

- (3) She must have attended a sufficient course of instruction in the subjects named below. (See Section 4 C.) No period of less than three months shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose. The certificate must be in the form prescribed by the Central Midwives' Board, and must be filled up and signed by a registered medical practitioner recognised by the Board as a teacher.

2. Candidates who intend to present themselves for examination must send notice to the secretary of the Central Midwives' Board at least three weeks before the date fixed for the examination to commence, accompanied by the certificates mentioned in B 1 and C 1, and by the payment of the fee of one guinea, or, in the event of the candidate having presented herself on a former occasion and having failed to pass, the fee of 15s.

3. Any candidate who during the examination shows a want of acquaintance with the ordinary subjects of elementary education may be rejected on that ground alone.

4. The examination shall be partly oral and practical and partly written, and shall embrace the following subjects:—(a) The elementary anatomy of the female pelvis and generative organs. (b) Pregnancy and its principal complications, including abortion. (c) The symptoms, mechanism, course, and management of natural labour. (d) The signs that a labour is abnormal. (e) Hæmorrhage: its varieties and the treatment of each. (f) Antiseptics in midwifery and the way to prepare and use them. (g) The management of the puerperal patient, including the use of the clinical thermometer and of the catheter. (h) The management (including the feeding) of infants, and the signs of the important diseases which may develop during the first ten days. (i) The duties of the midwife as described in the regulations. (j) Obstetric emergencies, and how the midwife should deal with them until the arrival of a doctor. This will include some knowledge of the drugs commonly needed in such cases, and of the mode of their administration. (See E 16.) (k) Puerperal fever: its nature, causes, and symptoms. The elements of house sanitation. The disinfection of person, clothing, and appliances.

5. Due notice shall be given of the examinations to be held under the Act.

6. The remuneration of the examiners shall be such as may from time to time be recommended by the Central Midwives' Board and approved by the Privy Council.

**D.—REGULATING THE ADMISSION TO THE ROLL OF WOMEN ALREADY IN PRACTICE AS MIDWIVES AT THE PASSING OF THE ACT.**

1. Applications for admission to the Roll of Midwives under Section 2 of the Midwives' Act must be made on the prescribed forms, and must be forwarded to the Central Midwives' Board, together with such one or more of the following certificates as may be required.

2. In the case of women claiming admission on the ground of having obtained a certificate in midwifery from the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, the Obstetrical Society of London, the Coombe Lying-in Hospital and Guinness's Dispensary, or the Rotunda Hospital for the Relief of the Poor Lying-in Women of Dublin, (a) either the original certificate on which

the application is based, or, in the event of the original certificate having been lost, a voucher from the accredited secretary or other agent of the certifying body to the effect that a certificate was granted to the applicant on such and such a date; and (b) a certificate signed by a justice of the peace, minister of religion, or registered medical practitioner, or the secretary of an institution (approved by the Central Midwives' Board) of which the applicant is a member, or is or was an employee, stating that the applicant is the person to whom the aforementioned certificate in midwifery was granted. The secretary of the Board shall, by comparison of the handwriting, or by such inquiry as he may think necessary, satisfy himself as far as possible of the applicant's identity. The application must be accompanied by the fee of 10s.

3. In the case of women claiming admission on the ground of having obtained a certificate in midwifery from any institution or examining body other than those specified in Section 2 of the Midwives' Act, the certificate on which the application is based, together with satisfactory evidence, in the form prescribed by the Central Midwives' Board, to the effect that before the certificate was granted the applicant had received a proper course of instruction and training (including personal attendance, under competent supervision, upon at least twenty cases during and after labour) and had passed an examination in midwifery and the duties of a midwife, and that the institution or examining body by which the certificate was granted considers the applicant at the present time to be a proper person to be admitted to the Midwives' Roll. The application must be accompanied by a fee of 10s. The applicant may be required to furnish other documents or particulars to enable the Board to decide whether the application can be granted.

4. In the case of women claiming admission on the ground of having been in *bond-fide* practice as midwives for twelve months previous to the 31st July, 1902, a certificate to the effect that the applicant has to the personal knowledge of the person signing been in *bond-fide* practice as a midwife for at least twelve months prior to the 31st July, 1902, and that she is trustworthy, sober, and of good moral character. This certificate must be in the form given in the schedule, must be signed by a justice of the peace, minister of religion, registered medical practitioner, or other person acceptable to the Board, and must be accompanied by a fee of 10s.

5. The certificates to be issued by the Board under this section will be in the prescribed forms.

*Note.*—No application for admission to the Roll of Midwives under Section 2 of the Midwives' Act, 1902, can be received after the 31st day of March, 1905.

The remaining sections deal with—

**E.**—Regulating, supervising, and restricting within due limits the practice of midwives, including:—

The duties of the midwife to the patient.

Duties to child.

General.

Notification.

**F.**—Deciding the conditions under which midwives may be suspended from practice.

**G.**—Defining the particulars required to be given in any notice under Section 10 of the Act,

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