

NURSES REGISTRATION.

12° GEO. V., No. XLI.

No. 7 of 1922.

**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:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Nurses Registration Act, 1921.*

Nurses Registration Board.

See Queensland Health Acts, 1900-1917, sec. 201.

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

(2.) The Board shall consist of five members.

(3.) The principal medical officer shall, *ex officio*, be a member and the chairman of the Board.

(4.) The other members shall be a medical practitioner and three nurses, to be appointed from time to time by the Governor; and the first appointments shall be made for the term of one year.

(5.) All subsequent appointments may be for a term not exceeding three years; and in the case of two of the nurses, shall be made by the Governor on the nomination in the prescribed manner by the registered nurses.

(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.

Registration of nurses.

Ibid., sub-sec. (2).
N.Z., 1908, No. 134, sec. 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.

(2.) Such register shall show the name, address, and qualifications of each nurse registered therein.

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

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

Proof of good character.
Q. *ibid.*, sec. 202

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 30th day of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, and payment of the prescribed fee:

Who may be registered as nurses.
Q. *ibid.*, secs. 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.

(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 has attained the age of twenty-one years, and is certified as having had not less than three years' 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 shall be entitled to registration under this Act who has attained the age of twenty-one years, and holds a certificate from an authority outside the State, whereby it is certified that such person has received such training and has passed such examination as would be required from Western Australian nurses under this Act.

See N.Z., 1908, No. 134, sec. 4 (3).

6. (1.) Subject to the regulations the Board shall control the training of nurses, and the hospitals at which such training is undertaken shall be such as are approved by the Board.

Training of nurses.

(2.) The course of training with the view to registration under this Act may be prescribed by the regulations.

(3.) All persons completing a prescribed course of training shall apply for registration and sit for examination under the provisions of subsection (3) of section five of this Act.

Examinations.
N.Z. *ibid.*, sec.
4 (4).

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

Certificate of
registration.
Q. *ibid.*, sec.
203.

8. When a nurse is registered 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.

Fraudulent
registration.
Q. *ibid.*, sec.
209.

9. (1.) Every person who procures herself to be registered as a nurse 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.

Penalty: Twenty pounds.

N.Z. 1908, No.
134, sec. 6 and
sec. 7.

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

Registration may
be cancelled for
misconduct.

10. Any registered nurse who is convicted of any indictable offence shall have her name erased from the register by order of the Governor; and any registered nurse 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.

Q. *ibid.*, sec.
210.

N.Z., *ibid.*, sec.
8.

Penalty for false
pretences.

11. Any person who not being registered under this Act—
(a) falsely pretends that she is so registered; or
(b) wears a badge of the prescribed form, or so nearly resembling it as to be liable to deceive,
shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty: Twenty pounds.

Application of
fees and fines.

12. 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.

N.Z., *ibid.*, sec.
9.

Preference to be
given to registered
nurses.

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

Q., *ibid.*, sec.
211.

N.Z., *ibid.*, sec.
12.

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

14. The Governor may—

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

Appointment of
examiners.

Regulations.
