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MEDICAL AND KINDRED PROFESSIONS ORDINANCE (CAP. 31)

Training School for Enrolled Nurses (Amendment) Regulations, 1989

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 80 of the Medical and Kindred Professions Ordinance, the Minister for Social Policy, on the advice of the Nursing and Midwifery Board, has made the following regulations:—

Citation.

1. These regulations may be cited as the Training School for Enrolled Nurses (Amendment) Regulations, 1989, and shall be read and construed as one with the Training School for Enrolled Nurses Regulations, 1986, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations".

L.N. 56 of 1986.

General amendment to principal regulations.

2. In the principal regulations, whenever the feminine gender is used in relation to any person, this shall be substituted by the masculine gender.

Substitutes regulations 3 to 7 of the principal regulations.

3. For regulations 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:—

"Conditions for admission.

3. The training school shall be open to candidates who on the closing date for applications for admission —

(a) are not under sixteen years or over thirty-five years of age; and either

(b) have successfully completed the approved course of studies at the Prevocational School (Health Care); or

(c) hold a General Certificate of Education at Ordinary Level, or a Malta Matriculation Certificate, in English Language, Maltese and Mathematics.

Entrance Examination.

4. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of regulation 3 of these regulations, the Chief Government Medical Officer may cause an entrance examination to be held for candidates who are not in possession of the qualifications referred to in paragraphs (b) or (c) of regulation 3 and candidates who pass this examination and satisfy the provisions of paragraph (a) of regulation 3 shall be eligible for admission to a training school.

(2) No candidate shall be admitted to the entrance examination referred to in sub-paragraph (1) hereof unless he has completed such studies as are equivalent to those of Form III of the Government Secondary School to be certified, in each case, by the Director of Education.

(3) The entrance examination shall consist in a written test in English (two papers), Maltese and Mathematics.

Interview and medical certification.

5. No candidate shall be admitted to the training school unless he passes a selective interview and is certified medically fit to the satisfaction of the Chief Government Medical Officer.".

Substitutes regulation 13 of the principal regulations.

4. For regulation 13 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following —

"Supplementary Examinations.

13. (1) Any pupil nurse who fails in the Intermediate Examination shall be allowed to sit again for such examination provided he gives evidence, to the satisfaction of the Nursing and Midwifery Board, of having undergone further satisfactory training and, if successful, to continue his course of studies:

Provided that any such pupil nurse who fails at his second attempt at the Intermediate Examination shall, saving always the production of evidence that he has undergone further satisfactory training, be allowed to sit for the examination for the third time but, if successful, he shall —

(a) if the following course of studies has started more than six months after the course of studies he is currently following, sit for the Final Examination in accordance with the provisions of regulation 12 of these regulations but not earlier than four months and not later than six months after the date when such Final Examination is due, during which period he must undergo further training to the satisfaction of the Principal Nursing Tutor;

(b) in any other case, join the Final Part of the following course of studies:

Provided further that no pupil who will have failed for the third time in the Intermediate Examination will be allowed to continue the course of studies.

(2) For the purposes of this regulation, and of regulation 15 of these regulations, absence from an examination or from any part thereof shall be deemed to be a failure at that examination or part thereof.".

Amends regulation 17 of the principal regulations.

5. For sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph 3 of regulation 17 of the principal regulations, there shall be substituted the following —

"(a) a Principal Medical Officer, or a Senior Medical Officer, or any other medical officer performing administrative duties in the Department of Health, as Chairman;".

Substitutes regulation 20 of the principal regulations.

6. For regulation 20 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following —

"Male pupil nurses.

"20. The Nursing and Midwifery Board may exempt male pupil nurses from gaining clinical nursing experience in —

general medical nursing of females;

general surgical nursing of females;

maternity care and gynaecological nursing care;

geriatric or long stay chronic sick nursing of female psychiatric or mentally handicapped patients.".

Transitory.

7. The amendment effected by regulation 2 of these regulations shall not be construed as meaning that the principal regulations shall henceforth apply only to male students, and the provisions of paragraph (b) of section 4 of the Interpretation Act, 1975, shall apply to the principal regulations as amended by these regulations.

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