

necessary that increased facilities should be provided for practising midwives to attend short courses designed to afford them an opportunity of gaining an improved knowledge of the theory and practice of modern midwifery. The regulations accordingly provide for grants in aid of approved courses at recognised residential institutions which will provide opportunities for further instruction in such matters as ante-natal care, the management of difficult cases and the care of newly born infants (including the care of ophthalmia neonatorum).

(g) No Institution will be recognised under the Regulations unless it is also recognised under the Regulations of the Central Midwives Board.

Further clauses deal with the question of fees.

DRAFT STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS.

EDUCATION, ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Board of Education (Midwives' Training) Regulations, 1919.

DRAFT dated September 19th, 1919, of the Board of Education (Midwives' Training) Regulations, 1919, proposed to be made by the Board of Education under Section 44 of the Education Act, 1918 (8 & 9 Geo. 5, c. 39) for the Training of Midwives (including Regulations for Payment of Grant in respect of such training).

1. The Board of Education are prepared, subject to the conditions of these regulations, to give grants in aid of the training of intending and practising midwives at recognised residential institutions.

2. (a) Before recognising an Institution for the training of midwives, the Board will, amongst other things, require to be satisfied that the premises, equipment, and staff are adequate and suitable for the purpose.

(b) Recognition will not be given or continued unless the Institution is recognised for the purposes of the Regulations of the Central Midwives Board.

(c) The Institution must be conducted by a responsible Body of Managers, and a person must be appointed to act as Correspondent on behalf of the Managers.

(d) The Institution must not be conducted for private profit, or farmed out to any member or members of the staff, and must be eligible from its character and financial position to receive aid from public funds.

(e) Recognition when given will ordinarily be continued from year to year without further application but may be withdrawn at any time by the Board.

3. No student may be refused admission upon other than reasonable grounds.

4. Institutions must keep such records and furnish such returns as may from time to time be required by the Board.

5. The scale of fees must be approved by the Board.

Courses for Intending Midwives.

6. (a) The Board will recognise under the Regulations courses designed to meet the needs of intending midwives. The courses must be of such duration and must provide for such instruction and training as may from time to time be prescribed by the Central Midwives Board for the award of a Midwife's Certificate.

(b) District Nursing and other subjects may be included in the curriculum with the approval of the

Board, but such subjects will not be recognised for the purposes of these Regulations.

7. The Board will recognise under the Regulations courses of not less than one month at recognised residential institutions designed to enable student midwives, who have completed the normal course, to obtain additional practical experience and training under supervision.

Courses for Practising Midwives.

8. (a) The Board will recognise under the Regulations courses designed to promote an improved knowledge of the theory and practice of modern Midwifery among practising midwives.

(b) The courses must be held at recognised residential institutions.

(c) The courses should, where practicable, be of at least one month's duration. No course will be recognised unless it is of at least fourteen days' duration.

Grants.

9. Grant will be payable to a recognised institution, for a financial year, on the basis of the number of students who complete an approved course in that year. The grant for that year will be payable after the end of the year.

10. Grant will be payable at a rate not exceeding—
(a) £20 for each student who completes a course approved under Article 6.

(b) £6 for each student who completes a course approved under Articles 7 or 8. This grant will not in any case be paid at a rate exceeding £1 for each complete week of the course.

11. (a) No student will be taken into account for grant under Article 10 (a) unless either

(i) she has signed an agreement or declaration of *bona fide* intention to practise as a midwife, provided that a student who has commenced her training before October 1, 1919, may be taken into account for grant if she began to practise as a midwife within three months of the end of her course, even though she had not signed an agreement or undertaking; or

(ii) she has been for not less than three years in full-time employment as a Health Visitor or has completed successfully a course of training approved under the Regulations for the Training of Health Visitors.

(b) Where a student, owing to illness or other unavoidable cause, is prevented from completing a course of training approved under Article 6 the Board may, if they think fit, pay a proportionate grant under Article 10 (a).

12. The grants payable under these Regulations may be reduced or altogether withheld if the Board are not satisfied as to the suitability of the provision made, or as to the proportion of students who subsequently fulfil the terms of their agreement or declaration.

13. If any question arises as to the interpretation of these Regulations, the decision of the Board shall be final.

14. These Regulations come into force as from April 1st, 1918, and may be cited as "The Board of Education (Midwives' Training) Regulations, 1919."

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N.B.—The Paper (Board of Education, Draft Regulation for the Training of Midwives, Prefatory Memorandum) can be obtained from H.M. Stationery Office, Imperial House, Kingsway, or through any bookseller. Price 1d.

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