

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.

No. 1 of 1944.

(Promulgated 21st January, 1944.)

PROCLAMATION

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
Entitled the Bechuanaland Protectorate Nursing
Sisters (Retiring Allowances) Proclamation, 1944.

Whereas it is expedient to make provision in the Bechuanaland Protectorate for the payment of retiring allowances to nursing sisters appointed through the Overseas Nursing Association:

Now therefore under and by virtue of the powers in me vested I do hereby declare, proclaim and make known as follows:—

1. In this Proclamation—

Definitions.

“nursing sister” means a nurse, nursing sister, health visitor, or matron, who has received an appointment in the public service or in a public hospital through the Overseas Nursing Association;

“public hospital” includes any hospital controlled by a regularly constituted governing body and not conducted for private profit;

“Public Service” and “other public service” shall have the meanings ascribed to them in section *thirty-two* of the Bechuanaland Protectorate Pensions Proclamation, 1933 (Proclamation No. 24 of 1933).

2. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Proclamation it shall be lawful for the High Commissioner to grant to a nursing sister who has served for not less than three years under the Government of the Bechuanaland Protectorate, on her retirement from the public service or from service in a public hospital, a retiring allowance calculated at the rate of eight shillings and four pence per annum for each completed month of her service under the Government of the Bechuanaland Protectorate.

Grant of
retiring
allowances.

(2) No such retiring allowance shall be granted unless the nursing sister shall have completed not less than fifteen years' service in the public service or in public hospitals, and no such retiring allowance shall become payable until the nursing sister shall have attained the age of fifty years:

Provided that if the High Commissioner is satisfied that the nursing sister's retirement is due to infirmity of mind or body, and her

aggregate service in the public service or in public hospitals amounts to not less than ten years, he may direct that a retiring allowance shall be paid to her with effect from the date of her retirement.

(3) Service qualifying for the grant of a retiring allowance need not be continuous.

Conditions
of grant
of
allowance.

3. No retiring allowance shall be granted under this Proclamation without a certificate from the Deputy-Director of Medical Services that the applicant has discharged her duties with diligence and fidelity to his satisfaction.

Allowance
to be
charged on
revenue of
the
Territory.

4. Any retiring allowance payable under this Proclamation shall be charged on and paid out of the revenues of the Bechuanaland Protectorate.

Applica-
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5. (1) This Proclamation shall apply in the case of any nursing sister appointed to the service of the Government of the Bechuanaland Protectorate on or after the first day of June, 1943, or who, having been in the service of the Government of the Bechuanaland Protectorate before that date, was on that date in the service of the Government of the Bechuanaland Protectorate or in other public service or in the service of a public hospital.

(2) This Proclamation shall not apply to any nursing sister who has been or may hereafter be admitted to the pensionable establishment of the Bechuanaland Protectorate unless she shall elect at the time of her retirement to receive a retiring allowance in accordance with the provisions of this Proclamation in lieu of the pension or gratuity for which she may be eligible in accordance with the provisions of the Bechuanaland Protectorate Pensions Proclamation, 1933.

Short title.

6. This Proclamation may be cited as the Bechuanaland Protectorate Nursing Sisters (Retiring Allowances) Proclamation, 1944.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Cape Town this Thirteenth day of January, One thousand Nine hundred and Forty-four.

HARLECH,
High Commissioner.

By Command of His Excellency
the High Commissioner.

H. E. PRIESTMAN,
Administrative Secretary.