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GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA

ACT

No. 10 of 2019

Date of Assent: 4th December, 2019

An Act to regulate the education and training of nurses and midwives; continue the existence of the General Nursing Council and rename it as the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Zambia and provide for its functions; provide for the registration of, issuance of practising certificates to, nurses and midwives; provide for the scope of practice of nurses and midwives; regulate the practice and professional conduct of nurses and midwives; provide for the licensing of nursing and midwifery facilities; repeal and replace the Nurses and Midwives Act, 1997; and provide for matters connected with, or incidental to, the foregoing.

[6th December, 2019

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia

Enactment

PART I
PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

1. This Act may be cited as the Nurses and Midwives Act, 2019, and shall come into operation on the date appointed by the Minister by statutory instrument.

Short title and commencement

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

Interpretation

“administer” means to give a medicine or an allied substance to a human being orally, by injection, by external application or by introduction into the body in any other way, whether by direct contact with the body or not;

Act No. 3 of 2012	<p>“associate” has the meaning assigned to the word in the Anti-Corruption Act, 2012;</p> <p>“Board” means the Board of the Council constituted in accordance with section 5;</p> <p>“certificate of accreditation means a certificate of accreditation of a practical training site issued in accordance with section 43;</p> <p>“certificate of approval” means a certificate of approval of a training programme issued in accordance with section 35;</p> <p>“certificate of full registration” means a certificate of full registration as a nurse or midwife issued in accordance with section 18;</p> <p>“certificate of provisional registration” means a certificate of provisional registration as a nurse or midwife issued in accordance with section 17;</p> <p>“certificate of registration” means, as the case may be, a certificate of full registration, certificate of provisional registration, certificate of temporary registration or specialist registration certificate;</p> <p>“Chairperson” means the person appointed as Chairperson of the Board in accordance with section 5;</p> <p>“clinical practice” means nursing or midwifery services provided by a nurse or midwife;</p> <p>“Code of Ethics” means the Code of Ethics for nurses and midwives developed and published in accordance with section 65;</p>
Act No. 4 of 2013	<p>“college” means a higher education institution established, declared or registered as a college in accordance with the Higher Education Act, 2013;</p> <p>“committee” means a committee of the Board constituted in accordance with paragraph 4 of the First Schedule;</p> <p>“competence examination” means examinations administered by the Council for the purpose of establishing the prospective practitioner’s professional practice competence levels and suitability to be registered and issued with a practising certificate under this Act;</p> <p>“Council” means the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Zambia established under section 3;</p>
Cap. 1	<p>“Defence Force” means the Defence Force established under the Constitution;</p> <p>“diagnostic centre” means a laboratory or radiological service, or any other related service;</p> <p>“dispense” means to prepare and give out a medicine or an allied substance and other necessity to a patients or clients;</p>