

**THE NURSES AND MIDWIVES REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2014**

*List of Amendments made in the House of Representatives during the Committee Stage of the Nurses and Midwives Registration (Amendment) Bill, 2014.*

<b>First Column Clause</b>	<b>Second Column Extent of Amendments</b>
5	<p>A. Insert after the definition “nursing personnel” the following:  “ “registered nurse” means a person who is registered as a nurse under section 17.”.</p> <p>B. Delete the definition of “Regional Nursing Body”.</p>
12	<p>Delete and replace as follows:</p> <p>“Section 16 amended      12. Section 16 of the Act is amended –</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) by repealing subsection (2) and substituting the following subsections:</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">“(2) Any person who has –</p> <p style="padding-left: 120px;">(a) completed a course of training –</p> <p style="padding-left: 160px;">(i) in a recognized place of training under section 40; or</p> <p style="padding-left: 160px;">(ii) approved by the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago under the Accreditation Act; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 120px;">(b) passed the examination prescribed by the Council or any other nursing examining body recognized by the Accreditation Council, and who establishes to the Council’s satisfaction that he is a fit and proper person to be entered on the register as a nurse, shall on making application to the Council and upon compliance with the requirements of this Act, be entitled to be registered.</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">(2A) Where the Council receives an application under</p>

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	<p>subsection (1) it shall, within six months of such receipt consider the application and give such directions in respect of the application as it thinks fit.</p> <p>(2B) Where six months have elapsed since an application was received, and the Council has not considered the application under this section, an affected applicant may file a complaint with the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry with responsibility for health.</p> <p>(2C) The Permanent Secretary under subsection (2B) shall refer the matter to the Chief Nursing Officer in the Ministry with responsibility for health for investigation.</p> <p>(2D) Upon receipt of the report from the Chief Nursing Officer on the matter, the Permanent Secretary shall forward the report to the Council requesting that action be taken on the complaint within a reasonable time.”; and</p> <p>(b) by inserting after subsection (6), the following subsection:</p> <p>(7) In determining if a person is a fit and proper person under this section, the Council shall consider if he-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) is of good character;</li> <li>(b) is mentally and physically capable of performing satisfactorily, the duties of a nurse; and</li> <li>(c) has the ability to understand, read and speak English.”.</li> </ul>

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13	<p>A. Delete the proposed subsection (6) and replace with the following subsection:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“ (6) A nurse intern who holds a provisional certificate may, during the life of the provisional certificate, attempt a licensing examination as many times as necessary until he is successful.”.</p> <p>B. In the proposed subsection (10), delete the words “For the avoidance of doubt, a” and substitute the word “A”.</p> <p>C. Insert after the proposed subsection (10), the following new subsections-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“ (11) Where the Council receives an application for a provisional certificate, it shall within six months of such receipt consider the application and give such directions in respect of the application as it thinks fit.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(12) Where six months have elapsed since an application was received, and the Council has not considered the application under this section, an affected applicant may file a complaint with the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry with responsibility for health.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(13) The Permanent Secretary under subsection (12) shall refer the matter to the Chief Nursing Officer in the Ministry with responsibility for health for investigation.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(14) Upon receipt of the report from the Chief Nursing Officer on the matter, the Permanent Secretary shall forward the report to the Council requesting that action be taken on the complaint within a reasonable time.”.</p>

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16	<p>A. Delete the words “subsections (2) and (3)” and replace with the words “subsection (2)”.</p> <p>B. Delete proposed subsection (2) and replace with the following subsections:</p> <p>“ (2) Any person who has -</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) completed a course of training –</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">(i) in a recognized place of training under section 40; or</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">(ii) approved by the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago under the Accreditation Act; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) passed the examination prescribed by the Council or any other nursing examining body recognized by the Accreditation Council,</p> <p>and who establishes to the Council’s satisfaction that he is a fit and proper person to be entered on the register as a nurse shall, on making an application to the Council and upon compliance with the requirements of this Act, be entitled to be registered.</p> <p>(2A) In determining if a person is a fit and proper person, under subsection (2), the Council shall consider if he –</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) is of good character;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) is mentally and physically capable of performing satisfactorily the duties of a nurse; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(c) has the ability of a person to understand, read and speak English.”.</p> <p>C. Insert after the subsection (3) the following new subsections:</p> <p>“ (4) Where the Council receives an application for a licence, it shall within six months of such receipt consider the application and give such directions in respect of the application as the Council thinks fit.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(5) Where six months have elapsed since an application was received, and the Council has not considered the application under this section, an affected applicant may file a complaint with the Permanent Secretary in</p>

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	<p>the Ministry of Health.</p> <p>(6) The Permanent Secretary under subsection (5) shall refer the matter to the Chief Nursing Officer in the Ministry of Health for investigation.</p> <p>(7) Upon receipt of the report from the Chief Nursing Officer on the matter, the Permanent Secretary shall forward the report to the Council requesting that action be taken on the complaint within a reasonable time.”.</p>
<p><b>24</b></p>	<p>A. In paragraph (a)-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) delete word “paragraphs” and replace with word “paragraph”;</li> <li>(ii) in proposed paragraph (aa) delete the word “;” and replace with the word “.”</li> <li>(iii) delete proposed paragraph “(ab)”.</li> </ul> <p>B. Delete paragraph (c) and replace with the following:</p> <p>“(c) by inserting after subsection (3), the following new subsections:</p> <p>“(4) The Minister may by Regulations prescribe, the qualifications and experience required and the scope of practice for the advanced practice nurses.</p>

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	(5) Regulations made under subsection (4), shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament.”.”