

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT**

Training in General Nursing – Private Schools of Nursing – Policy on regulation of grant of permission to the private Schools of Nursing and other matters connected therewith – Rules- Issued.

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**HEALTH, MEDICAL AND FAMILY WELFARE (M2) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.Ms.No.313

Dated: 16-8-1997

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.430, HM&FW (K1) Dept., Dt. 4-7-1989.
2. G.O.Ms.No. 434, HM&FW (M2) Dept., Dt. 12-8-1993.
3. G.O.Ms.No. 420, HM&FW (M2) Dept., Dt.19-8-1994.
4. Common Order dated 26-3-1996 of the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh in W.P.No.10266/92 and batch cases.
5. G.O.Ms.No. 255, HM&FW (M2) Dept., Dt. 15-6-1996.
6. Letter Rc.No.4033/NEA/96, Dt. 24-8-1996 of the Director of Medical Education A.P., Hyderabad.

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**ORDER:**

The Government have been concerned for quite some time about the need to have a comprehensive policy for granting permission to the Nursing Schools and also to frame regulations governing their functioning. The concern of the Government to maintain the minimum standards required in these institutions arose in the wake of certain reports which appeared in the Press and other media about the falling standards in Nursing Education. The need for having an adequate number of properly trained nurses in Nursing can never be over-emphasized particularly when it is known that the efforts of Nursing staff are equally, if not more important, as compared to those of the Medical officers in respect of patient care. With this background in view, the Government in Health Medical and Family Welfare Department appointed an Expert Committee in G.O.Ms.No. 217, HM&FW (M2) Dept., Dt. 31-3-1995 to study the functioning of the existing Nursing Schools in the Private Sector.

The Hon'ble High Court while disposing of a batch of writ petitions filed before it questioning the orders issued in G.O.Ms.No. 420, HM&FW (M2) Dept., Dt.19-8-1994, G.O.Ms.No.430, HM&FW (K1) Dept., Dt. 4-7-1989, G.O.Ms.No. 434, HM&FW (M2) Dept., Dt. 12-8-1993, had made certain observations requiring the Government to examine the observations in detail while formulating a new policy. The Hon'ble High Court has also directed the Government that an Expert Committee be constituted for examining the various issue relating to Nursing Schools and also the observations made by the Hon'ble High Court while disposing of the batch of writ petitions. The Hon'ble High Court had further directed that the representatives of the private Nursing Schools shall be associated with the Expert Committee while examining the issues. Accordingly, the Government in Health Medical and Family Welfare (M2) Department, vide G.O.Ms.No. 255, Dt. 15-6-1996 issued orders constituting an Expert Committee with Director of Medical Education as Chairman. The Expert Committee, which also heard the views and the various problems being faced by the managements of the private nursing schools from their representatives who participated in the discussions had submitted a report to the Government.

The Department have examined the report of the Expert Committee and prepared a draft Nursing Policy and placed it before the Cabinet on 15-7-1997. The Cabinet have decided to constitute a Cabinet Sub-Committee with Dr. N. Janardhan Reddy, Hon'ble Minister of Health, Medical and Family Welfare, Sri K. Srihari, Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare, Sri K. Chandrasekhara Rao, Hon'ble Minister for Transport as members to study the guide-lines prepared by the Department and submit a report for consideration of the Cabinet. The Cabinet Sub-Committee had met on 16-7-1997 and 18-7-1997 and made certain recommendations. As per the recommendations of the Cabinet Sub-Committee, the Government in super session of the earlier orders issued hereby make the rules in regard to according permission to the Private Nursing schools and prescribing the procedure for admission of students as detailed below:

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## NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 99 of the Andhra Pradesh Education Act, 1982 (Act 1 of 1982) the Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby makes the following rules governing the grant of permission to private schools of Nursing and admission into such institutions.

### RULES:

- (1) These rules may be called the Andhra Pradesh General Nurse Training Institutions (Admission into General Nurse Training and Grant of Permission to Private Schools of Nursing) Rules 1997.
- (2) They shall apply to all the Private Nursing schools or Institutions imparting General Nurse Training Course.
- (3) They shall come into force at once.

### 2. CATEGORISATION OF SEATS:

Fifty percent (50%) of the total number of seats shall be set apart as 'free seats' and the remaining fifty percent of seats (50%) shall be called "Management seats".

### 3. METHOD OF ADMISSION:

1. Admissions to "free seats" shall be made by a Selection Committee consisting of the following:-

(i)	Joint Collector of the District	Chairman
(ii)	Dist. Medical & Health Officer	Member-convenor
(iii)	Superintendent of the Dist. Headquarters Hospital	Member
(iv)	Deputy Director Social Welfare	Member
(v)	Principal of the concerned training institution	Member

2. The Selection Committee shall select the candidates for admission based purely on merit on the basis of aggregate marks obtained by the candidates in the Group subject excluding languages. In deciding merit, candidates who qualify under compartmental system will be placed after candidates who pass in a single attempt.
3. The Principals of private institutions shall admit the candidates as selected and allotted by the selection Committee on the basis of ranking assigned to them against 50% "free seats".
4. The Maximum number of students to be admitted in an institution shall not exceed 60 (Sixty) students. However, if infrastructural facilities teaching staff etc. in an institution are found to be inadequate to train 60 (sixty) students, Government has the right to permit less number of students.
5. Admission to "management seats" shall be done by the institution only after the list of candidates to be admitted is checked by the Selection Committee; and

6. The committee after completing the selection and admissions, shall close the admissions and furnish the list of admitted candidates under both the categories, namely free seats and management seats to the director of Medical Education or as the case may be to the Andhra Pradesh Nurses, Midwifery, Auxiliary Nurse, Midwife and Health Visitor Council. Issue of hall tickets to the students permitting them to appear for the relevant examination shall be limited to the number of students admitted, as according to the list furnished by the Selection Committee.

4. **RULE OF RESERVATION:**

Rule of reservation shall be strictly followed while making the selection for both free seats and management seats. Unfilled seats meant for reserved categories shall be kept vacant and shall not be filled up. The rules in force regulating the reservation to the local candidates as prescribed by the Education Department shall be followed.

5. **FEE STRUCTURE:**

A maximum fee of Rs.1000/- per month per candidate can be charged for free seats. As regards the management seats the fee shall not be more than five times the fee applicable to free seats. Government will have the authority to fix the maximum fee chargeable for free seats and also to fix an upper limit in respect of fee for the management seats.

6. **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION:**

The eligibility criteria for admission into General Nurse Training Course shall be as follows:-

- (1) **NATIONALITY AND DOMICILE:** The candidates should be Indian Nationals and should satisfy local or as the case may be the non-local status requirements as laid down in Andhra Pradesh Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions) order 1974 as amended in G.O. (P) No. 646, Education (W) Department dated 10-7-1979; and
- (2) **EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND AGE:** According to the Indian Nursing Council Regulations 1986.

7. **INVITING OF APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION:**

The Convenor of the Selection Committee shall publish an advertisement in the popular daily newspapers inviting applications in the prescribed form, from the candidates satisfying the eligibility criteria laid down under rule-6. The advertisement, among others, should indicate the application fee payable, registration fee, the last date for submission of the filled-in applications, the seats available in each institution the tuition fee payable etc.

8. **REQUIREMENT OF PHYSICAL FACILITIES:**

The physical facilities in terms of land, buildings, class-room facilities, Laboratory facilities, requirement of personnel and equipment shall be as fixed by the Indian Nursing Council from time to time

**9. STAFFING PATTERN:**

As specified in the Indian Nursing Council Regulations, 1986.

**10. CLINICAL FACILITIES:**

No Permission to a private School of Nursing shall be accorded unless it has affiliation to a hospital, having a minimum of 160 beds.

- Note: (1) (a) The practice of considering different hospitals having lesser bed strength than 160 beds, leads to improper supervision and thereby improper training. Hence the strength of beds of 160 should be arrived at in such a way that preferably the 160 beds are located in one single hospital and, in any case, definitely not more than three hospitals put together. In no case shall one and the same Government or a private hospital be permitted to accord affiliation for practical training to more than one private School of Nursing. The Director of Medical Education shall maintain a list of Private Schools of Nursing and the private or the Government hospitals to which they stand affiliated in order to ensue that this stipulation is strictly adhered to. Any deviation in this regard will render the officer (S) concerned liable for stringent departmental action ;
- (b) Hospitals must invariably have all facilities for imparting training in all disciplines as per the regulations of Indian Nursing Council 1986; and
- (2) Renewal of Permission shall be ordinarily for a period of 3 years which shall however be subject to fulfillment of all instructions/guidelines as may be prescribed by the Government from time to time.

**11. CLINICAL ATTACHMENT FEE:**

- (i) Nursing Schools which require clinical attachment for purposes of imparting training to their students in Government Hospitals shall have to pay a fee of Rs. 1000/- per head per annum. However, Government reserve the right to revise this Fee from time to time; and
- (ii) Permission for affiliation of a private Nursing School in any Government Hospital shall be given only by the Government and no superintendent of the Hospital or any other authority subordinate to the Government is authorized to issue such permission.

12. The Director of Medical Education in the capacity of Ex-Officio President of A.P. Nursing Council will prepare an appropriate proforma for application form for Essentiality Certificate and the price of the application form shall be Rs. 5,000/- and is revisable by the Government from time to time. There shall also be an inspection fee of Rs. 5,000/- which is revisable by the Government from time to time for organizing an inspection by the Director of Medical Education.

13. The syllabus for the course will be prescribed by the Director of Medical Education and Examination for awarding Diploma will also be conducted by the Director of medical Education in accordance with the guidelines prescribed by Indian Nursing Council in this regard.

14. The Government have constituted a Committee for examination and consideration of the applications submitted seeking permission for establishing private Nursing Schools vide G.O.Ms.No.267, HM&FW (E1) Department, Dated. 14-7-1997 under the Chairmanship of Justice P. Ramachandra Raju (Retired Judge). Government will issue Essentiality Certificate to only such applicant institutions which are recommended by this committee.

15. Institutions which obtain Essentiality Certificate from Government shall be deemed to be recognized by the State Government and diploma or as the case may be the Certificate awarded by them shall be considered valid unless the Nursing Council of India or the Andhra Pradesh Nursing council finds its performance far below and recommends to the state Government to de-recognise the institution.
16. (a) The above rules shall be made applicable to the existing institutions also. The existing institutions having any deficiencies as per the stipulations of these rules shall make good such deficiencies within a period of one year from the date of issue of these rules; and
- (b) In case, any deficiencies or irregularities are noticed during the course of the functioning of an institution, depending on gravity of such deficiencies or irregularities, a notice shall be given to the institution concerned calling upon it to make good the deficiencies and also to take appropriate steps for its proper functioning with a maximum period to be notified. If the institute fails to do so, the permission accorded to it shall be cancelled and the students admitted to the course shall be transferred to the nearest Government cum Nursing School. The students so transferred to the Government institution shall not be entitled for stipend on par with the other students.
17. **SECURITY DEPOSIT:**
- (1) There shall be a security Deposit to be maintained by the applicant Institutions for a minimum period of 5 (five) years in a Nationalised Bank in the joint name of the principal of the Institution and the Head of the Department concerned which is under the administrative control of the Health Medical and Family Welfare Department as an evidence of the financial credibility of the Institution. This Security Deposit shall be maintained in the form of a Fixed Deposit in a joint account as mention above. The Fixed Deposit certificate shall be kept in the custody of the concerned Head of Dept. till the period of five years is completed. The period of Five Years will be reckoned from the date from which the Institution Commences the first batch of admissions. The Security Deposit to be maintained by the Nursing Schools should be as follows:-
- a. Rs. 5.00 lakhs where the Institution is located in places other than those recognized as backward areas:
- b. Rs. 2.50 lakh for Institutions to be located in backward areas: and
- (2) The definition of Backward area shall be the one fixed by the Government from time to time.
18. On issues other than those expressly provided for in these rules, the regulations of Indian Nursing council shall apply.
19. The Director of Medical Education, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad and all other officers concerned shall take suitable action as per the instructions issued through this G.O.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To  
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