



**THE PRIVATE HOSPITALS REGULATIONS 1964,
AMENDMENT NO. 1**

PAUL REEVES, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington this 16th day of December
1985

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Hospitals Act 1957, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

1. Title and commencement—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Private Hospitals Regulations 1964, Amendment No. 1, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Private Hospitals Regulations 1964* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

(2) Regulation 4 of these regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of July 1986.

(3) Subject to subclause (2) of this regulation, these regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of January 1986.

2. Interpretation—(1) Regulation 2 (1) of the principal regulations is hereby amended by revoking the definition of the term “nurse”.

(2) The said regulation 2 is hereby further amended by revoking subclause (2), and substituting the following subclause:

“(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, terms defined in the Nurses Act 1977 have the meanings so defined.”

3. Licences—(1) Regulation 3 (2) of the principal regulations is hereby amended by omitting the expression “\$1”, and substituting the expression “\$10”.

(2) Regulation 3 (3) of the principal regulations is hereby amended by omitting the expressions “\$2”, “50c”, and “\$10”, and substituting, respectively, the expressions “\$16”, “\$4”, and “\$100”.

(3) The said regulation 3 is hereby amended by adding the following subclause:

“(4) The application shall also be accompanied by a statement of any changes that have occurred since the payment was last made under this regulation in respect of the licence concerned, relating to any matter in respect of the hospital concerned for which provision is made in these regulations.”

4. Registered nursing staff—(1) The principal regulations are hereby amended by revoking regulation 4, and substituting the following regulation:

“4. (1) There shall at all times be on duty in a private hospital at least one registered nurse.

“(2) For the purposes of subclauses (3) to (5) of this regulation, a nurse who is normally employed at a private hospital for a period of less than 40 hours every week shall be counted as a fraction of a nurse bearing the same proportion to 1 as the period for which that nurse is normally employed at that hospital every week bears to the period of 40 hours.

“(3) There shall at all times be employed at a private geriatric, medical, obstetric, or surgical hospital not less than the number of registered general, registered general and obstetric, registered comprehensive, or enrolled nurses specified in the second column of the Third Schedule to these regulations in relation to the number of beds for which that hospital is licensed specified in the first column of that schedule, of whom at least the number specified in the third column of that schedule opposite that number are registered general, registered general and obstetric, or registered comprehensive nurses.

“(4) If satisfied that it would be in the interests of the care of the patients in a geriatric or medical hospital, the Director-General may authorise the application of subclause (3) of this regulation to that hospital as if a number (specified by the Director-General in that behalf) of registered psychiatric nurses were registered general nurses; and in that case, until the Director-General modifies or withdraws the authority, that subclause shall apply to that hospital.

“(5) There shall at all times be employed at a private psychiatric hospital not less than the number of registered psychiatric, registered comprehensive, or enrolled nurses specified in the second column of the Third Schedule to these regulations in relation to the number of beds for which that hospital is licensed specified in the first column of that schedule, of whom at least the number specified in the third column of that schedule opposite that number are registered psychiatric or registered comprehensive nurses.

“(6) Nothing in this regulation shall affect the provisions of the *Obstetric Regulations 1975**.”

(2) The principal regulations are hereby consequentially amended by adding the new Third Schedule set out in the Schedule to these regulations.

*S.R. 1975/137

Amendment No. 1: S.R. 1976/110

5. Medical asepsis—The principal regulations are hereby further amended by revoking regulation 18, and substituting the following regulation:

“18. The manager shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that every patient in a private hospital is nursed in accordance with a proper and appropriate technique of medical asepsis.”

6. Rooms and equipment to be disinfected—(1) Regulation 19 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by omitting from paragraph (a) the words “in the manner provided in the Department of Health pamphlet H.Mt 18, *The Technique of Isolation*, published in the year 1960 and issued by the Director-General”, and omitting from paragraph (b) the words “in the manner provided in the said pamphlet”, and substituting, in each case, the words “in a proper manner”.

(2) The said regulation 19 is hereby further amended by revoking the proviso to paragraph (b).

SCHEDULE

Reg. 4 (2)

NEW THIRD SCHEDULE

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Reg. 4

NUMBER OF REGISTERED AND ENROLLED NURSES REQUIRED
FOR PRIVATE HOSPITALS

Number of beds	Number of Registered or Enrolled Nurses	Number of Registered Nurses
1 to 25	5	5
26 to 30	6	5
31 to 35	7	6
36 to 40	8	7
41 to 45	9	8
46 to 50	10	9
51 to 55	11	9
56 to 60	12	10
61 to 65	13	11
66 to 70	14	12
71 to 75	15	13
76 to 80	16	13
81 to 85	17	14
86 to 90	18	15
91 to 95	19	16
96 to 100	20	16
More than 100	20 plus a further nurse for every 5 beds or part thereof in excess of 100	16 plus a further nurse for every 5 beds or part thereof in excess of 100.”

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

The principal effects of these regulations are to reflect changes in hospital practice in relation to the numbers of qualified nurses required to be on duty and to the standard of asepsis required to be maintained, and to increase various fees payable by licensed private hospitals.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Health.