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**Act No. 95, 1992**

**An Act to amend the Nurses Act 1991 to make further provision with respect to the capacity of persons to practise nursing and with respect to the persons who may practise midwifery. [Assented to 2 December 1992]**

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**The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:**

**Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the Nurses (Amendment) Act 1992.

**Commencement**

2. This Act commences on a day or days to be appointed by proclamation.

**Amendment of Nurses Act 1991 No. 9**

3. The Nurses Act 1991 is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

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**SCHEDULE 1—AMENDMENTS**

(Sec. 3)

**(1) Section 3 (Definitions):**

After the definition of "Roll" in section 3 (1), insert:

**"suffer from an impairment"** has the meaning given by section 4A;

**(2) Section 4A:**

After section 4, insert:

**Meaning of "suffer from an impairment"**

4A. For the purposes of this Act, a person is considered to suffer from an impairment if the person suffers from any physical or mental impairment, disability, condition or disorder which detrimentally affects or is likely to detrimentally affect the person's physical or mental capacity to practise nursing. Habitual drunkenness or addiction to a deleterious drug is considered to be a physical or mental disorder.

**(3) Section 7 (Unauthorised practice of midwifery):**

At the end of section 7 (2) (c) insert the following word and paragraph:

; or

- (d) any medical student (as defined in the Medical Practice Act 1992) acting under the supervision of a medical practitioner.

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SCHEDULE 1—AMENDMENTS—*continued*

(4) Section 29A:

Before section 30, insert:

**Special grounds for refusing or imposing conditions on registration/enrolment**

29A. (1) Despite any entitlement that a person may have to registration or enrolment, the Board may refuse an application for registration or enrolment in either of the following cases:

- The Board is of the opinion that the applicant does not have sufficient physical or mental capacity to practise nursing.
- The applicant has been convicted of an offence (either in or outside New South Wales) and the Board is of the opinion that the circumstances of the offence render the applicant unfit in the public interest to practise nursing.

(2) If the Board is satisfied that an applicant for registration or enrolment suffers from an impairment which does not justify refusal of the application, the Board may impose such conditions on the applicant's registration or enrolment as the Board thinks appropriate.

(3) An accredited nurse who has had conditions imposed on his or her registration or enrolment under this section (including on a review under this section) may apply to the Board for a review of the conditions.

(4) The Board may decline to review the conditions if the application is made within 12 months after the conditions were last reviewed under this section. No appeal lies under section 32 in respect of such a decision by the Board to decline to review conditions.

(5) On a review of conditions the Board may alter or remove conditions or impose new conditions, as it thinks appropriate.

(5) Section 32 (Appeals):

In section 32 (1), after "or 28", insert "or application for review under section 29A".

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SCHEDULE 1—AMENDMENTS—*continued*

(6) Section 44 (Complaints):

Omit section 44 (1) (a) and (b), insert instead:

- (a) has been convicted of an offence (either in or outside New South Wales) and the circumstances of the offence render the applicant unfit in the public interest to practise nursing; or
  - (b) suffers from an impairment; or
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[Minister's second reading speech made in—  
*Legislative Assembly on 24 September 1992*  
*Legislative Council on 25 November 1992*]

