

L.N. 276 of 2008

**HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS ACT
(CAP. 464)**

Nurses Profession (Licence to Practise) Regulations, 2008

IN exercise of the powers conferred by article 51 of the Health Care Professions Act, the Minister for Social Policy has made the following regulations:

1. The title of these regulations is the Nurses Profession (Licence to Practise) Regulations, 2008. Title.

2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires – Interpretation.
 - “the Act” means the Health Care Professions Act;

 - “the Council” means the Council for Nurses and Midwives, established under article 21 of the Act;

 - “licence” means a licence to practise the profession of a nurse, issued under these regulations.

3. A licence shall be granted by the President of Malta to a person who is a nurse on the recommendation of the Council. Granting of licence.

4. (1) A licence to practise the profession shall be granted to those first level nurses who fulfill all the following conditions: Conditions for the Licence.
 - (a) hold a degree in nursing granted by the University of Malta or an equivalent nursing qualification obtained from any other university, college or nursing school recognized by the Council;

 - (b) have been registered with the Council for a minimum period of two years;

 - (c) have been practising their profession of nurse on a full-time basis for two years or their equivalent.

- (2) In the case of those first level nurses who do not fulfill the conditions mentioned in the preceding sub-regulation but who are in possession of a diploma in nursing granted by the University of Malta, or an equivalent nursing qualification obtained from any university, college or nursing school recognized by the Council, the licence shall

only be granted after five years from their registration with the Council and after practising the profession of nurse on a full-time basis for five years or their equivalent.

Code of practice.

5. It shall be the duty of nurses for whom these regulations apply to abide by the conditions and to satisfy the requirements laid down by the Code of Practice for their profession.