

The Bangladesh Nursing Council Ordinance, 1983

(Ordinance NO. LXI OF 1983)

An Ordinance to constitute a Nursing Council.

WHEREAS it is expedient to constitute a Nursing Council and to provide for matters connected therewith;

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of the Proclamation of the 24th March, 1982, and in exercise of all powers enabling him in that behalf, the Chief Martial Law Administrator is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:-

Short title	1. This Ordinance may be called the Bangladesh Nursing Council Ordinance, 1983.
Definitions	<p>2. In this Ordinance, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-</p> <p>(a) "Council" means the Bangladesh Nursing Council constituted under this Ordinance;</p> <p>(b) "member" means a member of the Council;</p> <p>(c) "nursing and allied qualification" means any of the qualifications specified in the Schedules;</p> <p>(d) "prescribed" means prescribed by regulations made under this Ordinance;</p> <p>(e) "President" means the President of the Council;</p> <p>(f) "Schedule" means a Schedule annexed to this Ordinance.</p>
Constitution of Bangladesh Nursing Council	3. (1) There shall be constituted in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance a Council to be known as the Bangladesh Nursing Council for the purposes of this Ordinance.

(2) The Council shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal with power to acquire and hold property, both movable and immovable, and to contract, and shall by the said name sue and be sued.

**Composition
of the
Council**

4. (1) The Council shall consist of the following members, namely:-

(a) Secretary, Ministry of Health and Population Control, ex-officio;

(b) Director-General of Health Services, ex-officio;

(c) Director-General of Family Planning and Population Control, ex-officio;

(d) Director-General of Medical Services (Armed Forces) or a person nominated by him;

(e) Director, Medical Education and Hospital, ex-officio;

(f) Director of Nursing Services, ex-officio;

(g) Principal, College of Nursing, ex-officio;

(h) one member to be nominated by the Government from among the Principals of Medical Colleges;

(i) one member to be nominated by the Government from among the Superintendents of Medical College Hospitals;

(j) one member to be nominated by the Ministry of Social Welfare and Women Affairs from among its officers;

(k) one member to be nominated by the Ministry of Labour and Manpower from among its officers;

(l) one member to be nominated by the Health Division from among its officers not below the rank of Deputy Secretary;

(m) one member to be nominated by the Director of Nursing Services from among the Deputy Directors of Nursing Services;

(n) two members to be nominated by the Director of Nursing Services from among Matrons;

(o) one member to be nominated by the Government from among the members of the teaching staff of the Medical Assistant Training Institute;

(p) one member to be nominated by the Bangladesh Medical and Dental Council from among its members;

(q) one member to be nominated by the Bangladesh Nursing Association from among its members;

(r) two members to be nominated by the Director of Nursing Services from among the members of teaching staff of Nursing Institutions;

(s) three members to be nominated by the Government from among the members of Nursing Profession;

(t) one member to be nominated by the Government from among the prominent lady educationists;

(u) one member to be nominated by the Government from among the lady social workers.

(2) The Council shall elect from among its members a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer and a Secretary:

Provided that the Secretary, Ministry of Health and Population Control, shall be the first President of the Council.

(3) No act or proceeding of the Council shall be invalid merely on the ground of the existence of any vacancy in, or any defect in the constitution of the Council.

Terms of office

5. (1) The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer and the Secretary shall, subject to their continuing to be members of the Council, hold office for a term of three years from the date of their election.

(2) A nominated member shall, unless removed earlier by his nominating authority, hold office for a term of three years from the date of his nomination.

(3) Where a person is nominated to be a member by virtue of his holding an office or appointment or of his being a member of any organisation or profession, he shall cease to be such member when he ceases to hold that office or appointment or be such member.

(4) A nominated member may at any time resign his office by writing under his hand addressed to the President:

Provided that no such resignation shall take effect until it has been accepted by the President.

Meetings of the Council

6. (1) Save as hereinafter provided, the Council shall follow such procedure as may be prescribed.

(2) The meetings of the Council shall be held on such date and at such time and place as may be determined by the President:

Provided that at least two meetings shall be held in each year.

(3) One-third of the total number of members shall form a quorum.

(4) All questions at a meeting of the Council shall be decided by a majority of the members present and voting, and in the case of equality of votes, the person presiding shall have a second or casting vote.

Officers and employees

7. The Council shall appoint a Registrar and such other officers and employees, as it deems fit for the efficient performance of its functions on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

Executive Committee

8. (1) There shall be an Executive Committee of the Council consisting of-

(a) the President, who shall also be its Chairman;

(b) the Vice-President, who shall also be its Vice-Chairman;

(c) five members to be elected by the Council from amongst its members.

(2) The Executive Committee shall perform such functions as may be assigned to it by the Council or as may be prescribed.

(3) A member of the Executive Committee shall, subject to his continuing to be a member, hold office for a term of three years.

(4) The Executive Committee shall follow such procedure as may be prescribed.

Recognition of nursing and allied qualifications

9. (1) The Nursing and allied qualifications specified in the Schedules granted by the Institutions mentioned therein shall be recognised nursing and allied qualifications for the purposes of this Ordinance.

(2) Any Institution which grants any nursing or allied qualification not included in any of the Schedules may apply to the Council to have such qualification recognised, and the Council may, after due consideration of the application, either recognise such qualification or refuse recognition of such qualification, and if it recognises such qualification it shall, by notification in the official Gazette, amend the Schedule concerned so as to include such qualification therein.

(3) The Council may, if it deems fit, recognise any nursing or allied qualification granted by any institution outside Bangladesh, and on such recognition such qualification shall be deemed to be recognised nursing or allied qualification for the purpose of this Ordinance.

Power of the Council to certify certain persons to be possessed of sufficient nursing and allied qualification

10. If the Council is satisfied that a person is, by reason of qualifications granted by any institution outside Bangladesh and of experience gained in any part of Bangladesh, possessed of qualifications which entitle him to be recognised as possessed of sufficient nursing or allied qualifications for the purposes of this Ordinance, it may certify that the person is possessed of such qualifications and, on such certification by the Council, the person shall be deemed to be possessed of qualifications which are recognised nursing or allied qualifications for the purposes of this Ordinance for such period and upon such conditions as may be specified by the Council in this behalf.

Power to require information as to courses of study and examinations

11. Every Institution in Bangladesh which trains for or grants any nursing or allied qualification specified in the Schedules shall furnish such information as the Council may, from time to time, require as to the courses of study and examinations to be undergone in order to obtain such qualification, as to the minimum age at which such courses of study can be undertaken on admission in the Institution concerned, examinations required to be undergone prior to such qualification being conferred, and generally as to the requisites for obtaining such qualification.