

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**No. 48 of 1980**

An Ordinance to amend the *Nurses Registration Ordinance 1933*

I, THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, hereby make the following Ordinance under the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910*.

Dated this twenty-second day of December 1980.

ZELMAN COWEN
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command,

MICHAEL MACKELLAR
Minister of State for Health

NURSES REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1980**Short title**

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Nurses Registration (Amendment) Ordinance 1980*.¹

Commencement

2. This Ordinance shall come into operation on such date as is fixed by the Minister of State for the Capital Territory by notice in the *Gazette*.

Principal Ordinance

3. In this Ordinance, "Principal Ordinance" means the *Nurses Registration Ordinance 1933*.²

Interpretation

4. Section 4 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by inserting after the definition of "the Deputy Chairman" in sub-section (1) the following definition:

"'the Election Ordinance' means the *Health Professions Boards (Elections) Ordinance 1980*";

Constitution, and procedure at meetings, of Board

5. Section 6 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting sub-sections (1) and (2) and substituting the following sub-sections:

“(1) The Board shall consist of—

- (a) a Chairman, and 4 other members, appointed by the Minister; and
- (b) 4 members elected, as occasion requires, in accordance with the Election Ordinance.

“(2) A person is not eligible for appointment as a member unless—

- (a) he is a registered nurse; and
- (b) he was, at all times during the period of 3 years immediately preceding his appointment, entitled, under the law of a State or Territory, to practise as a nurse in that State or Territory.

“(3) The performance of the functions or the exercise of the powers of the Board is not affected by reason only of there being a vacancy or vacancies in the membership of the Board.”.

6. Section 8 of the Principal Ordinance is repealed and the following sections are substituted:

Term of office of appointed members

“8. (1) Subject to this Ordinance, a member referred to in paragraph 6 (1) (a) holds office for such period, not exceeding 3 years, as is specified in the instrument of his appointment, but is eligible for re-appointment.

“(2) A person who has attained the age of 65 years shall not be appointed or re-appointed as a member and a person shall not be appointed or re-appointed as a member for a period that extends beyond the date on which he will attain the age of 65 years.

Term of office of elected members

“8A. (1) Subject to this Ordinance, an elected member holds office for such period as is determined in accordance with this section, but is eligible for re-election.

“(2) If an elected member attains the age of 65 years before the day on which his term of office would, but for this sub-section, expire, his term of office shall expire on the day on which he attains that age.

“(3) The term of office of an elected member shall commence—

- (a) if the member was elected at the first election of members—on a date to be determined by the Minister; and
- (b) in any other case—
 - (i) on the day on which the member is declared elected; or
 - (ii) if that day occurs before the expiration of the term of office of the previously elected members, on the day after the expiration of that term.

“(4) The term of office of an elected member shall expire—

- (a) 3 years after the day on which his term of office commenced;
- (b) if the member was elected at an election held immediately succeeding an election in respect of which the number of candidates elected was less than the number of candidates required to be elected—on the day on which the term of office of a member who was elected at that last-mentioned election expires;
- (c) if the member was elected in pursuance of Part VI of the Election Ordinance—on the day on which his term of office would have expired if he had been declared elected in accordance with sub-section 12 (1) or 25 (1) of that Ordinance, as the case required; or
- (d) if the member was elected at an election held for the purpose of filling the office of a member that had become vacant by virtue of the operation of sub-section (2) or section 9 or 10—on the day on which the term of office of the other member would, but for the operation of that sub-section or section, as the case may be, have expired.

“(5) In this section, ‘elected member’ means a member referred to in paragraph 6 (1) (b).”.

Vacation of office of member

7. Section 10 of the Principal Ordinance is amended—

- (a) by omitting paragraph (1) (b) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(b) the member ceasing to be a registered nurse;”; and

- (b) by omitting sub-section (2) and substituting the following sub-section:

“(2) Where a person who has been elected in accordance with the Election Ordinance ceases to be a registered nurse before the day on which the term of office of the person as a member would, but for this sub-section, commence, the office to which the person has been elected shall, on that day, become vacant.”.

Mode of registration

8. Section 21 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting sub-section (1) and substituting the following sub-section:

“(1) A person shall be registered by entering in the Register—

- (a) the name of the person;
- (b) the person’s professional address or addresses in the Territory or, if the person has no professional address in the Territory, the person’s place of residence, whether within or outside the Territory;
- (c) particulars of the person’s qualifications;
- (d) the registration number allotted to the person; and
- (e) the date of registration.”.

Transitional

9. (1) The person who was, immediately before the commencement of this Ordinance, the Chairman of the Board continues to be the Chairman of the Board as if he had been appointed as the Chairman under the Principal Ordinance as amended by this Ordinance and holds office, subject to the Principal Ordinance as so amended, until the notification date.

(2) The person who was, immediately before the commencement of this Ordinance, the Deputy Chairman of the Board continues to be the Deputy Chairman of the Board as if he had been elected as the Deputy Chairman under the Principal Ordinance as amended by this Ordinance and holds office, subject to the Principal Ordinance as so amended, until the notification date.

(3) A person who held office as a member of the Board, otherwise than as the Chairman of the Board, immediately before the commencement of this Ordinance continues to hold office as a member as if he had been appointed or elected as a member under the Principal Ordinance as amended by this Ordinance and holds office, subject to the Principal Ordinance as so amended, until the notification date.

(4) In this section, "notification date" means the date on which there is published in the *Gazette*, in pursuance of the Election Ordinance, the notice by virtue of which candidates at the first election held under that Ordinance for the purpose of section 6 of the Principal Ordinance as amended by this Ordinance are declared to have been duly elected.

(5) An expression in this section that is defined in the Principal Ordinance as amended by this Ordinance has the same meaning for the purposes of this section as it has in the Principal Ordinance as so amended.

NOTES

1. Notified in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on 23 December 1980.
2. Ordinance No. 1, 1933 as amended by No. 13, 1933; No. 5, 1936; No. 27, 1937; No. 17, 1941; No. 2, 1949; No. 1, 1957; Nos. 6 and 21, 1959; No. 8, 1960; No. 19, 1966; No. 20, 1967; No. 35, 1970; Nos. 20 and 40, 1971; Nos. 10 and 59, 1973; No. 47, 1974; No. 17, 1975; Nos. 10 and 65, 1977; Nos. 42 and 46, 1978; No. 26, 1979.