

10. Where a pupil, owing to illness or other unavoidable cause, is prevented from completing a course of training approved under these conditions, the Minister will, if he thinks fit, pay a proportionate grant.

11. The grants payable under these conditions may be reduced, withheld or recovered, as the case may be, if the Minister is not satisfied as to the suitability of the provision made, or as to the proportion of pupils who subsequently practise as midwives or become Health Visitors.

THE CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Committee met on Thursday, December 5th, 1940.

Applications from State Certified Midwives for Approval as Teacher :

(a) The Secretary reported the approval granted to the following teachers under emergency powers :—

Mary Catherine McAleavy, No. 93000, Birkenhead Maternity Hospital. [Second period—intern.]

Irene Beatrice Downing, No. 55278, Plaistow District Nurses' Home. [Second period—intern. and district.]

Louisa Ellen Denison, No. 70438, Moorlands Infirmary, Rawtenstall. [Second period—district (temporary).]

Joan Randall, No. 93992, Brighton Municipal Hospital. [First and second period—intern.]

Vera Lawson, No. 96188, St. Chad's Hospital, Birmingham. [First period—intern.]

Alma Mary Louise Millican, No. 101825, Bank Hall Maternity Hospital, Burnley. [First period—intern. (temporary).]

Annie Smith Gough, No. 97314, Thorpe Coombe Maternity Home, Walthamstow. [Second period—district (temporary).]

Winifred Briggs, No. 76236; Jane Winifred Brigham, No. 93520; Margaret Coghlan, No. 92034; Margaret McGaw, No. 106933; Liliac Mackenzie, No. 71656; Birmingham City Maternity Home. [Second period—district.]

(b) The Secretary reported that the following applications had been granted :—

Daisy James, No. 82393, Stoke-on-Trent City Hospital. [First period—intern.]

Joan Blanche Baldry, No. 103916, Hillingdon (Middlesex) County Hospital. [Second period—intern.]

Vacancies in Second Period Training Schools :

On the suggestion of the Midwives Institute, the Committee decided to inform second period training schools that the Board was prepared to act as a distributor of information concerning vacancies for pupil-midwives wishing to take the second period of training. The Committee consider

that, as hitherto, the normal procedure should be for a pupil-midwife who desires to take the second period of training to proceed to the training school which is associated with her first period training school. This procedure is followed by the large majority of pupil-midwives. The Committee is anxious not to upset this procedure in any way.

On the other hand, it is realised that a proportion of pupil-midwives have proceeded to second period training schools other than those associated with their first period training schools. Owing to war-time conditions, the number of such pupil-midwives may increase to some extent. The Committee hopes that if the Board distributed periodically information concerning vacancies which cannot be filled by the normal procedure, both training schools and pupil-midwives will be assisted.

The Board will not be responsible for ensuring that the vacancies in any school are filled, or that a pupil-midwife finds a vacancy of the nature she desires.

The Secretary reported the approval under emergency powers of :—(i.) Grimsby Municipal Maternity Home, (ii.) York Maternity Hospital, for the purpose of providing the instruction prescribed in the ruling on the administration of nitrous oxide and air by midwives.

The Secretary reported that since the last meeting of the Board he had removed the names of two women from the Roll under Section 5 (7) of the Midwives Act, 1936 (making the total number so removed 2,942).

SECRETARY'S REPORT ON "FIRST EXAMINATION" No. 7. NOVEMBER, 1940.

The Secretary reports that 645 candidates gave notice of their intention to present themselves at the "First Examination" held in November, 1940. Of these 12 failed to complete the examination from illness or other cause.

With the exception of 55, the candidates were State registered nurses.

Of the 633 who took the examination, 490 were successful, of whom 44 were not State registered nurses.

The number of candidates and the percentage of failures at the various centres were as tabulated below.

Of the successful candidates 254 stated at the time they applied for registration as pupils that they intended to proceed to the second period of training and 48 were undecided.

Owing to the situation caused by the war the oral and practical part of the examination was held at 13 centres instead of 6 as in normal times. The object was to avoid long distance travel for the candidates.

We heartily congratulate all those who have passed this examination, and advise them if possible, to proceed to the second period of training.

Centre.	First Entries.	Passed.	Failed.	Percentage of Failures.	Re-Entries.	Passed.	Failed.	Percentage of Failures.
London	179	142	37	20.7	35	24	11	31.4
Birmingham	57	44	13	22.8	18	12	6	33.3
Bristol	26	24	2	7.7	3	3	—	—
Croydon	19	17	2	10.5	5	5	—	—
Leeds	36	25	11	30.6	9	8	1	11.1
Liverpool	36	26	10	27.8	8	4	4	50.0
Manchester	57	48	9	15.8	6	3	3	50.0
Newcastle	20	17	3	15.0	8	6	2	25.0
Northampton	15	11	4	26.7	—	—	—	—
Oxford	18	16	2	11.1	2	1	1	50.0
Plymouth	11	10	1	9.1	3	3	—	—
St. Albans	30	21	9	30.0	4	2	2	50.0
Sheffield	22	16	6	27.3	6	2	4	66.7
	526	417	109	20.7	107	73	34	31.8

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