

Act No. 18 of 1929

NURSING SISTERS RETIRING ALLOWANCE

An Act for granting and regulating retiring allowances in respect of service in The Bahamas to nursing sisters and matrons appointed through the Overseas Nursing Association.

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1. This Act may be cited as the Nursing Sisters Retiring Allowance Act. Short title.
2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires — Interpretation.

“public service” means service under any Government or local authority;

“public hospital” includes any hospital controlled by a regularly constituted governing body and not run for private profit.
3. A nursing sister or matron who has served not less than three years in the service of The Bahamas and not less than fifteen years in the public service or in a public hospital to which she received an appointment through the Overseas Nursing Association and who would not otherwise be entitled to a pension under any law of The Bahamas relating to pensions may be granted on her ultimate retirement a retiring allowance calculated at the rate of one pound per annum for each month of her service under the Government of The Bahamas. Retiring allowances for nursing sisters and matrons.

48 of 1956, s. 2.
4. (1) Except in the case of retirement on account of illness no retiring allowance shall be payable until the nursing sister or matron attains the age of fifty years. Conditions of grant of retiring allowance.

(2) The grant of a retiring allowance shall be dependent on the production to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State of certificates showing that the nursing sister or matron has discharged her duties with diligence and fidelity to the satisfaction of the head officer of her department; such certificate to be given to her, in as far as The Bahamas is concerned, on her leaving the service of The Bahamas.

(3) The total retiring allowance drawn by the nursing sister or matron shall not exceed the amount of pension which she would have drawn if her whole service had been on the pensionable establishment of The Bahamas.

(4) For the purposes of this Act the total service need not be continuous.

Allowance on retirement caused by ill-health.

5. Whenever a nursing sister or matron is required on the ground of ill-health to relinquish her employment before attaining the age of fifty years a retiring allowance may be granted to her provided that her aggregate service is not less than ten years.

Application of Act.

6. This Act shall apply to all nursing sisters and matrons in the public service on the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, and to all others who join such service after that day:

Provided, however, that the certificate required in subsection (2) of section 4 of this Act shall not be required in respect of service prior to the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six.

Expenses.

7. All expenses incurred in carrying out the objects and provisions of this Act shall be payable out of the Treasury by warrant in the usual manner.