

NURSES REGISTRATION ORDINANCE 1961.

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No. 19 of 1961.

An Ordinance to amend the *Nurses and Midwives Registration Ordinance 1928-1957*.

[Assented to 11th May, 1961.]

BE it ordained by the Legislative Council for the Northern Territory of Australia, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the *Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910-1959*, as follows:—

1.—(1.) This Ordinance may be cited as the *Nurses Registration Ordinance 1961*.

Short title
and citation.

(2.) The *Nurses and Midwives Registration Ordinance 1928-1957* is in this Ordinance referred to as the Principal Ordinance.

(3.) The Principal Ordinance, as amended by this Ordinance, may be cited as the *Nurses Registration Ordinance 1928-1961*.

2. Section three of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting the words—

Parts.

“Part III.—Registration and Qualifications of Nurses and Midwives.”

and inserting in their stead the words—

“Part III.—Registration and Qualifications of General Nurses, Midwives, Child Welfare Nurses and Mental Nurses.”.

3. Section four of the Principal Ordinance is amended—

Definitions.

(a) by omitting the definition of “The Board” and inserting in its stead the following definition:—

“‘The Board’ means the Board constituted under section five of this Ordinance;”;

(b) by inserting after the definition of “The Chief Medical Officer” the following definition:—

“‘General nurse’ means a person qualified in accordance with section twelve of this Ordinance, and includes a male general nurse, and for the purpose of any reference to a general nurse, words importing the feminine gender shall include males;”;

- (c) by inserting after the definition of "Member" the following definition:—
 " 'Mental nurse' includes a male mental nurse, and for the purpose of any reference to a mental nurse, words importing the feminine gender shall include males;";
- (d) by omitting the definition of "The Midwives Register";
- (e) by omitting the definition of "Nurse" and inserting in its stead the following definition:—
 " 'Nurse' means a person registered in the Territory as any or all of the following:—
 (a) a general nurse;
 (b) a midwife;
 (c) a child welfare nurse;
 (d) a mental nurse,
 and includes a male nurse, and for the purposes of any reference to a nurse, words importing the feminine gender shall include males;";
- (f) by omitting the definition of "The Nurses Register" and inserting in its stead the following definition:—
 " 'The Register' means the register of general nurses, midwives, child welfare nurses and mental nurses under this Ordinance;";
- (g) by inserting after the definition of "Registered" the following definitions:—
 " 'Registered child welfare nurse' means a woman who is for the time being registered as a child welfare nurse;
 " 'Registered general nurse' means a person (male or female) who is for the time being registered as a general nurse;
 " 'Registered mental nurse' means a person (male or female) who is for the time being registered as a mental nurse;";
- (h) by omitting the definition of "Registered nurse";
- (j) by omitting from the definition of "The Supreme Court" the words "North Australia" and inserting in their stead the words "the Northern Territory;"; and
- (k) by omitting from the definition of "Training School" the words "nurses, or midwives," and inserting in their stead the words "general nurses, midwives, child welfare nurses or mental nurses,".

4. Section five of the Principal Ordinance is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section:—

Constitution of Nurses Board.

“(3.) After the commencement of the *Nurses Registration Ordinance* 1961, the Board constituted under this section shall be called ‘The Nurses Board of the Northern Territory’.”

5. The heading to Part III. of the Principal Ordinance is repealed and the following heading is inserted in its stead:—

Heading to Part III.

“PART III.—REGISTRATION AND QUALIFICATIONS OF GENERAL NURSES, MIDWIVES, CHILD WELFARE NURSES AND MENTAL NURSES.”

6. Section eleven of the Principal Ordinance is repealed and the following section is inserted in its stead:—

“11.—(1.) The Board shall cause to be kept by the Registrar a register of nurses to be called ‘The Nurses Register’, containing the names of nurses classified under the following headings:—

Register of nurses.

- (a) General nurses;
- (b) Midwifery nurses;
- (c) Child welfare nurses;
- (d) Mental nurses.

“(2.) Subject to the last preceding sub-section, the Nurses Register shall be in such form and contain such particulars as are from time to time directed by the Board.

“(3.) A person shall be registered as a general nurse, midwife, child welfare nurse or mental nurse by the entering of that person’s name and such particulars with respect to that person as are from time to time directed by the Board under the appropriate heading of the Nurses Register.”

7. Sections twelve, thirteen and fourteen of the Principal Ordinance are repealed and the following sections are inserted in their stead:—

Qualifications required by registered general nurses.

“12. Subject to section fifteen of this Ordinance, a person shall be qualified to be registered as a general nurse who proves to the satisfaction of the Board—

Qualifications required for registration as a general nurse.

- (a) that she has passed such examinations with respect to general nursing and held from time to time by examiners appointed under this Ordinance as are prescribed and has passed through such course of training with respect to general nursing as is prescribed;

- (b) that she is the holder of a certificate of training as a general nurse, awarded by an institution or body approved by the Board, and has passed such examinations (if any) with respect to general nursing as the Board has directed her to pass and has passed through such course of training (if any) with respect to general nursing as the Board has directed her to pass through; or
- (c) that she has—
 - (i) in some other part of Her Majesty's dominions or in some other country, passed examinations with respect to general nursing and passed through a course of training with respect to general nursing; and
 - (ii) in the Territory or elsewhere, passed such further examinations (if any) with respect to general nursing as the Board has directed her to pass and passed through such further course of training (if any) with respect to general nursing as the Board has directed her to pass through.

Qualifications
required for
registration as
a midwife.

“ 13. Subject to section fifteen of this Ordinance, a person shall be qualified to be registered as a midwife who proves to the satisfaction of the Board—

- (a) that she passed such examinations with respect to midwifery and held from time to time by examiners appointed under this Ordinance as are prescribed, and has passed through such course of training with respect to midwifery as is prescribed;
- (b) that she is the holder of a certificate of training as a midwife, awarded by an institution or body approved by the Board, and has passed such examinations (if any) with respect to midwifery as the Board has directed her to pass and has passed through such course of training (if any) with respect to midwifery as the Board has directed her to pass through; or
- (c) that she has—
 - (i) in some other part of Her Majesty's dominions or in some other country,

passed examinations with respect to midwifery and passed through a course of training with respect to midwifery; and

- (ii) in the Territory or elsewhere, passed such further examinations (if any) with respect to midwifery as the Board has directed her to pass and passed through such further course of training (if any) with respect to midwifery as the Board has directed her to pass through.

“ 13A. Subject to section fifteen of this Ordinance, a person shall be qualified to be registered as a child welfare nurse who proves to the satisfaction of the Board—

Qualifications
required for
registration
as a child
welfare nurse.

- (a) that she has passed such examinations with respect to child welfare nursing and held from time to time by examiners appointed under this Ordinance as are prescribed, and has passed through such course of training with respect to child welfare nursing as is prescribed;
- (b) that she is the holder of a certificate of training as a child welfare nurse, awarded by an institution or body approved by the Board, and has passed such examinations (if any) with respect to child welfare nursing as the Board has directed her to pass and has passed through such course of training (if any) with respect to child welfare nursing as the Board has directed her to pass through; or
- (c) that she has—
 - (i) in some other part of Her Majesty's dominions or in some other country, passed examinations with respect to child welfare nursing and passed through a course of training with respect to child welfare nursing; and
 - (ii) in the Territory or elsewhere, passed such further examinations (if any) with respect to child welfare nursing as the Board has directed her to pass and passed through such further course of training (if any) with respect to child welfare nursing as the Board has directed her to pass through.

Qualifications
required for
registration
as a mental
nurse.

“ 14. Subject to section fifteen of this Ordinance, a person shall be qualified to be registered as a mental nurse who proves to the satisfaction of the Board—

- (a) that she has passed such examinations with respect to mental nursing and held from time to time by examiners appointed under this Ordinance as are prescribed, and has passed through such course of training with respect to mental nursing as is prescribed;
- (b) that she is the holder of a certificate of training as a mental nurse, awarded by an institution or body approved by the Board, and has passed such examinations (if any) with respect to mental nursing as the Board has directed her to pass and has passed through such course of training (if any) with respect to mental nursing as the Board has directed her to pass through; or
- (c) that she has—
 - (i) in some other part of Her Majesty's dominions or in some other country, passed examinations with respect to mental nursing and passed through a course of training with respect to mental nursing; and
 - (ii) in the Territory or elsewhere, passed such further examinations (if any) with respect to mental nursing as the Board has directed her to pass and passed through such further course of training (if any) with respect to mental nursing as the Board has directed her to pass through.”

Certificate of
registration.

8. Section nineteen of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting the words “ as a nurse or as a midwife ” (twice occurring) and inserting in their stead the words “ as a general nurse, as a midwife, as a child welfare nurse or as a mental nurse,”.

Suspension and
cancellation of
registration.

9. Section twenty-one of the Principal Ordinance is amended—

- (a) by omitting from sub-section (1.) the words “ as a nurse or as a midwife ” (twice occurring) and inserting in their stead the words “ as a general nurse, as a midwife, as a child welfare nurse or as a mental nurse ”;

- (b) by omitting from paragraph (c) of sub-section (1.) the words "North Australia" and inserting in their stead the words "the Northern Territory";
- (c) by omitting from paragraph (e) of sub-section (1.) the words "nurses or midwives" and inserting in their stead the words "general nurses, midwives, child welfare nurses or mental nurses, as the case may be;"; and
- (d) by omitting from sub-section (3.) the words "nurse or midwife" and inserting in their stead the words "general nurse, midwife, child welfare nurse or mental nurse".

10. Section twenty-two of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting the words "as a nurse or as a midwife" (twice occurring) and inserting in their stead the words "as a general nurse, as a midwife, as a child welfare nurse or as a mental nurse".

Surrender of certificates of registration.

11. Section twenty-three of the Principal Ordinance is amended—

Names to be erased from the register in the case of death, &c.

- (a) by omitting sub-section (1.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-section—

"(1.) The Registrar shall from time to time erase from the Nurses Register the names of any general nurses, midwives, child welfare nurses or mental nurses who have died and shall make such alterations and amendments in that Register as the Board from time to time directs for the purpose of making it an accurate record of the names, addresses and qualifications of the general nurses, midwives, child welfare nurses and mental nurses entitled to practise in the Northern Territory."; and

- (b) by omitting from sub-section (2.) the words "nurse or midwife," and inserting in their stead the words "general nurse, midwife, child welfare nurse or mental nurse,".

12. Section twenty-four of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting the words "and the Midwives Register".

Inspection of registers.

13. Section twenty-five of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting the words "nurse or midwife:" and inserting in their stead the words "general nurse, midwife, child welfare nurse or mental nurse:".

Recovery of fees.

14. Sections twenty-eight and twenty-nine of the Principal Ordinance are repealed and the following section is inserted in their stead:—

Persons advertising or holding themselves out as registered.

“28. A person shall not advertise or hold herself out as being or pretend to be—

- (a) a registered nurse, unless she is registered as a general nurse, midwife, child welfare nurse or mental nurse;
- (b) a registered general nurse, unless she is registered as a general nurse;
- (c) a registered midwife, unless she is registered as a midwife;
- (d) a registered child welfare nurse, unless she is registered as a child welfare nurse; or
- (e) a registered mental nurse unless she is registered as a mental nurse.

Penalty: Seventy pounds or imprisonment for three months.”.

Exhibition or publication of advertisement, &c.

15. Section thirty of the Principal Ordinance is amended—

- (a) by omitting the words “section twenty-nine” and inserting in their stead the words “section twenty-eight”; and
- (b) by adding at the end of sub-section (1.) the words—
“Penalty: Twenty pounds.”.

False statements.

16. Section thirty-one of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting paragraph (a) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:—

“(a) make or cause to be made any falsification in the Nurses Register, or in any matter relating to the Nurses Register; or”.

Regulations.

17. Section thirty-five of the Principal Ordinance is amended—

- (a) by omitting from paragraph (k) the words “nurses and midwives;” and inserting in their stead the words “general nurses, midwives, child welfare nurses and mental nurses;”;
- (b) by omitting from paragraph (m) the words “and the Midwives Register;” and
- (c) by omitting from paragraph (n) the words “registered nurses and registered midwives” and inserting in their stead the words “registered general nurses, registered midwives, registered child welfare nurses and registered mental nurses”.