

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. Title
2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires— Interpretation
 - “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 person 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— Council to issue diplomas and certificates
 - (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. Form of diploma and certificate

Council to
withdraw
diploma or
certificate

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.

Council to
investigate
the grant of
diploma or
certificate

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.

Loss or
misplacement
of diploma or
certificate

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.

Person to
pass
continuous
assessment
and
examinations

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

Requirements
for entry into
nursing
college

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.

Qualification
of lecturers
and nurse
tutors

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

Nursing
college to
follow
Council
approved
curriculum

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.

Lecturer, nurse tutor, clinical teacher, and professional supervise students

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.

Examiners to be drawn from a list

(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.

Eligibility to write examinations

(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.

Disqualification of a candidate

(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.

Examinations to be published

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
6. Zambia Enrolled Midwife Certificate

LOGO

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL OF ZAMBIA

(Nurses and Midwives Act 1997)

DIPLOMA

Zambia Registered Nurse

AWARDED TO

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

at.....

in.....

Month

Year

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REGISTRAR.....
PRESIDENT.....
SEAL.....
DATE.....
DIPLOMA No.

LOGO

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL OF ZAMBIA

(Nurses and Midwives Act 1997)

DIPLOMA

Zambia Registered Mental Health Nurse

AWARDED TO

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LOGO

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 examination for Zambia Registered
Midwife held by the General Nursing Council of Zambia

at.....

in.....

Month Year

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REGISTRAR PRESIDENT

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DATE CERTIFICATE No.

LOGO

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

CERTIFICATE
Zambia Operating Theater Nurse

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

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has passed the qualifying examination for Zambia Operating
Theatre Nurse held by the General Nursing Council of Zambia

at.....

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Month Year

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REGISTRAR PRESIDENT

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DATE CERTIFICATE No.

LOGO

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL OF ZAMBIA

(Nurses and Midwives Act 1997)

CERTIFICATE

Zambia Enrolled Nurse

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

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 has passed the qualifying examination for Zambia Enrolled 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 Midwife

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 Midwife held by the General Nursing Council of Zambia

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 19th March, 2003
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 Minister of Health