

Bill No. 68 of 1948.

A BILL TO AMEND THE REGISTERED NURSES ACT

NOTE.

This Bill amends *The Registered Nurses Act*.

The present section 4 of the Act is struck out and three new sections are substituted therefor.

The sections set out who are eligible for registration in the Alberta Association of Registered Nurses and what qualifications they must possess. The qualifications are not changed materially from the present Act but they are clarified and set out in somewhat greater detail. The applicant for registration is required to produce evidence,—

- (a) as to her character, professional reputation and practice;
- (b) as to her educational qualifications which must be a minimum of Grade XI with credits in certain listed science courses;
- (c) that she has passed the qualifying nurse registration examinations;
- (d) that she has paid the registration fee;
- (e) that she is a graduate of an approved school of nursing, setting out particular requirements in respect of Alberta graduates, graduates from elsewhere than the Province and graduates from shortened courses in nursing education.

Section 4a contains certain exceptions to the general requirements applying to nurses who graduated or commenced their training prior to the nineteenth day of April, 1916, and provision is made for their registration if they apply prior to the thirty-first day of December, 1950.

Section 4b contains a further exception to the general rule applying to nurses who graduated after the nineteenth day of April, 1916, but who did not write or pass their nurse registration examinations. This section contains provision for those persons to write any regular nurse registration examinations in Alberta, and upon successful completion of them under certain conditions, they are eligible for registration in the Association.

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(This note does not form any part of the Bill but is offered in explanation of its provisions.)

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(Assented to _____, 1948.)

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. *The Registered Nurses Act*, being chapter 297 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942, is hereby amended as to section 4 by striking out the same and by substituting therefor the following:

"4. Any person shall be eligible for registration in the Association who produces evidence satisfactory to the Council of the Association,—

“(a) as to her character, professional reputation and practice; and

“(b) that she possesses the following minimum educational qualifications:

“(i) Alberta Grade XI standing comprising sixty-seven or more high school credits, including,—

“(A) the compulsory subjects of Grades X and XI in English, Social Studies, Physical Education and Health; and

“(B) credit in a minimum of three courses in two or more of the following subjects, viz., Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Algebra, Geometry, General Science, General Mathematics; and

“(C) standing of “B” or higher in at least fifty-seven credits; or

“(ii) such other academic qualifications as may be deemed by the General Faculty Council of the University of Alberta to be the equivalent of the foregoing qualifications; or

“(iii) in the case of a nurse registered elsewhere, an educational qualification which, at the time she became registered in any other province, state or country, was substantially the same educational qualification as was required at that time in this Province; and

“(c) that she has passed the qualifying nurse registration examinations, —

“(i) as set by the Board of Examiners in the Province; or

- “(ii) as set by an examining body having jurisdiction elsewhere than in the Province which in the opinion of the Council of the Association requires professional qualifications substantially equivalent to those required in Alberta; and
 - “(d) that she has paid the registration fee; and
 - “(e) that she is a graduate of an approved school of nursing which means,—
 - “(i) in the case of an Alberta graduate,—
 - “(A) that she holds a diploma showing successful completion of three or more years in a regular course of instruction in nursing which gives experience in medicine, obstetrics, paediatrics and surgery in either an approved school of nursing connected with a general hospital or special hospital or in an approved central school of nursing affiliated with selected approved general hospitals, mental institutions and sanatoria, where such school has been approved by the General Faculty Council of the University of Alberta pursuant to section 7:
 Provided, however, the experience in psychiatry or tuberculosis and urology may be substituted for experience in obstetrics in the case of male students; or
 - “(B) that she holds a degree in nursing from the University of Alberta; or
 - “(ii) in the case of a graduate registered elsewhere,—
 - “(A) that she has successfully completed a regular course of instruction in nursing which at the time the course was taken provided training and experience substantially the same as that provided in an approved hospital in this Province; and
 - “(B) that she is a registered nurse in good standing under the law of any other province, state or country; or
 - “(iii) in the case of a graduate from a shortened course of nursing education,—
 - “(A) that she holds a diploma or other evidence of successful completion of a shortened course of nursing education adopted by a school of nursing; and
 - “(B) that such shortened course in the opinion of the General Faculty Council of the University of Alberta provides adequate instruction and experience and is approved.
- “4a. Any nurse who was a graduate prior to the nineteenth day of April, 1916, or who was in training prior to

that date and thereafter became a graduate, if she makes application for registration prior to the thirty-first day of December, 1950, shall be deemed to have complied with paragraphs (b), (c) and (e) of section 4 upon production of proof of graduation from an Alberta school of nursing which at the time of such graduation was approved by the University of Alberta.

“4b.—(1) Any nurse who commenced her training in an Alberta school of nursing on or after the nineteenth day of April, 1916, and who graduated at any time after that date and who did not write or pass nurse registration examinations, may write any regular nurse registration examinations in Alberta.

“(2) Upon successful completion of the same and upon production of proof of graduation from an Alberta school of nursing which at the time of such graduation was approved by the University of Alberta, any such nurse shall be deemed to have complied with paragraphs (b) and (e) of section 4.”.

2. This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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