

Pocket Guide for Nurses and Midwives

Understanding the South Sudan
Nurses and Midwives Bill, 2025

*Registration, Licensing and
Professional Recognition*





Purpose of this Pocket Guide

This Pocket Guide helps nurses and midwives understand the legal requirements for practicing in South Sudan under the **Nurses and Midwives Bill, 2025**. It explains registration, licensing, professional rights, and responsibilities in simple language.

Target Audience:

- **Registered Nurses**
- **Registered Midwives**
- **Enrolled Nurses and Midwives**
- **Student Nurses and Midwives**

Why the Bill Matters

This N&M Bill establishes the legal system that regulates the profession in South Sudan. It ensures patient safety, professional accountability, standardized training and qualifications, and legal recognition of nurses and midwives.

Key Message

You must meet **THREE** legal requirements to practice:



1. Be **REGISTERED** with the **Nursing and Midwifery Council**



2. Obtain a **VALID PRACTICE LICENSE**



3. Renew the license every **THREE YEARS**

every 3 years



Types of Registration

The Council provides **THREE** types of registration:

1. Full Registration:

Allows for indefinite period of practice

2. Temporary Registration:

Allows for practice up to one year

3. Specialist Registration:

Allows for practice in specialized fields of nursing and midwifery

 No Registration + No License
= **ILLEGAL PRACTICE**



Documents Required for Registration

Applicants must submit:

- **Application form**
- **Proof of identity** documents
- Training **certificate/diploma/degree**
- **Proof that applicant is fit to practice** from previous registration body (where applicable)
- **Certificate of good professional conduct** from previous registration body (where applicable)
- Payment of **registration fee**



**Always keep
copies of your
documents.**

Qualification Requirements

To qualify for registration, you must:

- **Graduate** from an accredited midwifery/nursing training institution
- Demonstrate **professional competence**
- Provide **recommendation** from training institution or employer



First time applicant who meets all requirements for registration, will also be deemed to have met the requirements for the initial issue of a practice license.

How to Register and

Step 1. Graduate from an accredited midwifery/nursing training institution



Step 2. Apply for registration with Council using prescribed form and pay fee



Step 3. Submit required documents: qualification, ID, good conduct, recommendation



Step 4. Council reviews application including verification of training and supporting documents



Get a License to Practice

Step 5. Registration approved and name entered in the professional register



Step 6. Apply for Practice License: submit license application and pay fee



Step 7. License issued
>>> valid for three years



every 3 years

Step 8. Begin practicing legally
using Professional Title



Rights of Registered Nurses & Midwives

Once registered you have the right to:

- **Use the Professional Title:**
 - Registered or
 - Enrolled Nurse and/or
 - Midwife
- **Apply for a License to practice**
- **Have your name listed in the National Professional Registry**
- **Do training and acquire Specialist Qualifications**



Responsibilities of Nurses & Midwives

You must:

- **Maintain valid registration and license**
- **Follow professional standards**
- **Provide safe and ethical care**
- **Respect patient rights**
- **Maintain competencies by **continuous professional development****



**Professional
integrity protects
the profession.**

Validity of License

Important facts:

- **License validity: 3 years**
- **Must be renewed before expiry**
- **Can be suspended or revoked**
if professional misconduct occurs



Suspension or Revocation

The Council may suspend or revoke a license if:

- **Fraudulent documents** are used
- **Professional misconduct** occurs
- **Criminal offences** occur



If revoked, you may only
apply again **AFTER 3 YEARS.**

Appeals Process

If you disagree with a Council decision:

Step 1:

Appeal to the Minister of Health



Step 2:

Appeal to the Court



The Court decision is final.

Trainees & Auxiliary Personnel

Student Nurses and Midwives:

- Must register through their training institutions
- Must practice under supervision



Auxiliary Nurses and Midwives:

- Cannot practice independently



Must work under
supervision of
**Registered
Professionals**

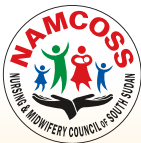
Quick Professional Checklist

Before practicing ask yourself:

- 1. Am I registered?**
- 2. Do I have a valid license?**
- 3. Is my license still valid?**
- 4. Am I practicing within my training?**



**If the answer to any is *NO*,
you must correct it before practicing.**



Final Message

Professional Regulation Protects:

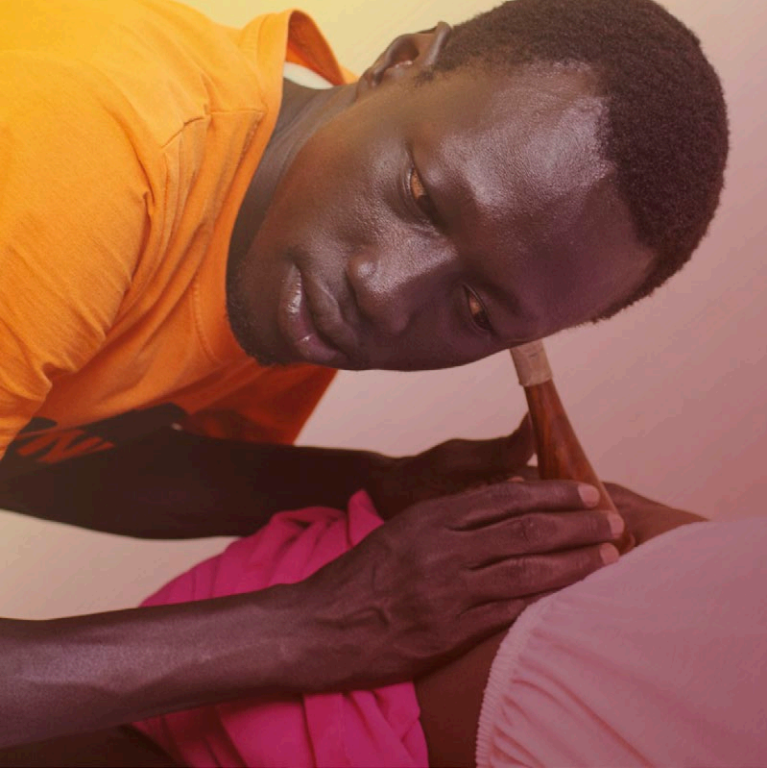
- Patients
- Nurses and Midwives
- The Health System

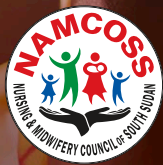


Always keep your
Registration and License
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*Together we strengthen the
Nursing and Midwifery profession
in South Sudan.*







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