION OF DISABLED NURSES

Summary. This Memorandum informs hospital authorities of an extension of the existing scheme for the training at Government expense of disabled State Registered Nurses to cover courses for Tutors to Assistant Nurse Training Schools.

1. In Circular 2824 issued on 8th June, 1943, hospital authorities were asked to inform any disabled State Registered nurse receiving hospital treatment who was considered suitable by the Matron and a member of the medical staff of the hospital for training as (a) an industrial nurse, (b) sister tutor, or (c) health visitor, that it was open to her to apply for training and, if she was willing to make an application, to notify the Chief Nursing Officer of the Ministry of Health.

2. Arrangements for the training of industrial nurses were made by the Ministry of Labour and National Service and of sister tutors and health visitors by the Ministry of Health, who respectively accepted responsibility for the cost of training and examination fees, subsistence allowances, now at the rate of £3 18s. 6d. per week for the trainee who lives at home (£5 0s. 0d. if she lives away from home), travelling expenses and the cost of books within certain limits. Additionally, an allowance is made of £1 0s. 0d. per week for an adult dependant and 8s. 0d. per week for an only child under 16, or for the first child if there is more than one.

3. It has now been decided to extend the scheme for which the Ministry of Health is responsible to include the course for Tutors to Assistant Nurse Training Schools. The course lasts a month, is organised by the Royal College of Nursing and is held in Birmingham. The arrangements will be the same as for the sister tutor and health visitor courses and will apply to any disabled State Registered Nurses who are unfitted by their disability, whatever its cause, for normal nursing work. The Ministry will be prepared to meet the cost of training, examination fees, subsistence allowances at the same rates as for the sister tutor and health visitor courses, travelling expenses and the cost of books up to a total of £3.

4. Hospital authorities should bring this Memorandum to the attention of all Matrons and Chief Male Nurses.

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