GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT No. 33 of 2003

The Nurses and Midwives Act
(No. 31 of 1997)

The Nurses and Midwives (Diploma and Certificates)
Rules, 2003

IN EXERCISE of the powers contained in section twenty of the Nurses and Midwives Act and on the recommendation of the council, the following Rules are hereby made:

1. These Rules may be cited as the Nurses and Midwives (Diploma and Certificates) Rules, 2003.

2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires—

   “nursing college” means any premises used for the training of nurses including the premises used for the reception of and the provision of nursing care to persons suffering from any disease, injury or infirmity;

   “Council” means the General Nursing Council of Zambia established under section three of the Act;

   “President” means the person elected as president under paragraph 1 of the Schedule of the Act;

   “Registrar” means the person appointed Registrar under section five of the Act.

3. The Council shall issue—

   (a) a diploma signed by the Registrar and the President to a person who has successfully completed an approved programme of training for a period of three years or more; or

   (b) a certificate signed by the Registrar and the President to a person who has successfully completed an approved programme of training of less than three years.

4. The diploma and certificates to be issued under rule 3 shall be in the forms set out in the First Schedule to these Regulations.

Title

Interpretation

Council to issue diplomas and certificates

Form of diploma and certificate

Copies of this Statutory Instrument can be obtained from Kas Electronic Publishers, Tel: 221424, P.O. Box 31075, 10101 Lusaka.
5. Where the Council is of the opinion that there are irregularities in the manner a person obtained a diploma or certificate, the Council may withhold or withdraw such diploma or certificate from the person to whom it was awarded.

6. Where the Council withholds or withdraws a diploma or certificate under Rule 5, it will investigate the circumstances regarding the grant of such diploma or certificate and—

(a) revoke the diploma or certificate; or

(b) reinstate the diploma or certificate on payment of a prescribed fee by the affected person.

7. (1) Where a person has lost or misplaced a diploma or certificate, that person shall produce to the Registrar an affidavit deposing to the circumstances leading to the loss or misplacement of such diploma or certificate and a similar report from the police.

(2) Where the Council is satisfied that the circumstances deposed to in the affidavit in sub rule (1) establish the probability of genuine loss or misplacement of a diploma or certificate, the Registrar shall issue a duplicate of such diploma or certificate on payment of a prescribed fee by the affected person.

8. A person pursing a diploma or certificate under the Council shall successfully complete prescribed continuous assessment, written and practical examinations.

9. A person may be admitted to a nursing college if that person—

(a) is between the ages of 16 and 45 years;

(b) has a full school certificate with ‘O’ levels in subjects prescribed by the Council; and

(c) has passed personal interviews and aptitude tests set up by the Council.

10. The minimum qualification for lecturers and nurse tutors in a college shall be as specified in the Second Schedule.

11. Every college shall follow the course content prescribed in the nursing and midwifery curriculum approved by the Council and where applicable the University of Zambia School of Medicine.
12. Lecturers, nurse tutors, Clinical teachers and designated nursing and other health care professionals shall provide clinical supervision in nursing colleges.

13. (1) The Council shall appoint examiners from a list of practising nurses, midwives, tutors and lecturers in colleges submitted to it by individual schools, colleges and hospitals.

(2) The examiners in sub-rule (1) shall serve as examiners for a period of three years and shall be eligible for reappointment on expiry of the term of office.

(3) All set examinations for a nursing college shall be approved by the Council.

14. (1) Eligibility of a person to write an examination shall be recommended by a college after that person has fulfilled all requirements set by the Council.

(2) A person who is eligible to sit for an examination in a nursing college shall pay a fee to the Council as set out in the Third Schedule.

15. (1) A candidate for an examination in a nursing college may be disqualified from sitting for examinations on disciplinary grounds and on the recommendation of a college to the Council.

(2) A person who is disqualified under sub-rule (1) shall be notified in writing of the disqualification before the date set for examinations.

(3) A person disqualified during the examination shall be notified in writing within thirty days of writing the examination.

16. Results of examinations shall be published within ninety days of the conduct of such examinations in at least one national newspaper of wide circulation.


SCHEDULE
(Regulation 4)

List of Forms
1. Zambia Registered Nurse Diploma
2. Zambia Registered Midwife Certificate
3. Zambia Operating Theatre Nurse Certificate
4. Diploma in Mental Health Nursing
5. Zambia Enrolled Nurse Certificate
LOGO

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL OF ZAMBIA
(Nurses and Midwives Act 1997)

DIPLOMA
Zambia Registered Nurse

AWARDED TO

for having satisfied the Diploma requirements
of the General Nursing Council of Zambia

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Month                               Year

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REGISTRAR                           PRESIDENT

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DATE                                                        DIPLOMA No.

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GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL OF ZAMBIA
(Nurses and Midwives Act 1997)

DIPLOMA
Zambia Registered Mental Health Nurse

AWARDED TO

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GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL OF ZAMBIA
(Nurses and Midwives Act 1997)
CERTIFICATE
Zambia Registered Midwife
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
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has passed the qualifying examinations for Zambia Registered Midwife held by the General Nursing Council of Zambia
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(Nurses and Midwives Act 1997)
CERTIFICATE
Zambia Operating Theatre Nurse
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
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has passed the qualifying examinations for Zambia Operating Theatre Nurse held by the General Nursing Council of Zambia
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GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL OF ZAMBIA
(Nurses and Midwives Act 1997)
CERTIFICATE
Zambia Enrolled Nurse
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Nurse held by the General Nursing Council of Zambia
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Zambia Enrolled Midwife
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