

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Regulations 1980, No. 32*

Regulations under the Nursing Act

I, JOHN ARMSTRONG ENGLAND, the Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, acting with the advice of the Executive Council, hereby make the following Regulations under the Nursing Act.

Dated this **21 JUL 1980** day of _____, 1980.

J. A. ENGLAND

Administrator

By His Honour's Command

P. A. E. EVERINGHAM

Chief Minister acting for and on behalf of
Minister for Health

GENERAL NURSES REGULATIONS

PART I - PRELIMINARY

1. CITATION

These Regulations may be cited as the General Nurses Regulations.

2. REPEAL

The General Nurses Regulations (Regulations 1958, No. 8, Regulations 1960, No. 7 and Regulations 1967, No. 23) are repealed.

3. INTERPRETATION

In these Regulations, unless the contrary intention appears -

"approved", in relation to a form, means approved from time to time by the Board;

* Notified in the Northern Territory Government Gazette on **21 AUG 1980**, 1980.

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"certificate of eligibility" means a certificate signed by the Matron of a school of nursing certifying the eligibility of a student nurse to sit for an examination for registration;

"course of nursing education" means a course of studies with respect to general nursing at a school of nursing;

"student nurse" means a person undertaking a course of nursing education.

PART II - SCHOOLS OF NURSING

4. APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL

An application to the Board by a governing body of an institution for approval of that institution as a school of nursing shall be -

- (a) in an approved form;
- (b) signed by the Medical Superintendent of the institution or the secretary of the institution; and
- (c) be accompanied by a list of the names, addresses and professional qualifications of the medical, nursing and para-medical staff of the hospital.

5. APPLICATION REFERRED TO BOARD

Upon receipt of an application under regulation 4, the Registrar shall refer it to the Board for consideration.

6. APPROVAL OF SCHOOL OF NURSING BY BOARD

The Board may approve an institution to be a school of nursing where -

- (a) the Matron of the institution is registered in the Northern Territory as a general nurse and midwife and is otherwise experienced to the satisfaction of the Board;
- (b) clinical experience satisfactory to the Board is available to the student nurses of the institution;
- (c) not less than 200 beds in the institution are occupied by patients on a daily average;
- (d) not less than 100 registered general nurses are engaged in nursing at the institution;
- (e) a course of nursing education in accordance with these Regulations is available to the student nurses of the institution; and

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- (f) the institution is managed and conducted to the satisfaction of the Board.

7. CANCELLATION OR SUSPENSION

The Board may cancel or suspend an approval granted under regulation 6 if -

- (a) the institution ceases to comply with any of the criteria specified in regulation 6; or
- (b) any regulation which expressly or implicitly imposes a duty on the school of nursing is contravened.

8. RECORDS TO BE KEPT

The Matron of a school of nursing shall keep a record to the satisfaction of the Board of the theoretical instruction and clinical experience of each student nurse.

PART III - STUDENT NURSES

9. REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

(1) Subject to sub-regulation (2), a school of nursing shall not admit a person as a student nurse unless she has -

- (a) attained the age of 17 years;
- (b) to the satisfaction of the Board, completed 12 years of primary and secondary education;
- (c) produced a certificate from a registered medical practitioner to the effect that she is of sound health or of such a state of health that no danger to any patients at the school of nursing would be involved; and
- (d) produced references as to her good character from 2 persons well acquainted with but unrelated to her.

(2) The Board may dispense with compliance with sub-regulation (1)(b) in the case of a person who has attained the age of 21 years.

10. SCHOOL TO NOTIFY BOARD OF ADMISSION DETAILS

The Matron of a school of nursing shall notify the Board, in an approved form -

- (a) of the admission of a person as a student nurse within 30 days of that admission; and
- (b) within 30 days of a person ceasing to be a student nurse, details of that cessation.

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11. SPECIAL ADMISSION TO SCHOOL OF NURSING

(1) The Matron of a school of nursing shall not admit a person who has partly completed a course of nursing education unless the Board has approved an application under sub-section (2).

(2) An application to the Board for approval for the admission of a person who has partly completed a course of nursing education shall be in an approved form.

12. DURATION OF COURSE

The term of a course of nursing education shall be 3 years.

13. EXEMPTION FROM FULL COURSE

The Board may grant a reduction not exceeding 12 months in the term of a course of nursing education required under regulation 12, upon such terms and conditions as it thinks fit, if the person who applies for the reduction -

- (a) has pursued a course of study which, in the opinion of the Board, is relevant to nursing; or
- (b) is registered in a branch of nursing in the Territory or elsewhere.

14. EXTENSION OF COURSE

A course of nursing education of a student nurse shall be extended by an equivalent period to a period of absence in excess of -

- (a) 12 weeks leave during the term of the course of nursing education; and
- (b) 10 days sick leave in each year of the course of nursing education.

15. CURRICULUM

A course of nursing education shall be in accordance with the provisions of Schedules 1 and 2.

PART IV - EXAMINATION FOR REGISTRATION

16. EXAMINATION FOR REGISTRATION

An examination covering the subjects specified in Schedule 1 shall be a prescribed examination for the purposes of section 12 of the Act.

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17. ELIGIBILITY FOR EXAMINATION

(1) Subject to sub-regulation (2), a person is eligible to sit for an examination for registration after completing a course of nursing education.

(2) A person who completes a course of nursing education between the dates upon which consecutive examinations for registration are to be held, may sit for the earlier examination for registration if the Board so approves.

(3) Subject to these Regulations, a person who receives the approval of the Board under sub-regulation (2) and who passes an examination for registration before completing a course of nursing education shall be eligible for registration on the date upon which the course of nursing education is completed.

18. RESTRICTIONS ON EXAMINATION

(1) If she is otherwise eligible, a person may submit herself for an examination for registration if -

- (a) she has not sat previously for an examination for registration;
- (b) she has failed her first examination for registration within the preceding 12 months; or
- (c) she obtains the consent of the Board.

(2) A person may apply for the consent of the Board under sub-regulation (1)(c) once only.

19. SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION FOR EXAMINATION

The Board may authorize a person to sit for an examination for registration if the Board is satisfied that the person has received a nursing education outside the Territory similar to the nursing education required in the Territory.

20. APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATION FOR REGISTRATION

A person who is entitled to a certificate of eligibility to sit for an examination for registration in accordance with a form approved by the Board and who wishes to submit herself for an examination for registration shall lodge with the Registrar -

- (a) an application in an approved form; and
- (b) a fee of \$15, which may be refunded if the candidate is not permitted to sit for an examination for registration.

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21. REGISTRAR TO NOTIFY DETAILS OF EXAMINATION

The Registrar shall notify -

- (a) all schools of nursing of the closing date for applications to sit for an examination for registration; and
- (b) at least 14 days prior to the date of the examination for registration, all candidates and schools of nursing of the time and date of and place where the examination for registration will be held.

PART V - NURSES REGISTER

22. APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION, &c.

An application for registration as a general nurse shall be in an approved form.

23. DUTIES OF REGISTRAR

The Registrar -

- (a) shall enter in the Register of General Nurses details specified in Schedule 3;
- (b) shall issue a certificate of registration in accordance with Schedule 4; and
- (c) may issue a copy of a certificate of registration after a person proves to the satisfaction of the Board that the original certificate has been lost or destroyed.

24. CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Every registered general nurse shall notify the Registrar immediately upon changing her professional address.

25. PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION

The Registrar may issue a certificate of provisional registration in accordance with Schedule 5 for the purposes of section 20 of the Act.

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SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 15

EDUCATION SYLLABUS FOR STUDENT NURSES

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Hours</u>
<u>Biological and Physical Sciences</u>	
1. Physics and chemistry	30
2. Biology -	
Use of microscope	1
Cytology	6
Microbiology	25
Anatomy and physiology	97
Odontology	5
3. Nutritional and diet therapy	30
<u>Professional Nursing Studies (Human Relationships)</u>	
1. Professional adjustments (ethics)	12
2. History and development of nursing	10
3. Legal responsibilities	12
4. Principles of unit management	10
5. Principles of education	10
	Principles of administration and teaching, professional trends and responsibilities
6. Practice of nursing (nursing arts) including -	
Patient care	
Management of basic skills	186
Assessment of health	
<u>Behavioural Sciences</u>	
1. Sociology - including 2 hours introduction to anthropology	25
2. Psychology	25
3. Social aspects of disease	15

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<u>Subject</u>	<u>Hours</u>
4. Communications - introduction (thence integrated into all lectures)	2
5. Psychiatry and nursing practice	20

Health and the Community

1. Health education	13
2. Public health services and administration responsibilities	12
State Commonwealth International	
3. Community health nursing (personal, family, occupational, industrial)	15
4. Family planning and sexuality	6
5. Communicable diseases (including tropical and venereal diseases), epidemiology, preventive medicine	9
6. Rehabilitation (physical therapists)	11
Physiotherapy Occupational therapy Speech therapy	

Medical Sciences

1. First aid (including use of bandages and resuscitation)	22
2. Civil emergencies and disaster nursing	6
3. Pharmacology related to nursing practice (including care, administration, dosages, storage, toxic effects)	31
4. Radiology diagnostic and therapeutic preparation and management	16
5. Principles and practice of medical nursing (common medical diseases and related nursing care)	75
6. Principles and practice of surgical nursing (common surgical conditions and related nursing care)	75
7. Specialities -	
Orthopaedics and related orthopaedic nursing	14
Diseases of the chest, thoracic surgery and related nursing care	12

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<u>Subject</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Urology and related urological nursing	12
Dermatology and related dermatological nursing	4
Neurology and related neurological nursing	12
8. Gynaecology and gynaecological nursing (anatomy and physiology, common conditions and related nursing care)	14
9. Maternal and infant care	20
10. Paediatrics -	
Normal child, milestones, common medical and surgical conditions	12
Related nursing care	12
11. Ear, nose and throat nursing -	
Anatomy, physiology and common diseases	6
Related nursing care	6
12. Ophthalmology -	
Anatomy, physiology, common diseases and surgical procedures	6
Related nursing care	6
13. Gerontology and related nursing care - (Specific systems, rehabilitation)	20
Physiological	
Sociological	
Psychological	
Spiritual	
14. Anaesthetics and practice of nursing	15
15. Practice of nursing in operating theatre techniques	15
16. Practice of nursing in intensive care units	10
17. Practice of nursing in casualty and outpatients departments	4

Lecture hours - 1,012

588 hours to include practical demonstrations, patient studies, selected learning experience in wards and departments, visits (outside the precincts of hospital environment), films, revision and study examination and tests.

Total programme hours - 1,600

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SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 15

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

Medical nursing (male and female)	24 weeks
Surgical nursing including orthopaedic and 2 other surgical specialities (both male and female)	24 weeks
Paediatric nursing	10 weeks
Operating theatre nursing (assistance with 10 major and 10 minor operations)	7 weeks
Casualty and outpatient department nursing	6 weeks
Intensive care unit and recovery unit	6 weeks
Maternity nursing	4 weeks
Geriatric nursing	2 weeks
Psychiatric or mental retardation nursing	4 weeks
Community health nursing	4 weeks

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SCHEDULE 3

Regulation 23(a)

DETAILS IN REGISTER OF GENERAL NURSES

1. Registration No.
 2. Date of registration
 3. Name
 4. Address
 5. Qualifications
 6. Date of qualification
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SCHEDULE 4

Regulation 23(b)

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CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

This is to certify that

of has today been registered under the Nursing Act of the Northern Territory as a General Nurse.

Dated at this day of, 19.....

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Chairman of the Nurses Board

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Registrar

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Signature of Holder

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SCHEDULE 5

Regulation 25

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CERTIFICATE OF PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION

This is to certify that
has today been provisionally registered under the Nursing Act as a
General Nurse until the day of, 19.....

Dated at this day of
....., 19.....

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Chairman/Member* of the Nurses Board

*Delete if inapplicable.

