



Republic of Namibia  
Annotated Statutes

**REGULATIONS**

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REGULATIONS SURVIVING IN TERMS OF

**Health Professions Act 16 of 2024**  
section 95(10)

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**Regulations for the Advanced University Diploma in Health  
Promotion, Clinical Diagnosis and Treatment:  
Nursing Professions Act, 1993**

Government Notice 17 of 1999

(GG 2042)

came into force on date of publication: 1 February 1999

These regulations were made on the recommendation of the Nursing Board in terms of section 48(h) of the Nursing Professions Act 30 of 1993, which was repealed by the Nursing Act 8 of 2004. Pursuant to section 65(2) of the Nursing Act 8 of 2004, any regulation made under the repealed legislation must be regarded as having been made in terms of the corresponding provision of the Nursing Act 8 of 2004, insofar as it is not inconsistent with that Act. The Nursing Act 8 of 2004 was repealed by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024. Pursuant to section 95(10) of the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024, these regulations are deemed to have been made under that Act.

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**Definitions**

1. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise indicates, a word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall bear that meaning and -

“course” means the course for the Advanced University Diploma in Health Promotion, Clinical Diagnosis and Treatment;

“student” means a person registered for the course; and

“the Act” means the Nursing Professions Act, 1993 (Act No. 30 of 1993).

[The Nursing Professions Act 30 of 1993 was replaced by the Nursing Act 8 of 2004,  
which has been replaced by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024.]

**Conditions for the approval of nursing school**

2. (1) The Board may, subject to subregulation (2), in writing approve a nursing school institution to offer or provide any tuition or training with regard to the course if -

- (a) the organisational structure and the facilities for the conduct of teaching and the educational programme at that school are satisfactory in the opinion of the Board;
- (b) a person to be in charge of a school is a registered nurse and midwife; and
- (c) members of the nursing staff who are taking part in the clinical instruction of students are registered nurses and registered midwives.

(2) If it is in the public interest to do so, the Board may on such conditions as it may determine, give the approval referred to in subregulation (1) even if one or more of the conditions referred to in that subregulation have not been complied with.

**Requirements for admission to course**

3. Any person who wishes to register for the course shall -

- (a) hold a grade 12 or senior certificate or any other equivalent qualification;
- (b) hold an approved diploma in general nursing science and midwifery;
- (c) annually, together with his or her application for registration, furnish proof of his or her current registration as a nurse and midwife with the Board; and
- (d) have at least two years experience as a registered nurse and midwife.

**Termination and completion of course**

4. (1) The person in charge of a nursing school shall in writing notify the Board -

- (a) if a student for any reason terminates the course before completion;
- (b) if a student is transferred to another nursing school; or

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- (c) when a student has successfully completed the course.

(2) A notice referred to in subregulation (1) shall contain a record of the theoretical and clinical instruction undergone by the student concerned and of any examinations passed.

**Duration of course**

5. (1) The duration of the course shall be one year full time study.

(2) In case of a transfer from one nursing school to another, the course shall either be commenced afresh or continued, depending on the decision of the Board.

**Curriculum**

6. All the subjects of the curriculum shall be taught at an applied level throughout the course with special emphasis on -

- (a) the ethical foundations of nursing;
- (b) the law governing the practice of nursing, including regulations regarding the conduct of registered nurses and midwives;
- (c) medico-legal risks;
- (d) the social, psychological, cultural and physical relationship in health and disease;
- (e) the preventative, promotive, curative and rehabilitative aspects;
- (f) the basic principles of nursing science;
- (g) microbiology, parasitology and pharmacology;
- (h) practical clinical learning experience obtained throughout the academic year under the guidance of a medical practitioner and the lecturer regarding the estimation, identification, diagnosis, treatment and care of health problems of all systems, covering -
  - (i) paediatrics;
  - (ii) internal medicine;
  - (iii) surgery;
  - (iv) obstetrics;
  - (v) gynaecology.

**Examination**

7. The examination shall consist of-

- (a) the theory, philosophy and practice of primary health care, consisting of a written paper of three hours and four practical or oral examinations of three hours each as major subject;
- (b) (i) the history, philosophy and ethics of nursing and midwifery science, consisting of one paper of three hours;

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- (ii) scientific foundations of nursing, consisting of two written papers of three hours each; and
- (iii) nursing management, consisting of one written paper of three hours and one practical or oral examination of 30 minutes, as ancillary subject.

**Lecturer, clinical instruction and practical**

**8.** A student shall throughout the prescribed period for the course receive both theoretical and clinical instruction and undergo practical training in the subjects referred to in regulation 6.

**Admission to examination**

- 9.** In order to be admitted to the examination a student shall -
- (a) have completed the prescribed period of training for the course by the end of the month in which the examination is held;
  - (b) according to the assessment by the nursing school where the course was followed, be competent and suitable for admission in respect of attitude, approach, insight, knowledge and skills; and
  - (c) on the date of the examination comply with the provisions of regulation 6.

**Registration of additional qualifications**

**10.** A student who has passed in the examination shall, if he or she complies with any other requirements relating to registration, be issued by the Board with a certificate of registration of the additional qualification of the Advanced University Diploma in Health Promotion, Clinical Diagnosis and Treatment, without the payment of a fee, provided the notice referred to in regulation 4(1)(c) has been lodged.