

Amended 08.03.12

The Royal College of Nursing of the United Kingdom

Charter

1. Incorporation and Revocation

- 1.1 Except insofar as it continued and confirmed as one Body Corporate the President and other Members for the time being of the Royal College of Nursing, the said Supplemental Charter shall be and the same is hereby revoked, but nothing in this revocation shall affect the legality or validity of any act, deed or thing lawfully done or executed under the provisions of the said Supplemental Charter.
- 1.2 The President and other Members for the time being of the Royal College of Nursing of the United Kingdom shall for ever hereafter be continued and confirmed as one Body Corporate with the name of "The Royal College of Nursing of the United Kingdom" and by the same name shall continue to have perpetual succession and a Common Seal and with full power by and in such name to sue and be sued and to take, hold, grant, demise, exchange or otherwise dispose of real or personal property and to do all other lawful acts whatsoever.

2. Definitions

In this our Charter unless the context otherwise requires:

“Area of Activity”	means Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man;
“College”	means The Royal College of Nursing of the United Kingdom;
“Congress”	means the annual representative meeting of Members which focuses on influencing the policy and future direction of the College;
“Companies Acts”	means the Companies Acts as defined in the Companies Act 2006 or any replacement thereof;
“Council”	means the Council of the College, the governing body established by Article 7 of this Our Charter;

“Rules”	Orders; means the Rules set out in the Schedule hereto as they may be
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7. The Council

- 7.1 There shall be a Council of the College which shall have the general control and management of the administration of the College and may exercise all the powers

23. Construction

Our Royal Will and Pleasure is that this Our Charter shall ever be construed benevolently and in every case most favourable to the College and the promotion of its Objects.

24. Effective Date

This Our Charter shall take effect on the 1st day of April in the year Two Thousand and Eleven.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

WITNESS Ourselves at Westminster the day of in

the year of Our Reign.

BY WARRANT UNDER THE QUEEN'S SIGN MANUAL

Schedule 1

Rules

1. The office of a Council Member shall be vacated if:
 - 1.1 he or she ceases to be a Member;
 - 1.2 he or she becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his or her creditors generally;
 - 1.3 the Council Members reasonably believe he or she is suffering from mental disorder and is incapable of acting and the Council then resolves that he or she be removed from office;
 - 1.4 he or she resigns from the Council by notice to the College;
 - 1.5 he or she fails to attend four consecutive meetings of the Council in any period in which six consecutive meetings are held provided that where such Council Member's failure to attend meetings is due to illness the Council may in its discretion allow that Council Member to continue in office;
 - 1.6 he or she is removed by resolution of the College in General Meeting before the expiry of his or her term of office subject to the following procedures:
 - 1.6.1 At least 28 days' notice of intention to propose it shall have been given to all Members and the Council Member, whom it is proposed to remove;
 - 1.6.2 The Council Member concerned shall be entitled to be heard on the resolution at the meeting;
 - 1.6.3 Where notice is given of an intended resolution to remove a Council Member and such Council Member makes any representations in writing and requests their notification to the Members, the Council shall so far as is practical send a copy of the representation to every Member to whom notice of the meeting is sent;
 - 1.7 he or she ceases to be a Council Member in accordance with Regulations; and
 - 1.8 he or she ceases to be a Council Member by virtue of any provision of the Company Directors' Disqualification Act 1986 (or any replacement thereof) or he or she becomes prohibited by law from being a Council Member.

Delegation

- 2.1 The Council may delegate any of its powers to any committee appointed by it or any individual including, without prejudice to the foregoing, powers in relation to investment or the implementation of any of its resolutions to any group provided that in the case of delegation to a committee:

