



The Kerala Nurses and Midwives Council, Thiruvananthapuram



INTRODUCTION

Kerala Nurses and Midwives Council (KNMC) is an autonomous statutory body constituted by the Government of Kerala under the provisions of Nurses and Midwives Act 1953. As per G.O.(MS) No: 559/2008/H&FWD dated 03-11-2008, the Kerala Nurses and Midwives Council was separated from the Travancore-Cochin Medical Councils and is functioning independently under the Registrar from Nursing Profession. Dr. Kochuthresiamma Thomas was the first Registrar. Prof.Dr.Sona.P.S is the present Registrar.

THE COUNCIL

The Council consists of elected and nominated members. The Government

nominates the President. The Registrar is the Secretary of the Council.

One member elected by the members of the medical council from among themselves.

Three registered nurses nominated by the Government, two of whom shall be Superintendent of nursing Schools and the third shall be the Matron Superintendent of a Major Hospital.

Six members elected by the registered nurses from among the nurses registered in the register of nurses of whom at least one shall be a member of the Trained Nurses Association of India registered in the State of Kerala, one a member of the Kerala Government Nurses Association and one a nurse working in a private hospital in the State.

Three members elected by the registered midwives of whom one shall be from among the midwives registered in the register of the midwives, and two from among the auxiliary nurse – midwives.

One member elected by the registered health visitors from among the health visitors registered in the register of health – visitors

The Council including the six ex-officio members.

The main Functions of KNMC are:

- Establishment and maintenance of uniform standards of nursing education in Kerala.
- Registration of successful candidates from Kerala as Registered Nurse – Registered Midwife (RN RM).
- Reciprocal registration of candidates who have acquired educational qualification from recognized institutions of other states.
- Renewal of Registration on expiry of validity.
- Verification of Registration and Diploma certificates from authorities inside and outside India.
- Approval of Colleges and Schools of Nursing and withdrawal of recognition in case if the institution fails to maintain standards.
- Conduct of undergraduate

programmes like General Nursing and Midwifery (GNM), Auxiliary Nursing and Midwifery (ANM) and Post Basic Diploma in Nursing Clinical Specialties.

- Conduct of examinations for GNM, ANM, Post Basic Diploma in Specialty Nursing and female Health Supervisor programmes.
- Organization of Continuing Education Programme for Nursing Professionals.
- Award of credit hours for CNE Programmes organized by Educational Institutions and Hospitals for the purpose of Renewal of Registration.

Various Committees:

- ❖ Scrutiny Committee: Scrutinizes the Inspection Reports of Colleges and Schools of Nursing and gives report to the Council.
- ❖ Purchase Committee: Deals with the matters related to purchase of wooden articles, Computers and Other

Electronic Equipments.

- ❖ Technical Committee: Deals with the matters related to website and web application of Kerala Nurses and Midwives council.
- ❖ Education Committee: Deals with matters related to conduct of examination and policy matters concerning nursing education
- ❖ Board of Examiners: Consists of President and Board Members. It deals with matters related to examination and publication of results.

Total Number of Institutions under Kerala Nurses & Midwives Council 2024

Category	Govt.	Self Financing	Total
College of Nursing	14	146	160
School of Nursing	18	110	128
ANM	4	8	12
FHS	2	0	2

Total Number of Nursing Seat 2024

Category	Govt.	Self Financing	Total
BSC	1090	8793	9883
GNM	579	3802	4381
ANM	130	270	400
FHS	100	0	100

Total Number of Registration issued

Category	Total Number
BSC	1,74,906
GNM	2,40,521
ANM	20,058
Total	435485



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