

**SECOND SUPPLEMENT TO THE GIBRALTAR  
GAZETTE**

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**MEDICAL AND HEALTH ACT**

**NURSES REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1997**

In exercise of powers conferred on him by section 36 of the Medical and Health Act, and of all other enabling powers, and for the purposes of transposing into the law of Gibraltar Council Directive 77/453/EEC (as amended by Council Directive 89/595/EEC), the Minister with responsibility for health has made the following Regulations:

**PART I**

**GENERAL**

**Title and interpretation.**

1(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Nurses Registration (Amendment) Regulations 1997.

(2) In these Regulations unless the context otherwise requires, the expression “the Regulations” means the Nurses Registration Regulations.

**PART II**

**AMENDMENTS TO NURSES REGISTRATION REGULATIONS.**

**Amendment of regulation 2 of the Regulations.**

2. In regulation 2 of the Regulations (interpretation), there shall be inserted in alphabetical sequence in the list of definitions, the following –

“pupil nurse” means a person whose name is on the roll of pupil nurses kept by the Board and who is undergoing training at an approved institution”.

**Roll of Pupil Nurses.**

3. After regulation 3 of the Regulations (constitution of the Board) there shall be inserted the following –

**“Roll of Pupil Nurses.**

3A.The Board shall keep a roll of pupils who wish to become nurses.”.

**Conditions of admission to Register.**

4. For Part I of the Regulations (condition of admission to register), there shall be substituted the following -

**“PART I**

**CONDITIONS OF ADMISSION TO REGISTER.**

5. In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires –

“approved training institution” means an institution or part of an institution approved by the Board for the purpose of this Part as a training establishment or as part of a training establishment providing a course of training leading to qualification for admission to a part of the register and which throughout that training remains responsible for the coordination of theoretical and clinical instruction;

“clinical instruction” means that part of nursing training whereby pupil nurses as part of a team and in direct contact with a healthy or sick individual and/or a community learn to plan, provide and assess the required total nursing care on the basis of their acquired knowledge and skills: the aim being to allow the pupil nurse an opportunity to learn to be, not only a team member, but also a team leader organising total nursing care, including health education for individuals and small groups in the health institutions or the community;

“the register” means the professional register of nurses and midwives kept by the Board under section 28 of the Act, and “registration” shall be construed accordingly; and

“theoretical instruction” means that part of nursing training whereby pupil nurses acquire the knowledge, understanding and professional skills needed to plan, provide and assess total nursing care. This teaching is provided in nursing schools and other teaching environments chosen by the approved training institution, and is given by a staff of nursing teachers and other competent persons.

**Age of entry.**

6. Persons admitted to training at an approved training institution shall be not less than seventeen and a half years of age on the first day of the commencement of a course except that in exceptional circumstances related to specific courses the Board may agree to entry earlier but in no circumstances at less than seventeen years of age.

**Educational requirements for admission to Parts 1 - VII of the register.**

7(1) Subject to paragraph (3) the minimum educational requirements for admission leading to qualification in Part I, III, V or VII of the register shall be a minimum of five subjects at Ordinary Level in the General Certificate of Secondary Education examinations or their equivalent.

(2) The minimum educational requirements for admission leading to qualification in Part II, IV and VI of the register shall be a minimum of three subjects at the Ordinary Level in the General Certificate of Secondary Education examinations or their equivalent.

(3) Where a person has complied with the requirements for enabling an application to be made for admission to Part II, IV or VI of the register as set out in paragraph (2)(b) of regulation 8 and has been so registered and such registration is not ineffective, that person shall be eligible to apply for entry into training leading to admission to Part I, III, V or VII of the register without complying with the requirement of paragraph (1) of this regulation provided she has practised for a minimum period of one year full-time (or practised part-time for an equivalent period) as a nurse subsequent to registration in Part II of the register.

**Length of Training for Admission to Parts I, III, V and VII of the Register.**

8(1) Subject to sub-regulation (2), the length of training for courses the successful completion of which shall enable an application to be made for admission to Part I, III, V or VII of the register shall be, if taken as a first qualification, full time training, of a specifically vocational nature, which must cover the subjects of the programme set out in Schedule 1A and comprise a three-year course or 4600 hours of theoretical and clinical instruction.

(2) An application for admission to Part I, III, V or VII of the register, in the following circumstances –

- (a) following a previous registration in Part I, III, V or VII of the register;
- (b) following a previous registration in Part II, IV or VII of the register; and
- (c) following a degree course approved by the Board,

shall be accepted by the Board, subject to the successful completion of such further theoretical and clinical instruction, and for such duration, as the Board shall deem, when taking the totality of the applicant's past theoretical and clinical instruction with that proposed, brings the applicant to satisfy the requirements set out in sub-regulation (1) above.

(3) The length of training for courses the successful completion of which shall enable an application to be made for admission to Part II, IV or VI of the register shall be –

- (a) if taken as a first qualification, not less than 24 months; or
- (b) following a previous registration in Part II, IV or VI of the register, not less than one year.

(4) Training undertaken on a part-time basis shall –

- (a) be of a standard; and
- (b) extend over a period of time, when taken in its totality;

equal to that required in the case of the training programme undertaken on a full-time basis.

**Training for admission to Parts I, II, V and VII of the register.**

9. Training leading to a qualification the successful completion of which will enable an application to be made for admission to Part I, III, V or VII of the register shall meet the requirements relevant to general nursing as set out in Schedule 1A to these regulations.

**Special provisions relating to the admission to Part I, III, V or VII of the Register.**

9A(1) Notwithstanding any other provision contained in this Part, any person admitted to a Part of the UK register listed in column 1 of the Table below, in accordance with the provisions of the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Rules as contained in the Schedule to the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Approval Order 1983 (S.I. 1983/873) and as amended from time to time, shall be entitled to admission to that Part of the register listed in column 2 of that Table appearing opposite the entry listed in column 1.

**TABLE**

<b>Column 1 UK Register</b>	<b>Column 2 Register</b>
Part 12	Part I
Part 13	Part III
Part 14	Part V
Part 15	Part VII

(2) In this regulation, references to the UK register shall be construed as references to the professional register of nurses, midwives and health visitors maintained by the United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting under section 7 of the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1997.

**Interruption of Training.**

9B A pupil nurse having an interruption in training of –

- (a) less than twelve weeks, shall complete the outstanding period of training as specified in the appropriate provision of this Part of these regulations;
- (b) more than twelve weeks but less than three years, shall complete the outstanding training plus one week of additional training for every four weeks of the interruption up to a maximum of sixteen weeks;

- (c) between 3 and 5 years, shall undertake additional training which shall be a minimum of 16 weeks;
- (d) five years and over, shall be required to apply for entry to training afresh.

**Examinations.**

9C. To qualify as a person who can apply to be registered in Part I to VII of the register under section 29 (1) of the Act, a pupil nurse shall –

- (a) have her name on the roll of pupils maintained by the Board;  
and
- (b) have completed the relevant training required under regulation 9 of these regulations; and
- (c) have passed an examination held or arranged by the Board in accordance with section 29(1)(c) of the Act which may be in parts, and which shall be designed so as to assess that during his training period the provisions of regulations 7 and 8(1) have been complied with and, furthermore, that the student concerned has acquired –
  - (i) adequate knowledge of the sciences on which general nursing is based, including sufficient understanding of the structure, physiological functions and behaviour of healthy and sick persons, and of the relationship between the state of health and the physical and social environment of the human being;
  - (ii) sufficient knowledge of the nature and ethics of the profession and of the general principles of health and nursing;
  - (iii) adequate clinical experience: such experience, which should be selected for its training value, should be gained under the supervision of qualified nursing staff and in places where the number of qualified staff and equipment are appropriate for the nursing care of the patients;

- (iv) the ability to participate in the practical training of health personnel and experience of working with such personnel;
- (v) experience of working with members of other professions in the health sector.”.

**Schedule.**

3. After Schedule 1 to the Regulations (forms) there shall be inserted the provisions of the Schedule to these Regulations.

**SCHEDULE**

**“SCHEDULE 1A**

Regulation 9

**INSTRUCTION PROGRAMME FOR NURSES  
EDUCATION LEADING TO REGISTRATION**

A. Theoretical Instruction.

(a) Nursing:

Accident and Emergency,

Community and Primary Care,

Nature and ethics of the profession,

General principles of health and nursing,

Nursing principles in relation to:

-General and specialist medicine,

-General and specialist surgery,

- Child care and paediatrics,



- Maternity care,
- Mental health and psychiatry,
- Care of the old and geriatrics;

(b) Basic sciences:

Anatomy and physiology,

Pathology,

Bacteriology, Virology and Parasitology,

Biophysics, Biochemistry and Radiology,

Dietetics,

Hygiene:

-Preventive medicine,

-Health education,

Pharmacology;

(c) Social Sciences:

Sociology,

Psychology,

Principles of Administration,

Principles of teaching,

Social and Health Legislation,

Legal aspects of nursing.

Theoretical instruction referred to in this paragraph shall be balanced and coordinated with the clinical instruction referred to in paragraph B below, in

such a way that the knowledge and experience required by these regulations may be acquired in an adequate manner. The length of the theoretical instruction shall amount to no less than one-third and that of the clinical instruction to no less than one-half of the minimum length of training set by regulation 8 above.

B. Clinical Instruction:

Nursing in relation to:

- General and specialist medicine,
- General and specialist surgery,
- Child care and paediatrics,
- Maternity care,
- Mental health and psychiatry,
- Care of the old and geriatrics,
- Home nursing.

Clinical instruction shall take place in hospitals and other health institutions and in the community, under the responsibility of teachers who are nurses and with the cooperation and assistance of other qualified nurses. Other qualified personnel may be involved in this teaching process. Pupil nurses shall participate in the activities of the departments concerned in so far as those activities contribute to their training, enabling them to undertake the responsibilities inherent in nursing care.”.

Dated this 16th day of October, 1997

K AZOPARDI,

Minister for the Environment & Health.

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**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

*(This note is not part of the regulations.)*

These Regulations transpose Council Directive 77/453/EEC (as amended by Council Directive 89/595/EEC) on the activities of nurses responsible for general care.

The Regulations amend Part 1 of the Nurses Registration Regulations so as to provide for admission to Parts I to VII of the register of nurses. The provisions set out in the Schedule to the Regulations introduce the form of training required of pupil nurses pursuant to those Directives, for admission to Part I, III, V and VII of the register. In particular, provision is made for the nature of the course of preparation to be followed by pupil nurses and prescribes the various nursing skills which a course of preparation imparts.

