

(4) Registers of medical and dental practitioners in use immediately before the commencement of this Act and every document prepared or issued under the Medical and Dental Act, 1972 (NRC D 91) shall continue in force as if kept, prepared or issued under the corresponding provisions of this Act until provision is otherwise made under this Part.

PART THREE— NURSING AND MIDWIFERY COUNCIL

Establishment of the Council

Establishment of the Nursing and Midwifery Council

53. (1) There is established by this Act a body corporate with perpetual succession to be known as the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

(2) Where there is hindrance to the acquisition of property, the property may be acquired for the Council under the State Property and Contracts Act, 1960 (C. A. 6) or the State Lands Act, 1962 (Act 125) and the costs shall be borne by the Council.

Object of the Council

54. The object of the Council is to secure in the public interest the highest standards of training and practice of nursing and midwifery.

Functions of the Council

55. To achieve the object, the Council shall

- (a) establish standards and provide guidelines for the development of a curriculum for the training of nurse assistants, nurses and midwives;
- (b) register and maintain a register of practitioners;
- (c) exercise disciplinary powers over practitioners;
- (d) prescribe and maintain professional standards and conduct for practitioners;
- (e) in collaboration with appropriate government agencies ensure that nursing and midwifery institutions are accredited;
- (f) determine and implement post-registration, continuing education and continuing professional development programmes for practitioners;
- (g) conduct licencing examination for registration of nurses, midwives and nurse assistants;

- (h) ensure that the education and training of nurses and midwives and other nursing practitioners are carried out at approved educational institutions for efficient nursing and midwifery practice;
- (i) advise the Minister on matters relating to the practice of nursing and midwifery;
- (j) monitor and inspect training institutions and health facilities in collaboration with the Health Facilities Regulatory Agency; and
- (k) perform any other functions that are ancillary to the object of the Council.

Governing body of the Council

56. (1) The governing body of the Council is a Board consisting of
- (a) a chairperson who is a registered nurse or midwife of not less than ten years standing as a practitioner,
 - (b) one representative of registered nurses nominated by the nurses professional associations,
 - (c) one registered midwife nominated by the professional associations,
 - (d) one representative from a nursing school of the universities nominated by the universities from among themselves,
 - (e) one representative of a nursing and midwifery school nominated from nursing and midwifery schools,
 - (f) one representative of the Attorney-General not below the level of Principal State Attorney,
 - (g) one representative of the Ministry of Health not below the rank of a Director,
 - (h) one representative of nurses and midwives professionals within the security agencies,
 - (i) two other persons who are not health professionals, and
 - (j) the Registrar of the Council.

(2) The members of the Board shall be appointed by the President in accordance with article 70 of the Constitution.

(3) The Board shall ensure the proper and effective performance of the functions of the Council.

