

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

NURSES REGISTRATION.

No. 7 of 1922.

[As amended by Acts—

No. 25 of 1922 assented to 30/11/1922;
No. 14 of 1937 assented to 13/1/1938;
No. 32 of 1939 assented to 16/12/1939;
No. 14 of 1944 assented to 8/12/1944;
No. 14 of 1946 assented to 13/11/1946;
No. 38 of 1948 assented to 21/12/1948;
No. 30 of 1951¹ assented to 19/12/1951;
No. 41 of 1952 assented to 18/12/1952;
No. 61 of 1953 assented to 9/1/1954;
No. 33 of 1956 assented to 7/12/1956;
No. 19 of 1957 assented to 30/9/1957;
No. 64 of 1957 assented to 6/12/1957;
No. 26 of 1959 assented to 15/10/1959.

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AN ACT to provide for the Registration of Trained Nurses and for other relative purposes.

[Assented to 31st January, 1922.]

BE 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, 1921-1959*.

Short title and citation.—
No. 7 of 1922, s. 1; No. 26 of 1959, s. 1.

1A. This Act shall be administered by the Minister for Public Health.

Administration. S. 1A inserted by No. 14 of 1944, s. 2.

1B. In this Act, unless the context requires otherwise—

Interpretation. S. 1B inserted by No. 14 of 1944, s. 2, amended by No. 14 of 1946, s. 2; No. 38 of 1948, s. 3; No. 41 of 1952, s. 2; No. 61 of 1953, s. 2.

“Board” means the Nurses Registration Board established under this Act.

¹ Came into operation on 1st July, 1952. See *Gazette* 4/7/52, p. 1673.

Nurses Registration.

“Dental Nurse” means a nurse qualified as prescribed to engage in dental nursing.

“Mental Nurse” means a nurse qualified to engage in nursing persons who are insane or mentally infirm and those declared to be in need of nervous treatment.

“Midwifery Nurse” means a midwife or other female practitioner of obstetrics registered under this Act, and “Midwifery nursing” has a corresponding meaning.

“Mothercraft Nurse” means a nurse qualified as prescribed to engage in mothercraft nursing.

“Nursing Aide” means a person entitled to be enrolled in the register as a nursing aide.

“Tuberculosis nurse” means a nurse qualified as prescribed to engage in nursing persons who are in need of treatment for tuberculosis.

Nurses
Registration
Board. No. 7
of 1922, s. 2,
as amended
by No. 14 of
1944, s. 3;
No. 41 of
1952, s. 3;
No. 64 of
1957, s. 2;
(See Queens-
land Health
Acts, 1900-
1917, s. 201.)

2. § (1) A Board, to be called the “Nurses Registration Board,” shall be established for the registration of duly qualified nurses.

No. 14 of
1944, s. 3.
(See foot-
note §.)

(2) The Board shall consist of thirteen members to be appointed by the Governor.

§ Subsection (2) of section 3 of Act No. 14 of 1944 enacts as follows:—

(2) The Nurses Registration Board as established and constituted under the principal Act* at the time of the commencement of this section†, and the Midwives Registration Board as established and constituted under the Health Act, 1911-1942, at the time of the commencement of this section† shall continue in operation and exercise and perform their respective powers and functions until the members to constitute the Nurses Registration Board are appointed under section two of the principal Act* as amended by subsection (1) of this section.†

* Nurses Registration Act, 1921-1937 (See No. 14 of 1944, s. 1).

† Section 3 of No. 14 of 1944.

(3) The Commissioner of Public Health shall, *ex officio*, be a member and the chairman of the Board.

(4) (a) The other members shall be—

- (i) The Inspector General of the Insane *ex officio*.
- (ii) Two medical practitioners, one of whom is practising as an obstetrician, nominated by the British Medical Association.
- (iia) The Principal Matron of the Public Health Department *ex officio*;
- (iib) An officer of the Department of Education who is a specialist in general education, and nominated by the Minister for Education;
- (iii) Four registered nurses on the staff of a nursing training school or hospital in active practice as such, one of whom shall be trained and experienced in midwifery nursing and infant welfare nursing, another of whom shall be a tutor, another of whom shall be a general trained nurse, and another of whom shall be a mental trained nurse qualified for registration as a general trained nurse;
- (iv) A general trained nurse, a mental nurse, and a midwifery nurse who are registered in accordance with the requirements of this Act and who are nominated respectively by the general trained nurses, by the mental nurses, and by the midwifery nurses who are also registered as aforesaid.

(b) Nominations of persons for appointment as nominated members of the Board shall be made in the manner prescribed.

(5) The members of the Board, other than the two *ex officio* members, shall each of them hold office for such term not exceeding three years from the date of his or her appointment as the Governor shall when making the appointment determine, and in determining the terms of office of the members first

appointed under this section after the commencement of this subsection the Governor may fix varying terms of office in relation to the said members respectively with a view to creating a rotation for the retirement of members of the Board.

(6) Every appointed member of the Board shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(7) The business of the Board shall be conducted and carried out in the prescribed manner.

(8) Neither the Board nor a member of the Board personally, is liable in any action or proceedings for anything done or omitted in good faith in giving or purporting to give effect to this Act.

See Tas. No.
37 of 1949,
s. 12.

Registration
of nurses.
No. 7 of
1922, s. 3,
amended by
No. 14 of
1937, s. 2;
No. 14 of
1944 s. 4;
No. 14 of
1946, s. 3;
No. 38 of
1948, s. 4;
No. 41 of
1952, s. 4;
No. 61 of
1953, s. 3.
No. 26 of
1959, s. 2.
(See Queens-
land Health
Acts, 1900-
1917, s. 201
(2); N.Z.,
1908, No.
134, s. 3.)

3. (1) The Board shall cause the names of such duly qualified nurses as apply for registration and, in the opinion of the Board, have complied with the requirements of this Act, to be registered in a register to be kept for the purpose and shall cause to be enrolled in the division of the register relating to nursing aides the names of persons who are entitled, by virtue of the provisions of this Act, and who apply, to be so enrolled.

The Board shall cause the register to be kept in nine divisions as follows:—

- (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;
- (d) the names of those nurses who are qualified under the provisions of this Act as mental nurses;

- (e) the names of those nurses who are qualified under the provisions of this Act as midwifery nurses;
- (f) the names of those nurses who are qualified under the provisions of this Act as tuberculosis nurses;
- (g) the names of those nurses who are qualified under this Act as mothercraft nurses;
- (h) the names of person who are entitled under the provisions of this Act to enrolment in the register as nursing aides.
- (i) the names of those nurses who are qualified under the provisions of this Act as dental nurses.

(1a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Act:—

- (a) Every mental nurse, who holds a certificate for mental nursing issued to him under the regulations made under the Lunacy Act, 1903-1954, shall be deemed to be qualified under this Act as a mental nurse, and upon application shall be registered as such under the provisions of this section;
- (b) Every midwifery nurse, who at the time of the commencement of this subsection, is registered as such under the provisions of Part XII. of the Health Act, 1911-1942,¹ shall be deemed to be qualified under the provisions of this Act as a midwifery nurse, and without any application by her, shall be registered as such under the provisions of this section.

Provided that such registration as aforesaid shall be the first registration of such mental nurse or midwifery nurse (as the case may be) within the meaning and for the purposes of section eleven of this Act and that section shall apply accordingly.

¹ Now Health Act, 1911-1959.

(2) Such register shall show the name, address, and qualifications of each nurse registered and of each person enrolled as a nursing aide therein.

(3) A copy of the register, certified by the secretary to the Board, shall be published annually in the *Gazette*.

(4) Any copy of the register published in accordance with subsection three hereof shall be *prima facie* evidence in all courts that the persons therein named are registered or enrolled according to the provisions of this Act; and the absence of the name of any person from such copy of the register shall be *prima facie* evidence in all courts that such person is not registered or enrolled according to the provisions of this Act.

Provided that in case the name of any person who is registered or enrolled according to the provisions of this Act is inadvertently omitted from any copy of the register published as aforesaid, a certified copy under the hand of the Secretary of the Board of the entry of the name of such person in the register shall be evidence in all courts that such person is registered or enrolled under the provisions of this Act.

4. Before registration of any person as a nurse or the enrolment of a person as a nursing aide, the Board shall be satisfied that the applicant is a person of good fame and character.

4A. (1) Every registered nurse and enrolled nursing aide shall give to the Board in writing notice of any change of her address from that appearing as her address in the register as soon as reasonably may be after such change of address occurs.

(2) Where it appears to the Board that a registered nurse or an enrolled nursing aide has changed her address and by reason of her failure to notify the Board thereof any notice or other written communication from the Board addressed and duly posted to her at her last address appearing in the register

Proof of good character. No. 7 of 1922, s. 4, amended by No. 41 of 1952, s. 5. (Sec Q, Health Acts, 1900-1917, s. 202.)

Registered nurses to notify Board of change of address. Section 4A inserted by No. 14 of 1944, s. 5, amended by No. 41 of 1952, s. 6.

has not been received by her within a period of two months from the posting thereof, the Board may cause the name of such nurse or an enrolled nursing aide to be erased from the register.

(3) Where the name of a nurse or a person whose name has been enrolled as that of a nursing aide has been erased from the register under the authority of subsection (2) of this section, such nurse or person may make a fresh application for registration and subject to the regulations and as hereinafter provided the Board may grant such registration.

Provided that if the qualification in respect of which such nurse or person claims such registration is such that her original application for registration based thereon had to be made within a limited time as prescribed by this Act or the regulations under this Act, or, in the case of a midwifery nurse registered prior to the commencement of this section as a midwifery nurse under Part XII of the Health Act, 1911-1942,¹ within a limited time as prescribed by the Health Act, 1911-1942,¹ or the regulations under that Act, then the time within which the fresh application for registration mentioned in this section shall be made shall be the like period of time calculated from the date when notification is posted by the Board to such nurse or person that her name has been erased from the register as aforesaid.

5. (1) Every person who has attained the age of twenty-one years of age, and at the commencement of this Act holds a certificate of not less than three years' training as a nurse in a hospital or training establishment, and proves to the satisfaction of the Board that during her training she received systematic instruction in theoretical and practical nursing from the medical officer and matron, shall be entitled to registration on making application to the Board on or before the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, and payment of the prescribed fee:

Who may be registered as nurses.
No. 7 of 1922, s. 5;
Amended by No. 25 of 1922, s. 2;
No. 14 of 1937, s. 3;
No. 32 of 1939, s. 2;
No. 14 of 1944, s. 6;
No. 14 of 1946, s. 4;
No. 38 of 1948, s. 5;
No. 30 of 1951, s. 4;
No. 41 of 1952, s. 7;
No. 61 of 1953, s. 4;
No. 33 of 1956, s. 2;
No. 19 of 1957, s. 2.
(See Q. Health Acts, 1900-1917, ss. 203-205.)

Provided that the Board may accept a certificate of two years' training as aforesaid during a time when two years was generally recognised as the period of training for nurses.

¹ Now Health Act, 1911-1959.

Nurses Registration.

(2) Every person who has attained the age of twenty-one years, and at the commencement of this Act has had not less than three years' training as a nurse in a hospital or training establishment, and passes the prescribed examination, shall be entitled to registration on payment of the prescribed fee.

(3) Every person who is certified as having completed the prescribed course of training as a nurse in a hospital or training establishment, together with systematic instruction in theoretical and practical nursing from the medical officer and matron of such hospital, and who passes the prescribed examination, shall be entitled to registration on payment of the prescribed fee.

(4) Every person who 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 prescribed by the regulations in which adult patients of both sexes are admitted.

(5) Every person who 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.

(5a) Every person who has completed the prescribed course of training and has passed the prescribed examination shall be entitled to be registered as a mental nurse in that division of the register which relates to mental nurses, on payment of the prescribed fee.

(5b) (a) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (b) of this subsection, every person who has completed the prescribed course of training (which shall extend over a period of at least two years), has produced evidence of having attended and taken part in a prescribed number of cases, and has passed the prescribed examination shall be entitled to be registered as a midwifery nurse in that division of the register, which relates to midwifery nurses on payment of the prescribed fee.

(b) Where an applicant for registration as a midwifery nurse satisfies the Board

- (i) that she has had three years' general training as a nurse in a prescribed institution and holds a certificate based on that training, and that she has in addition completed twelve months of training in midwifery nursing in a prescribed institution; or
- (ii) that she is registered or is entitled to be registered in that division of the register referred to in subsection (4) of this section as the division entitled "Children's Nurses", and that she has in addition completed twelve months of training in midwifery nursing in a prescribed institution; or
- (iii) that she is registered or is entitled to be registered in that division of the register referred to in subsection (5a) of this section as the division which relates to mental nurses, and that she has passed the first year's examination towards qualification for registration under subsection (3) of this section, and that she has in addition completed eighteen months of training in midwifery nursing in a prescribed institution;

the Board may, subject to the regulations, register the applicant in that division of the register which relates to midwifery nurses, notwithstanding that the applicant has not complied in all respects with the requirements of paragraph (a) of this subsection.

(5c) Every person who has completed the prescribed course of training (which shall extend over a period of at least two years) and has passed the prescribed examination shall be entitled to be registered as a tuberculosis nurse in that division of the register which relates to tuberculosis nurses, on payment of the prescribed fee.

Provided that no trainee shall be accepted for training in a hospital specialising in tuberculosis until such trainee shall have attained the age of eighteen years.

The foregoing proviso regarding age limit shall not apply to any person already serving at Wooroloo Sanatorium as an assistant tuberculosis nurse or trainee nurse.

Subsec. (5d)
added by
No. 38 of
1948, s. 5,
amended by
No. 41 of
1952, s. 7.

(5d) Every person who—

- (i) at the commencement of the training for mothercraft nursing is not less than seventeen years of age;
- (ii) has attained the general educational standard prescribed;
- (iii) is of the health standard prescribed;
- (iv) has completed the prescribed course of not less than fifteen months training in mothercraft at a mothercraft nurses' training school prescribed by the regulations;
- (v) has passed the prescribed examination—

shall, on payment of the prescribed fee, be entitled to registration as a mothercraft nurse in that division of the register which relates to mothercraft nurses.

Subsec. (5e)
added by
No. 41 of
1952, s. 7.

(5e) A person who—

- (i) is not less than seventeen years of age;
- (ii) has attained the educational standard prescribed;
- (iii) is of the health standard prescribed;

- (iv) has completed the prescribed course at such training places and schools for instruction as are prescribed; and
- (v) has attained the prescribed standard of efficiency;

or a person, who,

at the date of the coming into operation of the Nurses Registration Act Amendment Act, 1952, has in the opinion of the Board attained the prescribed standard as the result of practical experience and applies for enrolment during the period of six months next succeeding that date;

is on payment of the prescribed fee, entitled to enrolment as a nursing aide in that division of the register which relates to enrolment of nursing aides.

(5f) A person, who has—

- (i) attained the age of nineteen years;
- (ii) completed the prescribed course of training of not less than three years in dental nursing at the Perth Dental Hospital or other prescribed institution; and
- (iii) passed the prescribed examination;

or a person, who—

- (iv) is entitled to be registered in any division of the register of duly qualified nurses referred to in section three of this Act;
- (v) has completed the prescribed course of training in dental nursing for the period prescribed for nurses registered in that division of the Register in which the person is entitled to be registered, at a prescribed institution; and
- (vi) has passed the prescribed examination;

or a person, who has—

- (vii) at the date of coming into operation of the Nurses Registration Act Amendment Act, 1953, completed at the Perth Dental Hospital a course of training in dental nursing of not less than three years; and

(viii) been granted a diploma of dental nursing by the Board of that hospital;

or a person, who—

(ix) on the coming into operation of the Nurses Registration Act Amendment Act, 1953, is entitled to be registered in that division of the register referred to in paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section three of this Act; and

(x) was employed in a full time capacity for a period of not less than one year at the Perth Dental Hospital as an instructress in the school of dental nursing;

is on payment of the prescribed fee, entitled to registration as a dental nurse in that division of the register which relates to dental nurses.

(See N.Z.,
1908, No.
134, s. 4 (3).)
Amended by
No. 41 of
1952, s. 7.

(6) Every person shall be entitled to registration or enrolment in the appropriate division of the register under this Act who has attained the age of twenty-one years or such lesser age as is required by the preceding provisions of this section appropriate to the case and holds a certificate from an association or authority outside the State recognised by the Board, whereby it is certified that such person has received such training and has passed such examination as would be required from Western Australian nurses or nursing aides under this Act.

Training of
nurses. No.
7 of 1922, s. 6,
amended by
No. 14 of
1937, s. 4;
No. 14 of
1944, s. 7;
No. 14 of
1946, s. 5;
No. 38 of
1948, s. 6;
No. 41 of
1952, s. 8.

6. (1) Subject to the regulations the Board shall control the training of nurses, and persons training for enrolment in the register as nursing aides.

(2) (Repealed by Act No. 41 of 1952, s. 8.)

(3) All persons completing a prescribed course of training shall apply for registration or enrolment as the case may be, and sit for examination under the provisions of subsections (3), (4), (5), (5a), (5b), (5c), (5d) and (5e) of section five of this Act.

7. All examinations under this Act shall be held by examiners appointed under this Act.

Examinations. No. 7 of 1922, s. 7. (See N.Z. *ibid.*, s. 4 (4).)

8. When a nurse is registered or a person is enrolled as a nursing aide under this Act she shall receive a certificate in the prescribed form, together with a prescribed badge bearing her name and the date of registration.

Certificate of registration. No. 7 of 1922, s. 3, amended by No. 41 of 1952, s. 9. (See Q. *ibid.*, s. 208.)

9. (1) Every person who procures herself to be registered as a nurse or her name to be enrolled in the register as a nursing aide under this Act by means of any false or fraudulent representation, or by the production of any false certificate or testimonial, shall be guilty of an offence.

Fraudulent registration. No. 7 of 1922, s. 9, amended by No. 41 of 1952, s. 10. (See Q. *ibid.*, s. 209, and N.Z. 1908, No. 134, ss. 6 and 7.)

Penalty: Twenty pounds.

(2) On the conviction of any person under this section, her name shall be erased from the register.

10. Any registered nurse or enrolled nursing aide who is convicted of any indictable offence shall have her name erased from the register by order of the Governor; and any registered nurse or enrolled nursing aide who is proved to the satisfaction of the Board to have been guilty of grave misconduct shall be liable to have her name erased from the register by order of the Governor.

Registration may be cancelled for misconduct. No. 7 of 1922, s. 10 amended by No. 41 of 1952, s. 11. (See Q. *ibid.*, s. 210 and N.Z. *ibid.*, s. 8.)

10A. (1) If the Board is of the opinion that a registered midwifery nurse is incompetent or incapable of acting efficiently as a midwifery nurse or where a midwifery nurse is convicted of a breach of any regulation made under Part XII of the Health Act, 1911-1942,¹ the Board may direct her name to be erased from the register.

Registration of midwifery nurse may be cancelled for incompetence, etc. Section 10A inserted by No. 14 of 1944, s. 8.

(2) Where the name of a midwifery nurse has been erased from the register under the authority of subsection (1) of this section, the Board may at any time thereafter either of its own motion or upon application of the midwifery nurse restore the name of such midwifery nurse to the register.

¹ Now the Health Act, 1911-1959.

Enrolment of nursing aide may be cancelled for incompetence, etc. Section 10B added by No. 41 of 1952, s. 12.

10B. (1) Where the Board is of the opinion that an enrolled nursing aide is incompetent or incapable of acting efficiently as such or where an enrolled nursing aide is convicted of a breach of this Act or the regulations, the Board may erase or direct the name of the nursing aide to be erased from the register and it shall be erased accordingly.

(2) Where the name of a person enrolled as that of a nursing aide is erased from the register under the authority of subsection (1) of this section, the Board may either of its own motion or upon the application of the person restore or direct restoration of the name to the register and it shall be restored accordingly.

(3) The provisions of this section do not derogate from those of section ten of this Act.

Annual registration. Inserted by No. 14 of 1937, s. 5, as s. 10A, renumbered s. 11 in reprint of this Act published in Vol. 2 Reprinted Acts (1943), amended by No. 41 of 1952, s. 13.

11. (1) Every registered nurse or enrolled nursing aide shall during the month of January in each year succeeding the year in which she was first registered or enrolled apply in the prescribed manner for reregistration or re-enrolment, and if any nurse or enrolled nursing aide fails to apply for reregistration or re-enrolment in each of two consecutive years her name shall be erased from the register.

(2) A fee of one shilling shall be payable for reregistration or re-enrolment.

(3) Notwithstanding that the name of any nurse or that the name of a person which has been enrolled as that of a nursing aide has been erased from the register under this section, she shall be entitled to make a fresh application for registration or re-enrolment on payment of the prescribed fee.

Appeal against decision of Board. Section 11A inserted by No. 14 of 1944, s. 9, amended by No. 41 of 1952, s. 14.

11A. (1) When the Board—

- (a) Refuses to register or re-register a person as a nurse or to enrol or re-enrol a person as a nursing aide; or
- (b) Causes the name of a registered nurse or an enrolled nursing aide to be erased from the register; or
- (c) Refuses to restore to the register the name of a person whose name has been erased from the register—

the person aggrieved by the decision of the Board may, within three months after the date of such decision and in accordance with the regulations, appeal against such decision to a Judge of the Supreme Court sitting in Chambers.

(2) On the hearing of the appeal the Judge may affirm the decision appealed against, or may allow the appeal, and make such order, including an order as to costs, as in the circumstances he may think just.

12. Any person who not being registered or enrolled under this Act—

- (a) falsely pretends that she is so registered or enrolled; or
- (b) being registered or enrolled under one division falsely pretends that she is registered or enrolled under another division; or
- (c) wears a badge of the prescribed form, or so nearly resembling it as to be liable to deceive,

Penalty for false pretences. No. 7 of 1922, s. 11 renumbered s. 12 in reprint of this Act published in Vol. 2 Reprinted Acts (1943), amended by No. 14 of 1937, s. 6; No. 41 of 1952, s. 15.

shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty: Twenty pounds.

13. (1) No person shall wear a prescribed badge, prescribed type of cap or other prescribed distinguishing habiliment unless such person is registered or enrolled under this Act nor in circumstances other than those prescribed by the regulations as those in which they may be worn as a general trained nurse.

Certain nurses may wear prescribed badge, etc. Inserted by No. 14 of 1937, s. 7, as s. 11A, renumbered s. 13 in reprint of this Act published in Vol. 2 Reprinted Acts (1943) amended by No. 14 of 1944, s. 10; No. 14 of 1946, s. 6; No. 33 of 1948, s. 7; No. 41 of 1952, s. 16.

Penalty: Ten pounds.

Provided that—

- (a) (Repealed by No. 41 of 1952, s. 16);
- (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) (Repealed by No. 41 of 1952, s. 16.)

Application of fees and fines. No. 7 of 1922, s. 12, renumbered s. 14 in reprint of this Act, published in Vol. 2 Reprinted Acts (1943). (See N.Z., *ibid.*, s. 9.)

14. All fees and fines received under this Act shall be paid into the Treasury and form part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and all expenses of administering this Act shall be paid out of moneys appropriated by Parliament for that purpose.

Preference to be given to registered nurses. No. 7 of 1922, s. 13, renumbered s. 15 in reprint of this Act, published in Vol. 2 Reprinted Acts (1943) amended by No. 41 of 1952, s. 17. (See Q. *ibid.*, s. 211 and N.Z. *ibid.*, s. 12.)

15. On the appointment of nurses or nursing aides in any public hospital within the meaning of that term in the Hospitals Act, 1894,¹ or in Government hospitals, including hospitals for the insane, preference of employment in regard to future vacancies shall be given to registered nurses or enrolled nursing aides:

Provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed to interfere with the employment of probationary nurses.

Health Inspectors authorised to prosecute. S. 15A inserted by No. 14 of 1944, s. 11.

15A. Any inspector appointed under section eleven of the Health Act, 1911-1942,² and any person authorised by section twelve of the said Act to exercise and perform the powers and functions of an inspector under that Act may institute and carry on proceedings against any person for any alleged offence against this Act or for the breach of any regulations under this Act.

Offences to be dealt with summarily. S. 15B inserted by No. 14 of 1944, s. 11.

15B. Proceedings for any offence against this Act or for the breach of any regulation under this Act shall be disposed of summarily by Justices under the Justices Act, 1902-1936.³

¹ See the Hospitals Act, 1927-1955.

² Now the Health Act, 1911-1959.

³ Now the Justices Act, 1902-1959.

16. The Governor may—

(a) appoint fit persons to be examiners under this Act, and fix the remuneration of such persons; and

Appointment
of examiners.
No. 7 of
1922, s. 14
renumbered
s. 16 in
reprint of
this Act
published
in Vol. 2.
Reprinted
Acts (1943)
amended by
No. 38 of
1948, s. 8
and No. 41
of 1952, s. 18.
No. 19 of
1957, s. 3.

(b) make such regulations prescribing the forms of applications for and certificates of registration, the fees to be paid by candidates for examination and for registration, the badge to be worn by registered nurses, and generally such regulations as are necessary to carry this Act into effect and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing may make regulations—

Regulations.

(i) prescribing the respective badges and types of cap or other distinguishing habiliments which may be worn, by persons registered or enrolled in the respective divisions of the register and the circumstances in which they may be worn by those persons;

(ii) providing for the cancellation of certificates and badges issued to a person whose name is erased from the register in pursuance of the provisions of this Act and the return to the Board by that person of those certificates and badges;

(iii) authorising the register to be revised from time to time by the removal of the names of persons who have died, left the State permanently or ceased from any cause to be entitled to registration;

(iv) prescribing as the penalty for a breach of the regulations a sum not exceeding ten pounds;

- (v) prescribing the respective places at which persons may be trained or instructed or both and the respective courses of training and instruction or both for qualification for registration or entitlement to enrolment in the respective divisions of the register mentioned in section three of this Act; and
- (vi) prescribing the qualifications to be held by persons desiring to be accepted as students and regulating the training of students and prescribing the classes to be attended and the examinations to be passed and the minimum age at which training may be commenced.