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### **PART I—PRELIMINARY.**

#### **1. Citation.**

These Rules may be cited as the Nurses and Midwives Rules.

#### **2. Interpretation.**

In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires—

- (a) “examination” means an examination mentioned in or held in accordance with these Rules;
- (b) “fee” means a fee prescribed under these Rules.

### **PART II—REGISTRATION AND ENROLLMENT.**

#### **3. Division of register and roll.**

- (1) The register shall be divided into—
  - (a) a part containing the names of persons registered as nurses (hereafter referred to as “registered nurses”); and
  - (b) a part containing the names of persons registered as midwives (hereafter referred to as “registered midwives”).
- (2) The roll shall be divided into—
  - (a) a part containing the names of persons enrolled as nurses

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<sup>1</sup>These Rules were made under section 26 of the Nurses, Midwives and Nursing Assistants Act, 1964 Revision, Cap. 263. That Act was repealed by the Nurses and Midwives Act, Act 2/1996, which is now Cap. 274. Act 2/1996, section 57, provided that all rules made under the prior Act “shall so far as they are consistent with the provisions of this Act be deemed to have been made under this Act and shall remain in force until revoked...”.

References to nursing assistants have been deleted under the authority of the Laws (Revised Edition) Act, section 4(a)(i), as it appears in volume I of the Laws of Uganda 2000.

- (hereafter referred to as “certificated nurses”); and
- (b) a part containing the names of persons enrolled as midwives (hereafter referred to as “certificated midwives”).

#### **4. Supplementary parts.**

- (1) The registrar may add to the register—
  - (a) a supplementary part containing the names of registered nurses trained in the nursing of sick children (hereafter referred to as “registered sick children’s nurses”); and
  - (b) a supplementary part containing the names of registered nurses trained in the nursing and care of persons suffering from mental disease (hereafter referred to as “registered mental nurses”).
- (2) The registrar may add to the roll—
  - (a) a supplementary part containing the names of certificated nurses trained in the nursing of sick children (hereafter referred to as “certificated sick children’s nurses”); and
  - (b) a supplementary part containing the names of persons trained in the nursing and care of persons suffering from mental disease (hereafter referred to as “certificated mental nurses”).

#### **5. Entries.**

Each entry in the register and roll shall contain in respect of the person to whom the entry relates the following particulars—

- (a) a registration or enrollment number;
- (b) full names and, in the case of a married woman, maiden name;
- (c) nationality or tribe;
- (d) permanent postal address;
- (e) date of registration or enrollment;
- (f) the date and nature of the qualification by virtue of which the person to whom the entry relates is registered or enrolled, and the institution in which training for that qualification was carried out.

#### **6. Publication of names in register and roll.**

In the month of January in each year the council shall publish in the Gazette a list containing the names of all persons appearing in the register or roll on the 31st December of the immediately preceding year, together with their addresses and the titles under which they are registered or enrolled.

## **7. Certificated nurse.**

A person shall be entitled to be enrolled as a certificated nurse if—

- (a) he or she passes the nursing preliminary examination, taken after the completion of a training period of not less than twelve months, and the nursing final examination, taken after the completion of a training period of not less than thirty-three months (which shall include the period spent in training for the nursing preliminary examination); or
- (b) his or her name appeared, immediately before the 2nd October, 1958, on any register, roll, record or list of persons described as certificated nurses kept by the former council or director of medical services.

## **8. Certificated midwife.**

A person shall be entitled to be enrolled as a certificated midwife—

- (a) if she passes the midwifery preliminary examination, taken after a training period of not less than fifteen months, and the midwifery final examination, taken after a training period of not less than twenty-seven months (which shall include the period spent in training for the midwifery preliminary examination); or
- (b) in the case of a person already enrolled as a certificated nurse, if she passes the midwifery final examination, taken after the completion of a training period of not less than twelve months.

## **9. Sick children's and mental nurse.**

A registered nurse or certificated nurse who satisfies the council that he or she is adequately trained in the nursing of sick children or in the nursing and care of persons suffering from mental disease shall be entitled to be registered or enrolled as a registered sick children's nurse, registered mental nurse, certificated sick children's nurse or certificated mental nurse, as the case may be.

## **10. Certificated mental nurse.**

Notwithstanding rule 9 of these Rules, a person shall also be entitled to be enrolled as a certificated mental nurse if he or she passes the mental nurses preliminary examination, taken after the completion of a training period of

not less than fifteen months, and the mental nurses final examination, taken after the completion of a training period of not less than thirty-nine months (which shall include the period spent in training for the mental nurses preliminary examination).

#### **11. Certificate of entitlement.**

(1) The council shall, on the application of any person who satisfies it that he or she is entitled by virtue of section 19(c) of the Act or by virtue of these Rules to be registered or enrolled and who produces a photograph of himself or herself, issue to that person a certificate (hereafter referred to as a “certificate of entitlement”) in the form prescribed as Form A in the First Schedule to these Rules which shall specify the title under which the applicant is entitled to be registered or enrolled.

(2) The registrar on the application of any person who produces a certificate of entitlement and a photograph of himself or herself shall register or enroll that person in accordance with that certificate and shall, on payment of the appropriate fee, issue to him or her a certificate of registration or enrollment, as the case may be, in the form prescribed as Form B in the First Schedule to these Rules.

#### **12. Duplicate certificates.**

(1) If a certificate of registration or enrollment issued to a person under these Rules is lost, accidentally destroyed or accidentally rendered illegible, the registrar shall on the application of the person to whom that certificate was issued and on payment of the appropriate fee issue to him or her a duplicate of the certificate, which shall be marked “Duplicate” by the registrar.

(2) If a lost certificate of registration or enrollment is subsequently recovered by the person to whom it was issued, any duplicate of the certificate issued under this rule shall be returned to the registrar by that person.

### **PART III—TRAINING AND EXAMINATIONS.**

#### **13. Examination syllabus.**

(1) The syllabus of subjects for examinations shall be those specified

in the Second Schedule to these Rules in respect of each examination.

(2) A candidate for an examination shall in his or her training period for that examination—

- (a) undergo theoretical and practical training in the subjects which by virtue of this rule compose the syllabus of subjects for that examination; and
- (b) in the case of the midwifery final examination, undergo the additional practical training specified in the Third Schedule to these Rules.

#### **14. Training institutions.**

(1) The council shall approve as training institutions for the purposes of these Rules such hospitals or other institutions as are in the opinion of the council capable of adequately providing the training mentioned in rule 13 of these Rules, and any institution so approved shall, as a condition of the approval, undertake—

- (a) to inform the council of the name, address, age and educational background of each person who commences training at that institution;
- (b) to inform the council if any person undergoing training at that institution changes his or her name or discontinues training; and
- (c) to provide the council with such other information in respect of persons undergoing training at that institution as the council may reasonably require.

(2) The council may withdraw its approval of an institution approved by it under these Rules if—

- (a) the institution ceases in the opinion of the council to be capable of providing the training mentioned in rule 13 of these Rules; or
- (b) the institution is in breach of or fails to fulfill any part of the undertaking mentioned in subrule (1) of this rule.

#### **15. Candidates for examination.**

(1) A person shall not be admitted as a candidate for an examination unless he or she first—

- (a) satisfies the registrar that he or she has completed the appropriate training period and, in the case of a final examination, that he or she is of good character; and

(b) pays the appropriate fee.

(2) Any fee paid on account of an examination shall be returned to the person who paid it if that person is unable to take that examination—

(a) because he or she fails to satisfy the registrar as required by subrule (1) of this rule; or

(b) because of sickness or for some other reason which in the opinion of the registrar is adequate.

#### **16. Dates of examinations.**

The dates of examinations shall be fixed by the council and advertised as the council may direct.

#### **17. Conduct of examinations.**

Examinations shall be conducted by boards of examiners generally or specially appointed for the purpose by the council.

#### **18. Successful candidates.**

The names of the successful candidates at final examinations shall be published, as the council directs, by the registrar.

### **PART IV—SUPPLEMENTARY.**

#### **19. Fees.**

There shall be paid in respect of the matters specified in the Fourth Schedule to these Rules the fees prescribed that Schedule in respect of each such matter.

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## SCHEDULES

*First Schedule.*

rule 11(1) and (2).

### Forms.

rule 11(1).

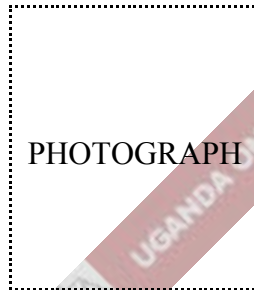
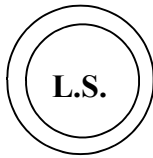
Form A.

Certificate of Entitlement.

*The Nurses and Midwives Act and the Nurses and Midwives Rules.*

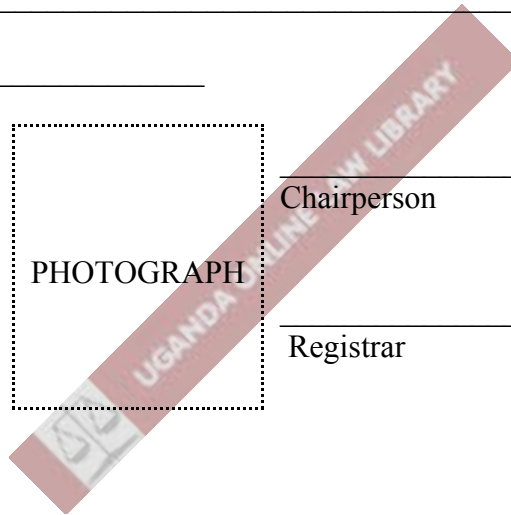
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a \_\_\_\_\_.

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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Chairperson

\_\_\_\_\_  
Registrar

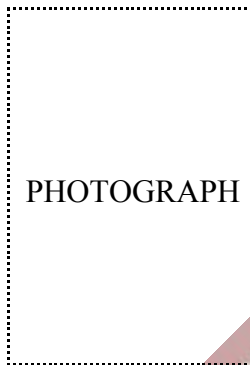
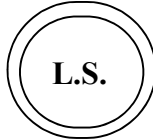


rule 11(2).

Form B.  
Certificate of Registration/Enrollment.  
*The Nurses and Midwives Act and the Nurses and Midwives Rules.*

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_ of  
\_\_\_\_\_ has been registered/enrolled as  
a \_\_\_\_\_.



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Chairperson

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Registrar

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*Second Schedule.*

rule 13(1).

**Syllabus of subjects for examinations.**

HEAD A—SYLLABUS OF SUBJECTS FOR THE NURSING AND MENTAL NURSES  
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS.

1. Principles and practice of nursing.
2. First aid.
3. Hygiene: personal hygiene; community hygiene.
4. Insect and parasite control.
5. Food supply of the family: mothercraft.
6. Elementary anatomy and physiology: general structure and functions of the human body.

HEAD B—SYLLABUS OF SUBJECTS FOR THE MIDWIFERY PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.

1. Principles and practice of nursing.
2. First aid.
3. Hygiene: personal hygiene; community hygiene.
4. Insect and parasite control.
5. Food supply of the family.
6. Elementary anatomy and physiology with special emphasis on—
  - (a) the pelvis;
  - (b) menstruation;
  - (c) fertilisation;
  - (d) the placenta;
  - (e) the breasts; and
  - (f) the foetal skull.
7. Normal midwifery.

HEAD C—SYLLABUS OF SUBJECTS FOR THE NURSING FINAL EXAMINATION.

1. Elementary bacteriology.
2. Elementary pharmacology.
3. First aid in hospital emergencies.
4. Principles and practice of nursing, including preparation for clinical investigations, tests and examinations.
5. Principles of medicine, medical treatment and nursing care.
6. Principles of pediatrics, treatment and nursing care of sick children.
7. Principles of surgery, surgical treatment and nursing care; operating theatre technique.
8. Principles of gynæcology, gynæcological treatment and nursing care.
9. Venereal diseases.

HEAD D—SYLLABUS OF SUBJECTS FOR THE MIDWIFERY FINAL EXAMINATION.

1. Principles and practice of nursing.
2. Mothercraft.
3. Elementary pharmacology.
4. The practice of midwifery in Uganda.
5. Abnormal midwifery.
6. Injuries and diseases of the newborn infant.
7. Outline of the systems of the body and diseases of them associated with

- pregnancy and puerperium.
8. Venereal diseases.

HEAD E—SYLLABUS OF SUBJECTS FOR THE MENTAL NURSES FINAL  
EXAMINATION.

1. Principles and practice of nursing.
2. Materia medica.
3. Principles and practice of psychiatric nursing.
4. Elementary psychology.
5. Psychiatry and psychiatric treatments.

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*Third Schedule.*

rule 13(2)(b).

**Additional practical training for candidates for the midwifery final  
examination.**

A candidate for the midwifery final examination shall, before taking the examination—

- (a) conduct antenatal examinations under the supervision of a registered or certificated midwife on not less than fifty pregnant women;
  - (b) attend not less than twenty women in labour and personally deliver in each case the infant and the placenta;
  - (c) make, under the supervision of a registered or certificated midwife, not less than ten vaginal examinations during labour;
  - (d) attend and nurse not less than twenty lying-in women and their infants; and
  - (e) attend not less than ten sessions at a child welfare clinic.
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*Fourth Schedule.*

rule 19.

**Fees.**

| Matter in respect of which fee is payable                    | Fee (Shs.)   |
|--|--|
| Issue of certificate of registration or enrollment           | 10   |
| Issue of duplicate certificate of registration or enrollment | 15   |
| Entry for a preliminary examination                          | 20   |
| Entry for a final examination                                | 40   |
| Reentry for one subject at an examination                    | Half the fees payable for the complete examination |

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