

# REGULATIONS 1973, No. 20\*

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## Regulations under the *Nurses Registration Ordinance*

I THOMAS ALAN O'BRIEN, Acting Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, having received the advice of the Administrator's Council, hereby make the following Regulations under the *Nurses Registration Ordinance*.

Dated this sixteenth day of November, 1973.

T. A. O'BRIEN  
Acting Administrator

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### MIDWIVES REGULATIONS

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Midwives Regulations. Citation
  
2. In these Regulations, unless the contrary intention appears-- Definitions
  - "birth" means human birth;
  - "candidate" means a candidate for an examination;
  - "examination" means an examination for registration;
  - "medical practitioner" means a person registered under the *Medical Practitioners Registration Ordinance*;
  - "medical superintendent", in relation to an institution, means the medical practitioner in charge of the institution;
  - "registration" means registration, under the Ordinance, as a midwife;
  - "the Ordinance" means the *Nurses Registration Ordinance*;
  - "training" means training of midwives, and "trainee" and "trained" have corresponding meanings;
  - "training school" means an institution approved, under section 8 of the Ordinance, as a training school for midwives.
  
- 3.(1) A form prescribed by these Regulations shall be completed in accordance with such directions as are specified in the form as so prescribed. Forms
  - (2) Strict compliance with the forms contained in the First Schedule is not necessary and substantial compliance is sufficient.
  
4. An application for approval by the Board of an institution as a training school shall be made to the Registrar by-- Application for approval of training school
  - (a) the medical superintendent of the institution; or

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- (b) the secretary to the institution with the prior approval of medical superintendent, in accordance with Form 1 to which shall be attached a list of the obstetric staff of the institution.

Conditions  
for approval  
of training  
school

5. The conditions for approval by the Board of an institution as a training school and for it to continue to be approved by the Board are as follows:

- (a) the matron of the institution is a registered general nurse, registered midwife and registered child welfare nurse and has such experience as the Board considers to be adequate;
- (b) the staff of the institution includes at least 20 registered midwives who are actually engaged in midwifery at the institution and have such experience as the Board considers to be adequate;
- (c) the institution deals with at least 400 births a year;
- (d) the institution is managed and conducted in a manner that the Board considers to be efficient;
- (e) a course of training is for a period of not less than one year and is given in accordance with these regulations;
- (f) a person shall not commence training unless she has attained the age of 20 years and has produced to the Board—
- (i) a certificate of her registration as a general nurse or sufficient evidence of her being qualified, under section 12 of the Ordinance, to be so registered;
- (ii) a certificate of a medical practitioner stating that the person is of sound health or of such a state of health that no danger would be involved to her patients; and
- (iii) 2 testimonials, each from a person well acquainted with her but not related to her or to the other person, as to her being of good character.

Course of  
training  
and  
syllabus

6.(1) Subject to this regulation, the prescribed course of training at a training school for the purposes of section 13 of the Ordinance shall be conducted—

- (a) in the subjects set out in the first column of the Second Schedule for the minimum period of teaching of each of those subjects as is specified in the second column of that Schedule in relation to that subject;
- (b) if a subject includes clinical demonstration—at the place in the training school specified in the third column of that Schedule in relation to that subject; and
- (c) by lecturers included in the classes of lecturers in those subjects as described in the fourth column of that Schedule in relation to those subjects.

(2) the basic syllabuses of the subjects to be taught at a training school shall be as determined by the Board.

(3) In addition to the requirements of sub-regulation (1), a trainee shall spend at least 66 hours, in the aggregate, on the course as follows:

- (a) at least 20 hours shall be spent in attendance at other clinical demonstrations by one or more of the classes of lecturers specified in the first column of the following table at one or more of the places in the training school specified in the second column of that table:

First column Classes of lecturers	Second column Places for clinical demonstrations
Nurse Educator with Midwifery Certificate;	Out-patients Department
Clinical Tutor Sister with Midwifery Certificate; or	Pre-natal Ward
Ward Sister with Midwifery Certificate;	Labour Ward
	Post-natal Ward
	Nurseries

- (b) at least 46 hours shall be spent on such attendance at tutorials, films, lectures, tests, examinations and visits to places outside the institution as the matron of the institution, after consultation with the Registrar and the lecturers concerned, considers necessary for the training.

(4) In addition to the other requirements of this regulation, a trainee shall receive in the places in the training school that are specified in the first column of the following table the periods of clinical experience specified in the second column of that table in relation to those places:

First column Places for clinical experience	Second column Periods of clinical experience (in weeks)
1. Labour Ward	10
2. Pre-natal Ward	6
3. Post-natal Ward	12
4. Out-patients Department	2
5. Nurseries	16

7.(1) The Board may, subject to such conditions as it considers necessary, authorize the admission to a course of training of a person who has completed, in part, a course of midwifery in or outside the Territory.

Credits for courses elsewhere

(2) The Board may, in its discretion, authorize a reduction in the period of training of a person who proves, to the satisfaction of the Board, that she has completed, in whole or in part, a course of nursing education or training in or outside the Territory.

Broken  
periods of  
training

8.(1) Where a trainee fails to attend during her course of training for periods exceeding in the aggregate 6 months, the person shall not be permitted to continue the course except with the permission of the Board.

(2) The Board may impose such conditions as it considers necessary on any permission so given.

Absences  
during  
training

9. Subject to regulation 8, where a trainee is absent from her course of training otherwise than on authorized sick leave for a period not exceeding 10 days, the period of her training shall be increased by a period equivalent to the period of her absence.

Eligibility  
to sit for  
examination

10. Subject to these Regulations, a trainee who attends, for two-thirds of the prescribed number of hours, at the course of training and passes the tests required for the course—

(a) is entitled to receive from the matron of the institution, through the Board, a certificate of the attendance and passing of the tests (not being a certificate specified in regulation 15); and

(b) is eligible to sit for an examination.

Examinations  
for  
registration

11.(1) The Board shall appoint an examination committee to arrange the conduct of examinations simultaneously—

(a) at specified places; and

(b) during specified times on specified dates.

(2) A candidate shall be examined in the subjects specified in the Second Schedule.

Exemption  
from  
examination

12. The Board may, in its discretion, exempt, by certificate, from examination a trainee who has passed an examination that in the opinion of the Board, is the same as, or is similar to, an examination in pursuance of these Regulations.

Application  
for permission  
to sit for  
examination

13.(1) The Board shall publish in the *Gazette* a notice—

(a) of the date of commencement of an examination, being a date not earlier than 2 months after the publication;

(b) inviting applications for permission by the Board for the applicant to sit for the examination; and

(c) specifying a date after which such an application shall not be entertained by the Board.

(2) Subject to sub-regulation (1), a candidate shall apply, in accordance with Form 2, to the Registrar, through the matron of the institution at which she is being trained, for permission by the Board for her to sit for the examination.

(3) An application under sub-regulation (2) shall be accompanied by—

(a) the appropriate document referred to in the Form as accompanying the application; and

(b) a fee of 10 dollars for the examination.

- (4) The fee referred to in sub-regulation 3(b) is returnable if the application is refused by the Board.
- (5) At least 14 days before the holding of an examination, the Registrar shall notify in writing—
- (a) each candidate permitted by the Board to sit for the examination; and
  - (b) the matron of the institution concerned, of the permission.
- 14.(1) At least 2 months before the holding of an examination, the Registrar shall notify in writing the matron of each institution that is a training school of—
- (a) the contents of the notice referred to in regulation 13(1);
  - (b) the place of the examination; and
  - (c) the times during which the examination is to be conducted.
- (2) A matron notified under sub-regulation (1) shall as soon as practicable notify all trainees at the training school of the matters referred to in sub-regulation (1).
- (3) Not later than 1 month before the holding of the examination, the matron of the institution at which a candidate permitted to sit for the examination is being trained shall deliver to the Board a certificate with respect to—
- (a) the date of commencement of the course of training of the candidate; and
  - (b) the candidate having—
    - (i) spent the prescribed number of hours for attendance at the course of training;
    - (ii) passed the tests in connexion with the course of training; and
    - (iii) having witnessed at least 100 births and having conducted 20 births (of which any abnormal births do not exceed 5 in number).
15. Where a trainee has passed an examination and complied with these Regulations, the medical superintendent of the institution shall issue to her a certificate that she has successfully completed the course of training.
16. An application for registration shall be in accordance with Form 3 and be accompanied by such of the documents referred to in that Form as have not been produced to the Board by or on behalf of the applicant.
17. A certificate of registration shall be in accordance with Form 4 and be signed by the Chairman.
18. A certificate of provisional registration shall be in accordance with Form 5.
19. The Registrar may issue a certified copy of a certificate of registration or of provisional registration to an applicant who proves to the satis-

Notice to training school and matron's duties

Certificate of successful completion of training

Application for registration

Form of certificate of registration

Form of certificate of provisional registration

Copies of certificates

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fraction of the Board that the certificate has been accidentally destroyed or rendered illegible or is lost.

Notification  
of change of  
address

20. A registered midwife shall, as soon as possible, notify the Registrar in writing of any change of the place of address of the midwife that had been supplied for the purposes of her registration as a midwife.

Annual list  
of training  
schools

21. The Registrar shall keep a record of training schools and cause to be published in the *Gazette*, as soon as possible after 31 December of each year, a list of training schools.

## FIRST SCHEDULE

## FORM 1

Regulation 4

## THE NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

## Nurses Registration Ordinance

## Midwives Regulations

The Registrar,  
The Nurses Board of the  
Northern Territory,  
DARWIN.

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF INSTITUTION AS A TRAINING  
SCHOOL FOR MIDWIVES

Name and address of Institution:

I hereby make application, in accordance with the Midwives Regulations, for the approval by the Board under the Ordinance of the Institution as a training school for midwives.

2. I certify that the information given in the second, third, fourth and fifth columns of the following table, in relation to, respectively—

(a) the daily average number of beds occupied by obstetric patients of;

(b) the numbers of staff of; and

(c) the number of confinements in, the institution for—

(d) the period of 12 months immediately preceding the date of this application; and

(e) the period of 12 months immediately preceding that period,

that are specified in the first column of that table in relation to the information so given is correct:

(Complete so as to show the information  
and periods required by paragraph 2)

(1) Period	(2) Daily average number of beds occupied	(3) Numbers of staff	(4) Number of confinements
1. (give day, month and year)			In-patient- Out-patient-
2. (give day, month and year)			In-patient- Out-patient-

3. The name of the Matron of the Institution is  
(give name in full)

4. The Matron is registered as a  
(give branches of nursing)

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5. The number of births dealt with at the Institution for each of the two periods referred to in the second paragraph of this application were as follows:

(a) first period—  
(give number)

(b) second period—  
(give number)

6. I attach a list of the obstetric staff of the Institution and confirm that they have agreed to give the lectures and tests required by the Regulations.

7. I undertake that the Regulations applicable to the Institution as a training school will, as far as I am able to ensure, be conscientiously carried out and that any change of occupant of the position of Matron of the Institution will be immediately reported to the Board.

Signed this                      day of                      , 19

(give date)

\* Medical Superintendent  
of Institution

Secretary on behalf of  
Medical Superintendent  
of Institution

\* Delete whichever is inapplicable

FORM 2

Regulation 13

THE NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Nurses Registration Ordinance

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The Registrar,  
The Nurses Board of  
the Northern Territory,

(through the Matron of the                      Institution)

(give name)

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO SIT FOR AN EXAMINATION  
FOR REGISTRATION AS MIDWIFE

I,

(give name in full)

of

(give address)

hereby apply, in accordance with the Midwives Regulations, for permission to sit for  
for an examination for registration as a midwife under the Nurses Registration  
Ordinance.

2. The following accompany this application:

(a) \* a certificate of my registration as a general nurse

or

evidence in writing of my being qualified under section 12 of the  
Ordinance to be registered as a general nurse; and

(b) the fee of 10 dollars for the examination.

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(Signature)

(give date)

(give address)

\* delete whichever is inapplicable

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FORM 3

Regulation 16

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The Registrar,  
The Nurses Board of the Northern Territory,  
DARWIN.

## APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A MIDWIFE

I,

*(give name in full)*

of

*(give address)*

hereby apply, in accordance with the Midwives Regulations, for registration as a midwife under the *Nurses Registration Ordinance*.

2. I enclose the following:

(a) \* certificate of my registration as a general nurse

*or*  
evidence in writing of my being qualified under section 12 of the Ordinance to be registered as a general nurse;

(b) \* evidence in writing of my qualifications under section 13 of the Ordinance to be registered as a midwife

*or*  
certificate of my exemption under regulation 12 of the Midwives Regulations;

(c) 2 testimonials, each from a person well acquainted with me and not related to the other person, as to my being of good character; and

(d) certificate of medical practitioner as to my being of sound health or of such a state of health that no danger would be involved to my patients.

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*(give date)**(Signature)**\* delete whichever is inapplicable*

FORM 4

Regulation 17

THE NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

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CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

NO.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

*(give name in full)*has to day been registered under the *Nurses Registration Ordinance* as a midwife.

Dated at Darwin this

day of

, 19

*(give date)**(Signature)*

Chairman of the  
Nurses Board of the  
Northern Territory



FORM 5

Regulation 18

THE NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA  
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CERTIFICATE OF PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

(give name in full)

has today been provisionally registered under the Nurses Registration Ordinance of the Northern Territory as a midwife, until the day of , 19

(state date)

Dated at Darwin this day of , 19  
(give date)

(Signature)  
\* Chairman  
or  
Member of the Nurses  
Board of the Northern  
Territory

\* delete whichever is inapplicable

SECOND SCHEDULE

Regulation 6

COURSE OF TRAINING

(1) Names of subjects	(2) Period of teaching in hours	(3) Places for clinical demonstrations	(4) Classes of lecturers
<i>A. Biological and Physical Sciences—</i> 1. Anatomy and Physiology	15	....	(i) Medical practitioner with post-graduate obstetric qualifications (ii) Obstetric Registrar (iii) Nurse Educator with Midwifery Certificate
2. Haematology	2	....	Medical Practitioner
3. Microbiology	1	....	Medical Practitioner
4. Pathology	1	....	Medical Practitioner

<b>B. Social Sciences—</b>			
5. Social Aspects of Obstetrics	4	....	(i) Nurse Educator with diploma in Nursing Education and Midwifery Certificate (ii) Medical Social Worker
6. Family Planning	2	....	(i) Medical Practitioner (ii) Nurse Educator (iii) Representative of a Family Planning Authority
7. Psychological and Psychiatric Aspects of Pregnancy, Labour and Puerperium	4	....	Psychologist and Psychiatrist, respectively
<b>C. Medical Sciences—</b>			
8. Pregnancy, Labour and Puerperium			
(a) Normal	10	(i) Labour Ward (ii) Pre-natal Ward	(i) Medical Practitioner with post-graduate obstetric qualifications (ii) Obstetric Registrar (iii) Nurse Educator with Midwifery Certificate
(b) Abnormal	20	Post-natal Ward	
9. Nutrition	1	....	(i) Nurse Educator (ii) Dietitian
10. Physiotherapy	2	....	Physiotherapist
11. Anaesthesia and Analgesia	4	Labour Ward	Medical Practitioner
12. Neo-natal Paediatrics	8	Nurseries (a) Observation (b) Premature (c) Normal Isolation (d) Food Room	(i) Medical Practitioner with post-graduate paediatric qualifications (ii) Paediatric Registrar

<p>13. Midwifery and care of infants</p>	<p>60</p>	<p>(i) Out-patients Department (ii) Pre-natal Ward (iii) Labour Ward (iv) Post-natal Ward (v) Nurseries</p>	<p>Nurse Educator with Midwifery Certificate</p>
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