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MEDICAL AND KINDRED PROFESSIONS ORDINANCE

(CAP. 51)

Training School for Enrolled Nurses Regulations, 1986

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 72 of the Medical and Kindred Professions Ordinance, the Minister of Health, on the advice of the Nursing and Midwifery Board, has made the following regulations:–

Citation and scope.

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Training School for Enrolled Nurses Regulations, 1986.

(2) These regulations shall apply to training courses started on or after the date of their publication in the Gazette.

Interpretation.

2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

"hospital" means a hospital or any part thereof, approved by the Nursing and Midwifery Board as forming part of a training school;

"training school" and "school" mean a complete training school, inclusive of one or more hospitals or any part thereof, approved by the Nursing and Midwifery Board, for nurses to be admitted to the Roll of Nurses kept by the said Board.

Age for admission.

3. The training school shall be open to female candidates who, on the closing date for applications for admission, are not under seventeen years nor over thirty years of age.

Conditions for admission.

4. No candidate shall be admitted to the training school unless she shall have been approved at one and the same session at an entrance examination held as provided in regulation 6 of these regulations:

Provided that any candidate who holds a General Certificate of Education at Ordinary Level, or a Malta Matriculation Certificate, in English Language, Maltese and Mathematics shall be exempted from the written test of the entrance examination.

Eligibility to sit for entrance examination.

5. No candidate shall be admitted to the entrance examination unless she 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.

Entrance examination.

6. The entrance examination shall be held at least twice yearly, and shall consist in a written test in English (two papers), Maltese and Mathematics and in a selective interview.

Candidates to be certified medically fit.

7. No candidate shall be allowed to join the training school unless she is certified medically fit to the satisfaction of the Chief Government Medical Officer.

Pupil nurses to be under the direction of a Principal Nursing Tutor

8. Candidates admitted to the training school shall be known as pupil nurses and shall be under the direction of a Principal Nursing Tutor. Such Tutor shall be in charge of the teaching and training in theoretical and practical nursing.

Course of studies.

9. The studies shall be made up of three parts:

(1) The Introductory Part, which shall last for four weeks, during which basic instruction shall be imparted at a training school; and

(2) (a) the Intermediate Part, which shall last for a period of forty-six weeks, and

(b) the Final Part, which shall last for a period of fifty-four weeks,

during which Intermediate and Final Parts theoretical and practical instruction shall be imparted at a training school in accordance with the scheme of training laid down in the First Schedule to these regulations.

Provided that the Minister responsible for Health may, on the advice of the Nursing and Midwifery Board, make such alterations to the said schedule as may be considered necessary.

When advising the said Minister on such changes the Nursing and Midwifery Board shall be guided by the relative rules of the United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting.

Work in hospital etc.

10. (1) During the Intermediate and Final Parts, pupil nurses shall be required to work in hospital wards and in the Community Care Services of the Department of Health and to gain practical nursing experience in accordance with the scheme of training laid down in the First Schedule to these regulations.

(2) Pupil nurses shall also have to perform night duties at regular intervals.

Examinations etc.

11. There shall be an assessment at the end of the Introductory Part, known as Introductory Assessment, an examination at the end of the Intermediate Part, known as Intermediate Examination and another after the end of the Final Part, known as Final Examination.

Written and Oral/Practical Tests.

12. (1) The Introductory Assessment shall be conducted by the Principal Nursing Tutor of the training school and shall consist of one written paper in Anatomy, Physiology and theory of Nursing and First Aid. The marks obtained by a pupil nurse for each written paper shall be out of a maximum of twenty marks and the Principal Nursing Tutor shall submit a report on the Assessment to the Nursing and Midwifery Board.

(2) The Intermediate Examination shall consist of one written paper. The written paper shall consist of questions on the subject matter covered during the Intermediate Part in accordance with the First Schedule to these regulations.

The result of the Introductory Assessment shall supplement the marks for the written paper of the Intermediate Examination with the remaining eighty marks being allocated for the written test questions bringing the total maximum marks up to one hundred.

Provided that the result of such Assessment shall not be taken into consideration in any supplementary examination.

(3) The Final Examination shall consist of —

(a) a written test (one paper on all aspects of Nursing, and another paper on Nursing Ethics, including Civics and Human Relations); and

(b) a practical oral test (lasting one hour) which shall deal with the practice of nursing and with questions on the subjects specified in the syallabus for the course of studies, at which test pupil nurses will be required to present to the assessors their record of practical instruction and experience.

Supplementary Examinations.

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

Provided that any such pupil nurse who fails at her second attempt at the Intermediate Examination shall, saving always the production of evidence that she has undergone further satisfactory training, be allowed to sit for the examination for the third time but, if successful, she will have to join the Final Part of the following course of studies:

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

(2) For the purposes of this regulation, absence from an examination shall be deemed to be a failure at that examination.

Eligibility to sit at Intermediate and Final Examinations.

14. (1) No pupil nurse may sit for the Final Examination unless she shall have passed the Intermediate Examination.

(2) No pupil nurse shall sit for the Final Examination if she has absented herself on sick leave or other cause (excluding vacation leave) in excess of an aggregate period of twenty days throughout the duration of the prescribed course of studies at the training school, unless she has made up for the excess absenteeism by attending for practical duties at a Government Hospital to the satisfaction of the Principal Nursing Tutor before sitting for the Final Examination:

Provided that where the curriculum of studies includes study blocks in accordance with curricula as may from time to time be approved by the Nursing and Midwifery Board, any period of absence for whatever cause, exceeding 20 per cent of the duration of the theoretical instructions of any of such study block shall render the candidate ineligible to sit for the final examination unless she has made up for this absenteeism by attending for the specific instruction for which she had been absent before sitting for the final examination.

(3) After making up for the absenteeism as provided for in paragraph (2) of this regulation, such pupil nurse shall not be entitled to a special session of the Final Examination but may sit at a session not earlier than that which is due in the normal course of events.

(4) Any pupil nurse may, subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this regulation, make up for the absenteeism referred to in the same paragraph or for any part thereof, by forfeiting an equivalent number of days of vacation leave to which she may be entitled.

Pupil nurses must pass Final Examination.

15. (1) A pupil nurse shall not be deemed to have passed the Final Examination unless she shall have obtained a pass mark in the written test and in the practical and oral test to the satisfaction of the Board of Examiners.

(2) A pupil nurse who fails in the Final Examination shall be allowed to sit again for such examination in such test provided she produces evidence, to the satisfaction of the Nursing and Midwifery Board, that she has undergone further training at a school for a period of approximately four months immediately prior to her resitting for the said examination:

Provided, however, that no pupil nurse may avail herself of this concession at any time later than three years from the date on which she first sat for the said examination.

Pass mark in tests.

16. A pupil nurse shall not be deemed to have passed any of the tests unless she shall have obtained at least 50 per cent of the marks awardable at any of the written papers or in the oral and practical test.

Conduct of examinations and of Assessment.

17. (1) The Intermediate and the Final Examinations shall be conducted by a Board of Examiners, to be appointed by the Nursing and Midwifery Board.

(2) The Board of Examiners for the Intermediate Examination shall include at least two nurses whose names are entered in the general part of the Register of Nurses kept by the Nursing and Midwifery Board.

(3) The Board of Examiners for the Final Examination shall consist of—

(a) a Principal Medical Officer or a Senior Medical Officer, representing the Chief Government Medical Officer as Chairman;

(b) two medical practitioners, one being a physician and the other a surgeon; and

(c) three nurses, two being persons whose names are entered in the general part of the Register of Nurses and the other being a person whose name is entered in the Roll of Nurses.

(4) The Board of Examiners shall submit the respective results to the Nursing and Midwifery Board for approval and ratification prior to publication.

Holding of examinations and relative applications.

18. (1) Not less than one month's notice shall be given of the date on which the Intermediate and Final Examination shall be held, which notice shall be exhibited on the Notice Board of the school.

(2) A pupil nurse who intends sitting at either the Intermediate Examination or the Final Examination shall, together with the relative fee for the examination, submit to the Nursing and Midwifery Board an application on the form prescribed in the Second Schedule to these regulations accompanied by a certificate signed by the Principal Nursing Tutor also as per said Schedule certifying —

(a) the fact that the pupil nurse has completed the practical nursing experience required under paragraph (1) of regulation 10 of these regulations; and

(b) the conduct and the regular attendance of the said pupil nurse during the relative period of training in accordance with the requirements of these regulations.

Successful pupil nurses to be awarded a certificate.

19. (1) Pupil nurses who, on the completion of the full period of training, pass the Final Examination shall be awarded a certificate signed by the Chairman of the Nursing and Midwifery Board, stating that the pupil nurse has undergone the prescribed course of studies at the training school and has been approved at the prescribed examinations.

(2) Such certificate shall be deemed to be the certificate referred to in paragraph (i) of section 67A of the Medical and Kindred Professions Ordinance.

Admittance of male candidates.

20. The Chief Government Medical Officer may admit male candidates to the training school, and in such case these regulations shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to male candidates:

Provided that male pupil nurses shall not be required to gain practical 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 females and nursing of female psychiatric or mentally handicapped patients.

Revocation and saving.

L.N. 89 of 1971

21. The Training School for Enrolled Nurses Regulations, 1971, are hereby revoked:

Provided that training courses which have commenced prior to the coming into force of these Regulations shall continue to be regulated by the provisions of the regulations hereby revoked.

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

Regulations 9 and 10

SCHEME OF TRAINING

(PUPIL NURSES)

Weeks (both inclusive)	INTRODUCTORY PART
1–4	Lectures in: ANATOMY PHYSIOLOGY NURSING FIRST AID
INTRODUCTORY ASSESSMENT	

Weeks (both inclusive)	INTERMEDIATE PART
5–10	Practical Nursing Experience 1. MEDICINE/SURGERY
11–12	Study Block 1 (Theoretical Instruction)
13–18	Practical Nursing Experience 2. SURGERY/MEDICINE
19	Holidays
20	Study Block 2 (Theoretical Instruction)
21–32	Practical Nursing Experience 3. GYNAECOLOGY/ UROLOGY/ MATERNITY CARE/ CARE OF THE NEWBORN
33	Holidays
34	Study Block 3 (Theoretical Instruction)
35–46	Practical Nursing Experience 4. ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT/ ORTHOPAEDICS/ MEDICAL OR SURGICAL SPECIALITY (includes experience in Oncology and Fever Unit at Boffa Hospital, and in Outpatient Department)
47–48	Holidays
49–50	Study Block 4 (Theoretical Instruction)
INTERMEDIATE EXAMINATION	

Weeks (both inclusive)	FINAL PART
51–60	Practical Nursing Experience 5. GERIATRICS (includes Community Geriatrics)/ PAEDIATRICS
61	Holidays
62	Study Block 5 (Theoretical Instruction)
63–74	Practical Nursing Experience 6. GERIATRICS (includes Community Geriatrics)/ MENTAL DISORDER AND HANDICAP
75	Holidays
76	Study Block 6 (Theoretical Instruction)
77–88	Practical Nursing Experience 7. COMMUNITY CARE (includes Home Nursing)/ MEDICAL OR SURGICAL SPECIALITY (includes experience in Oncology and Fever Unit at Boffa Hospital and in Outpatient Department)/ MENTAL DISORDER AND HANDICAP
89	Holidays
90	Study Block 7 (Theoretical Instruction)
91–100	Practical Nursing Experience 8. MEDICINE/SURGERY
101–102	Holidays
103–104	Study Block 8 (Theoretical Instruction)
	FINAL EXAMINATION

Allocated Periods:

Introductory Part: 4 weeks

Study Blocks: 11 weeks

Practical Nursing Experience: 80 weeks

Holidays: 9 weeks

SECOND SCHEDULE

PART I

Training School For Enrolled Nurses Regulations, 1986

Application for Admission to the Intermediate/Final Examination for Student Nurses*

(ADDRESS) .....

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(DATE) .....

The Registrar
Nursing and Midwifery Board

I beg to apply for permission to sit for the Intermediate/Final* Examination for Pupil Nurses which will be held during ..... in terms of the Training School for Enrolled Nurses Regulations, 1986.

In support of my application, I am forwarding herewith a certificate signed by the Principal Nursing Tutor certifying that I have completed the Practical Nursing Experience at the..... Training School For Nurses (which I joined on the .....) in terms of paragraph (1) of regulation 10 of the Training School for Enrolled Nurses Regulations, 1986, and also my conduct and regular attendance during the relative period of training.

I am also forwarding herewith the relative fee for the examination.

Signature .....

Name in Block Letters .....
(Pupil Nurse)

* Delete whichever is inapplicable

PART IIA

Training School for Enrolled Nurses Regulations, 1986

*Certificate by Principal Nursing Tutor for the Purposes of the Intermediate Examination for Pupil Nurses**

The Registrar
Nursing & Midwifery Board

(Date) .....

I Hereby certify, as Principal Nursing Tutor, that Miss/Mr .....

a Pupil Nurse, Daughter/Son of ..... born at

..... aged ..... and

residing at .....

a. has completed the practical nursing experience required under paragraph (1) of regulation 10 of the Training School for Enrolled Nurses Regulations, 1986, in respect of the Intermediate Examination, and
b. has regularly attended the relative period of training, in accordance with the said Regulations.

The conduct of Miss/Mr .....
has been satisfactory/not satisfactory throughout the relative period of training.

This is her/his first/second/third attempt .....

In case of the first attempt only: Her/His marks in the Introductory Assessment were ..... (maximum 20 marks).

In case of second or third attempt only: Further satisfactory training has been undergone in accordance with paragraph (1) of regulation 13 of the said Regulations. Yes/No.

Signature: .....
(Principal Nursing Tutor)

Name (BLOCK LETTERS):

Name of Training School:

* This Certificate is to accompany the relative application for admission to the Intermediate Examination for Pupil Nurses.

PART IIB

Training School for Enrolled Nurses Regulations, 1986

*Certificate by Principal Nursing Tutor for the Purpose of the Final Examination for Pupil Nurses**

The Registrar
Nursing & Midwifery Board

(Date) .....

I hereby certify, as Principal Nursing Tutor, that Miss/Mr .....

..... a Pupil Nurse, Daughter/Son of .....

..... born at ..... aged ..... and

residing at .....

a. has completed the practical nursing experience required under paragraph (1) of regulation 10 of the Training School for Enrolled Nurses Regulations, 1986, in respect of the Final Examination, and,
b. has regularly attended the relative period of training, in accordance with the said regulations.

The conduct of Miss/Mr .....
has been satisfactory/not satisfactory throughout the relative period of training.

This is her/his first/second/third attempt .....

In case of second or third attempt only: Further satisfactory training has been undergone in accordance with paragraph (2) of regulation 15 of the said Regulations. Yes/No.

Signature .....
(Principal Nursing Tutor)

Name (BLOCK LETTERS):

Name of Training School:

* This Certificate is to accompany the relative application for admission to the Final Examination for Pupil Nurses.

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