

## NURSES REGISTRATION.

1° AND 2° GEO. VI., No. XIV.

No. 14 of 1937.

**AN ACT to amend the Nurses Registration Act, 1921,  
and for purposes incidental thereto.**

[Assented to 13th January, 1938.]

**B**E it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Nurses Registration Act Amendment Act, 1937*, and shall be read as one with the Nurses Registration Act, 1921 (No. 7 of 1922), as amended by the Act No. 25 of 1922, hereinafter called the principal Act. Short title.

2. Section three of the principal Act is amended by adding the following at the end of subsection (1):— Amendment of s. 3 of principal Act.

The Board shall cause the register to be kept in three divisions, as follows:— Register to be kept in three divisions.

- (a) The names of those nurses who are generally qualified under the provisions of this Act to do all classes of nursing, except infant health nursing and midwifery nursing.

- (b) The names of those nurses who are qualified under the provisions of this Act as children's nurses.
- (c) The names of those nurses who are qualified under the provisions of this Act as infant health nurses.

Amendment  
of s. 5 of  
principal Act.

3. Section five of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) by adding subsections after subsection (3), as follows:—

(4) Every person who has attained the age of twenty-one years and has completed the prescribed course of training and has passed the prescribed examination and whose training has been exclusively at a children's hospital shall be entitled to be registered in that division of the register entitled "Children's Nurses"; and every such person shall be entitled to have her name transferred to the General division of the register when she has completed six months additional training in a hospital approved by the Board in which adult patients of both sexes are admitted.

(5) Every person who has attained the age of twenty-one years and being a trained and registered midwifery nurse, has completed the prescribed course of training and has passed the prescribed examination shall be entitled to be registered in that division of the register entitled "Infant Health Nurses," and every person who is registered in the General division of the register and being a trained and registered midwifery nurse, has completed the prescribed course of training and has passed the prescribed examination under this section shall be entitled to have her name entered in this division of the register; and

- (b) by renumbering subsection (4) as subsection (6).

Amendment  
of s. 6 of  
principal Act.

4. Section six of the principal Act is amended by striking out the words "subsection (3)" in line three of subsection (3) and substituting the words "subsections (3), (4), and (5)."

5. A new section is added after section ten of the principal Act, as follows:— New section.

10A. (1) Every registered nurse shall during the month of January in each year succeeding the year in which she was first registered apply in the prescribed manner for re-registration, and if any nurse fails to apply for re-registration in each of two consecutive years her name shall be erased from the register. Annual registration.

(2) A fee of one shilling shall be payable for re-registration.

(3) Notwithstanding that the name of any nurse has been erased from the register under this section, she shall be entitled to make a fresh application for registration on payment of the prescribed fee.

6. Section eleven of the principal Act is amended— Amendment of s. 11 of principal Act.

(a) by inserting a paragraph after paragraph (a), as follows:—

(b) being registered under one division falsely pretends that she is registered under another division of trained nurses; or

(b) by relettering paragraph (b) as paragraph (c).

7. A new section is added after section eleven of the principal Act as follows:— New section.

11A. (1) No person shall wear a nurse's cap unless such person is registered under this Act: Certain nurses may wear nurse's cap.

Penalty: Ten pounds.

Provided that—

(a) a certificated mental nurse or a registered midwifery nurse may wear a nurse's cap while in attendance on or nursing mental or midwifery patients respectively;

(b) a member of a religious order may wear a habit to conform to the requirements or custom of such order, and any person taking part in a religious rite may wear any raiment customary or necessary therefor.

(2) For the purpose of this section the term "nurse's cap" means the cap commonly worn by

trained nurses consisting of a piece of white material so folded that when worn portion thereof hangs to or below the shoulder.

Citation of  
principal Act  
as amended.

8. The principal Act as amended by this Act and the Act No. 25 of 1922 may be cited as the Nurses Registration Act, 1921-1937.

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