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1975, No. 117

An Act to amend the Nurses Act 1971

[10 October 1975]

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Nurses Amendment Act 1975, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Nurses Act 1971 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

2. Interpretation—(1) Section 2 (1) of the principal Act is hereby amended—

- (a) By inserting in the definition of “‘nurse’ or ‘registered nurse’”, after the words “community nurse,”, the words “a registered comprehensive nurse,”:
- (b) By repealing the definition of the terms “registered community nurse”, “registered psychiatric nurse”, and “registered psychopaedic nurse”, and substituting the following definition:

“‘Registered community nurse’, ‘registered psychiatric nurse’, ‘registered psychopaedic nurse’, and ‘registered comprehensive nurse’ mean respectively a person whose name appears for the time being in that part of the register relating to registered community nurses, registered psychiatric nurses, registered psychopaedic nurses, or registered comprehensive nurses; and ‘registered as a community nurse’, ‘registered as a psychiatric nurse’, ‘registered as a psychopaedic nurse’, and ‘registered as a comprehensive nurse’ have corresponding meanings:”.

(2) Section 2 (3) of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the words “registered psychopaedic nurse,” in both places where they occur, the words “a registered comprehensive nurse,”.

(3) Section 2 (4) of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the words “‘psychiatric nursing student,’”, the words “‘comprehensive nursing student,’”.

3. Register of Nurses—Section 16 (1) of the principal Act is hereby amended—

(a) By omitting the expression “7 parts”, and substituting the expression “8 parts”:

(b) By inserting, after the words “registered psychiatric nurses,”, the words “registered comprehensive nurses,”.

4. Qualifications for registration—Section 17 (1) (c) of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the words “registered psychiatric nurses,”, the words “registered comprehensive nurses,”.

5. Experimental programmes—(1) Section 36 of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsection (1), and substituting the following subsections:

“(1) If the Council considers that it would be advantageous for a scheme to be undertaken on a trial basis, the Council may, with the approval of the Minister, by resolution adopt the scheme for such period as may be specified in the resolution and in relation to such schools of nursing as may be so specified, being schools of nursing appearing to the Council to be suitable for the purpose of carrying out the scheme.

“(1A) In this section ‘scheme’ means a nursing programme and examinations to be undergone and passed by persons seeking registration in any capacity where either—

“(a) Such programme and examinations differ from, but appear to the Council to be no less efficient than, the programme and examinations prescribed for registration in that capacity; or

“(b) No programme and examinations are prescribed for registration in that capacity but the Council considers that the programme and examinations comprising the scheme are such as to maintain proper standards of training.”

(2) Notwithstanding anything in the principal Act or in regulations made thereunder, every scheme comprising a nursing programme and examinations adopted by the Council and being conducted at the Auckland Technical Institute, the Wellington Polytechnic, the Christchurch Technical Institute, and the Nelson Polytechnic, at the commencement of this Act, shall be deemed to have been adopted by the Council under section 36 of the principal Act (as amended by subsection (1) of this section), and no such scheme or registration under this Act of any person which results therefrom shall be held to be invalid by reason only that this section was not in force on the date on which the scheme was adopted by the Council.

6. Offences relating to obstetric nursing—Section 52 (1) (b) of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the word “midwife”, the words “, a registered comprehensive nurse,”.

7. Functions of Medical Officer of Health—Section 56 of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:

“(4) In this section ‘registered maternity nurse’ includes a registered comprehensive nurse to the extent that he ‘carries out obstetric nursing’, within the meaning of that expression in section 52 of this Act.”