

Nurses and Midwives (Amendment) Regulations 2006

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**NURSES AND MIDWIVES ACT
(CHAPTER 209)**

NURSES AND MIDWIVES (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2006

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 32 (8) and 44 of the Nurses and Midwives Act, the Singapore Nursing Board, with the approval of the Minister for Health, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Nurses and Midwives (Amendment) Regulations 2006 and shall come into operation on 1st July 2006.

Amendment of heading to Part I

2. The heading to Part I of the Nurses and Midwives Regulations (Rg 1) (referred to in these Regulations as the principal Regulations) is amended by inserting, immediately after the word “ENROLMENT”, the word “, CERTIFICATION”.

New regulations 2A and 2B

3. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting, immediately after regulation 2, the following regulations:

“Specialised branches of nursing specified in First Schedule

2A. For the purposes of section 32(2)(a) of the Act, the specialised branches of nursing approved by the Board are specified in the First Schedule.

Advanced Practice Nurse Register

2B. The Advanced Practice Nurse Register shall be in such form as the Board may determine and shall contain the names and such other particulars as the Board may determine of all persons who are certified as Advanced Practice Nurses.”.

Deletion and substitution of regulation 4

4. Regulation 4 of the principal Regulations is deleted and the following regulation substituted therefor:

“Correction or alteration of Register, Roll or Advanced Practice Nurse Register

4. The Registrar shall —

- (a) insert in the Register, Roll or Advanced Practice Nurse Register, as the case may be, any alteration which may come to his knowledge to the name, address or other particulars of any registered nurse, enrolled nurse, registered midwife or Advanced Practice Nurse;
- (b) insert in the Register, Roll or Advanced Practice Nurse Register, as the case may be, any alteration to the qualifications or any additional qualifications of any registered nurse, enrolled nurse, registered midwife or Advanced Practice Nurse;
- (c) correct any error in any entry in the Register, Roll or Advanced Practice Nurse Register; and

- (d) remove from the Register, Roll or Advanced Practice Nurse Register, as the case may be, the name of any person whose registration or enrolment as a nurse, registration as a midwife or certification as an Advanced Practice Nurse is cancelled by the Board under section 19 of the Act.”.

Amendment of regulation 5

5. Regulation 5(1) of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “registration shall be made in Form 1 in the Second Schedule” and substituting the words “registration or enrolment shall be made in Form 1 in the Third Schedule”;
- (b) by deleting the words “First Schedule” in sub-paragraph (a) and substituting the words “Second Schedule”; and
- (c) by deleting the words “, on the date of issue of the certificate,” in sub-paragraph (e)(ii).

New regulations 5A to 5E

6. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting, immediately after regulation 5, the following regulations:

“Application for certification as Advanced Practice Nurse

5A.—(1) An application for certification as an Advanced Practice Nurse (referred to in these Regulations as certification) shall be made in Form 1A in the Third Schedule and shall be accompanied by the following:

- (a) the applicable fee specified in the Second Schedule;
- (b) evidence of successful completion of —
 - (i) an accredited course in a specialised branch of nursing approved by the Board conducted by an accredited institution or other institution recognised by the Board; or
 - (ii) a course conducted outside Singapore which, in the opinion of the Board, is equivalent to a course referred to in sub-paragraph (i);
- (c) evidence of having acquired such experience in that specialised branch of nursing as the Board may require;

- (d) if the course referred to in sub-paragraph (b) is conducted outside Singapore, a statement describing the type, content and duration of the course;
- (e) if the applicant is certified as an Advanced Practice Nurse or its equivalent in any territory outside Singapore —
 - (i) a certified copy of the Advanced Practice Nurse certificate or its equivalent in that country; and
 - (ii) a statement from the certification body of that country verifying that the applicant is certified as an Advanced Practice Nurse and that no proceedings have been taken or are pending against him; and
- (f) any other information, statement or document as the Board may require.

(2) Any document produced under paragraph (1) that is not in English shall be accompanied by a certified translation thereof in English.

(3) The Board may, in any particular case, dispense with the production of any certificate or other document if the Board is satisfied by other evidence that the information furnished by the applicant is sufficient and correct, and that as regards character and professional competence the applicant is suitable for certification.

Induction programme and competency assessment

5B. Before certifying a person as an Advanced Practice Nurse under section 32 of the Act, the Board may require the person to undergo such induction programme or competency assessment as may be approved by the Board, and the Board may refuse to certify him if he fails to undergo or complete such induction programme or competency assessment.

Provisional certification as Advanced Practice Nurse

5C.—(1) The Board may provisionally certify as an Advanced Practice Nurse a person who has been required under regulation 5B to undergo an induction programme or a competency assessment.

(2) If a person who is provisionally certified becomes certified under section 32 of the Act, his certification shall date from his provisional certification.

Temporary certification as Advanced Practice Nurse