

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

NURSES REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE, 1984

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

No. 51 of 1984

The Nurses Registration (Amendment) Ordinance, 1984, amends the Nurses Registration Ordinance, 1933, (the principal Ordinance) to provide that persons entitled to be registered as mental nurses may be admitted to a two year general nursing course. Previously, as with unqualified persons, mental nurses were required to complete a three year course before they could apply for registration as a general nurse. This failed to take into account their training as mental nurses.

Section 1 provides for the short title of the proposed Ordinance.

Sub-section 2(a) amends paragraph 22(1)(a) of the principal Ordinance by providing that specified persons may also be entitled to apply for registration as a general nurse if they are admitted to the two year course of training in general nursing. Previously the paragraph only provided that persons admitted to the course by virtue of holding prescribed higher education qualifications were entitled to apply for registration as a general nurse.

Sub-section 2(b) inserts new sub-section 22(1A) which provides that persons who are registered or are entitled to apply for registration as mental nurses are specified persons for the purposes of amended paragraph 22(1)(a) of the Ordinance.

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