



Bord Altranais agus
Cnáimhseachais na hÉireann
Nursing and Midwifery
Board of Ireland

Nursing Regulation for the last 100 Years: 1950 to Date

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Legislation of Nursing 1950 – present

Nurses Act 1950

- Established An Bord Altranais
- Make further and better provision for the registration, certification, control and training of nurses
- 23 members with 10 elected nurses, 13 ministerial appointees incl. 6 Doctors, 1 educator, 2 reps of local government and 2 nurses.
- President appointed by the Minister
- 5 year term
- Rules for courses of training and examinations for candidates for registration in the register of nurses

Nurses Act 1985

- Provide for the registration, control and education of nurses and midwives
- 29 members - 17 elected by the nursing profession
- Live register
- Minimum entry requirements to training
- Fitness to practise committee
- Competent authority
- Review and evaluate education programmes
- Give guidance ...in all matters relating to ethical conduct and behaviour.
- Elect President from its members

Nurses and Midwives Act 2011

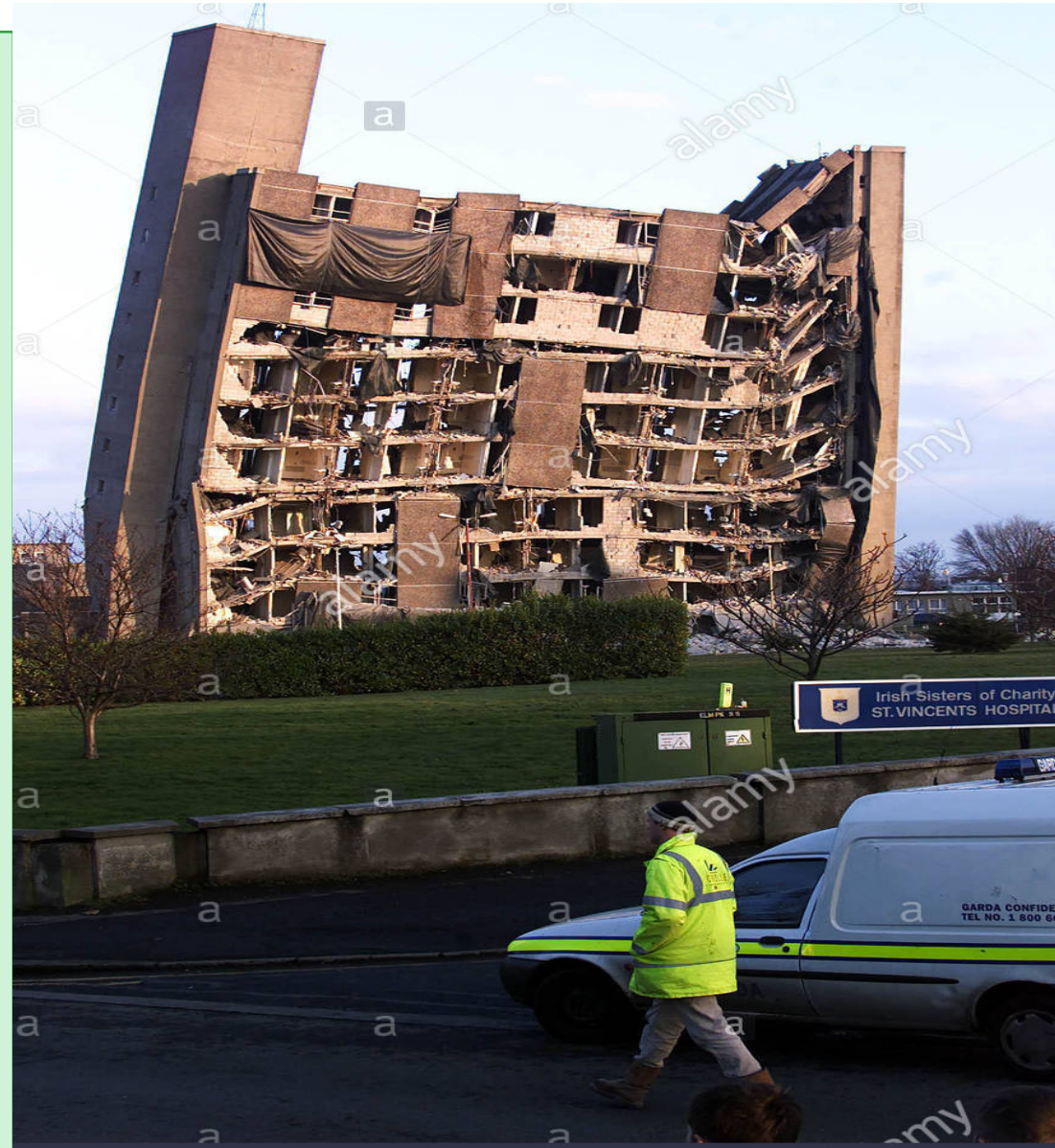
- Enhancement of the protection of the public in its dealings with nurses and midwives
- 23 members - New composition of the Board – 8 elected
- New name- New Register
- Greater accountability, openness and transparency
- New approach to handling of complaints and dealing with fitness to practise matters
- New duties and responsibilities in relation to education and training and maintenance of competence

Nurses Act 1950

50. The Board may, in accordance with rules, provide or make provision for the courses of training and examinations to be taken by candidates for registration in the register of nurses and may prescribe the manner in which and the conditions under which training shall be provided

54.—The Board may, on such terms and conditions as the Minister *may approve, provide institutional, hostel or other accommodation for persons attending courses of training who are nurses, or candidates for registration in the register of nurses.*

66.—The Board may, and if so required by the Minister shall, conduct, or cause to be conducted, research into matters relating to the organisation or practice of nursing or the training of nurses.



Evolution of Nurse Education in Ireland - Apprentice Model until 1994

Two essentials required of the nurse: “quality or the desire to serve, adequate intelligence and a pleasing personality” (Cunningham, 1959)

“A national need to relate the training of nurses to the needs of the countries hospitals and public health services” CMO (1949)

**“Properly trained personnel in adequate numbers for the nursing services in the years ahead”
Dr Noel Browne (1949)**

The dependence of hospitals on student nurses to provide 60-80% of the nursing services shows how illusory the educational experience is ...learning becomes centred on the technical and routine aspects of care”(WHO, Maillert 1973)

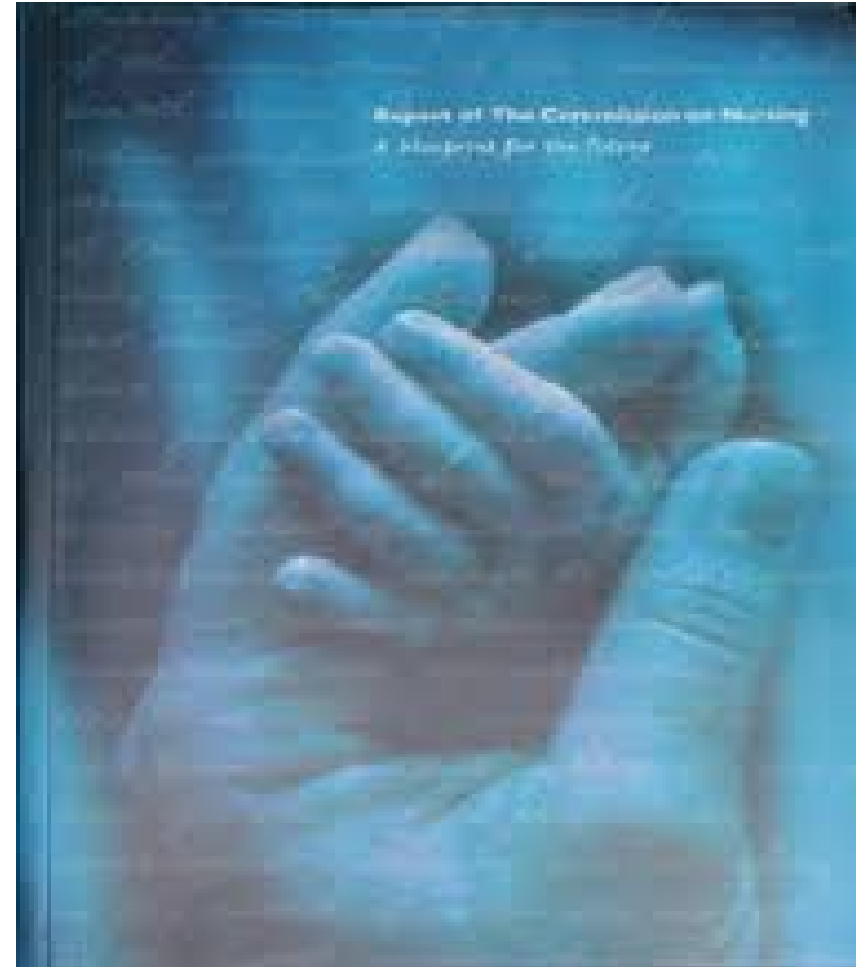


Divisions of the Register to meet service need

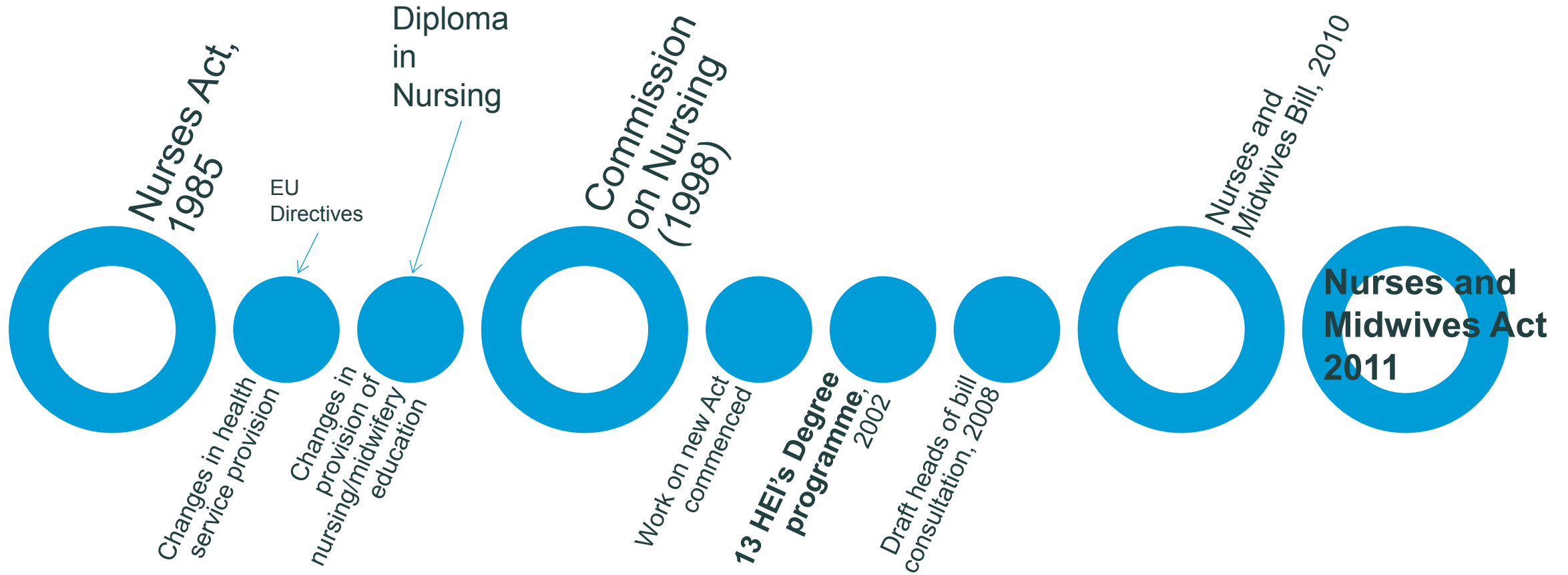
Divisions Opened	Commenced	Ceased
Public Health	1959 - 6 month programme	1972 – 12 month programme (3 months supervised practice)
Mental Handicap	1959 – 3 year programme	
Nurse Tutors	1960 – 1 st course	1964 new division of the register
Clinical Nurse Teachers, advanced psychiatric, integrated general and sick children's	1974	Clinical Teachers closed 1986 Adv. Psych Closed late 1970's Integrated closed in mid 1980's and reopened in 2006
Divisions Closed		
Sanatorium Nurses	1963	0 = 21/10/19
Infectious Diseases & Fever	1971	13 on the register 21/10/19
Orthopaedic		36 on the register 21/10/19
Tuberculosis		2 on the register 21/10/19

Nurses Act 1985

- An Bord Altranais from 1985 began using information technology for its nursing registers rather than bound paper volumes.
- 29 member board – 17 elected members of the professions
- Self-financing
- Diploma in Nursing – 1994
 - Non-means tested grant
- Degree in Nursing – 2002
 - 13 HEI's
 - 36 weeks paid internship in year 4



Context of Change in Nursing 1985-2011



Nurses and Midwives Act 2011

- Enhancement of the Protection of the Public
- Confidence and competence of the professions
- Quality Assurance mechanisms
- Integrity of practice
- Public confidence in service provision
- Midwifery separate profession

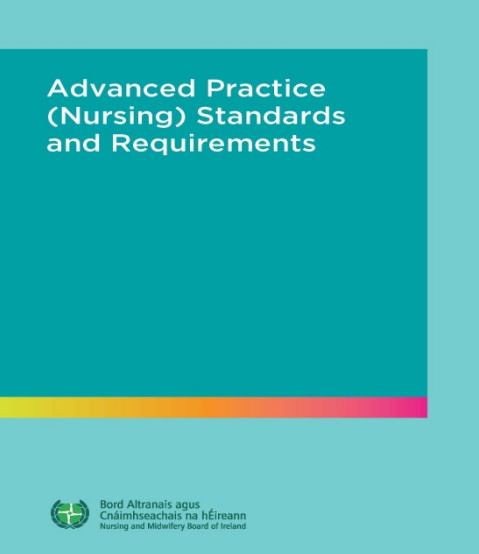
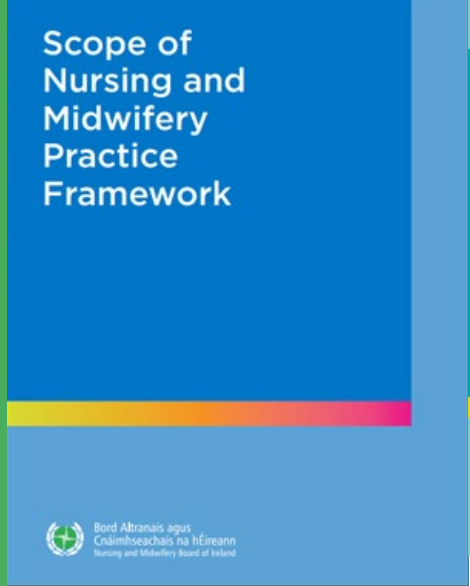
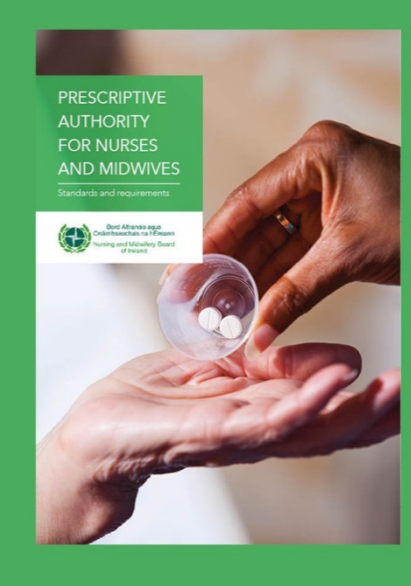
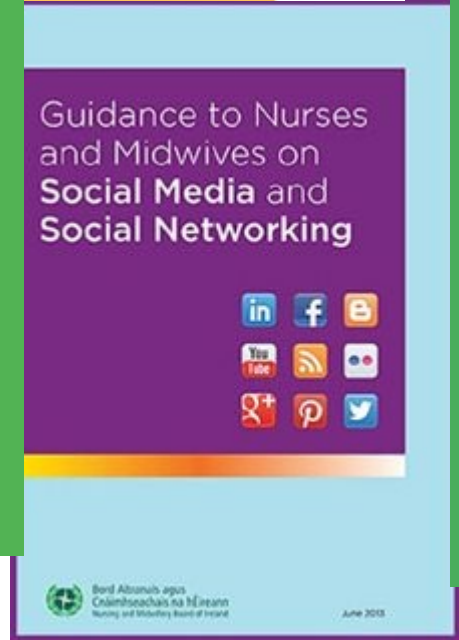
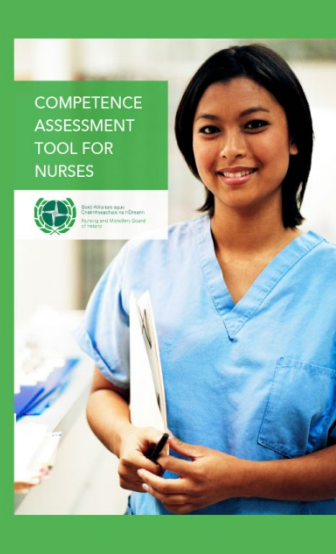
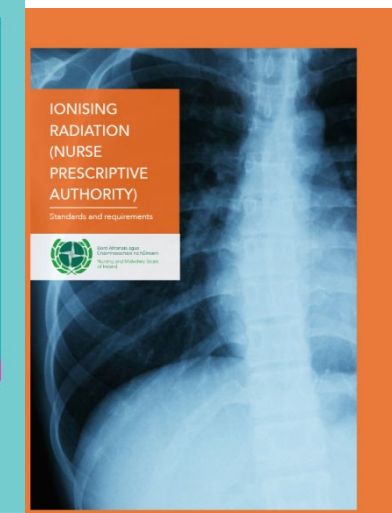
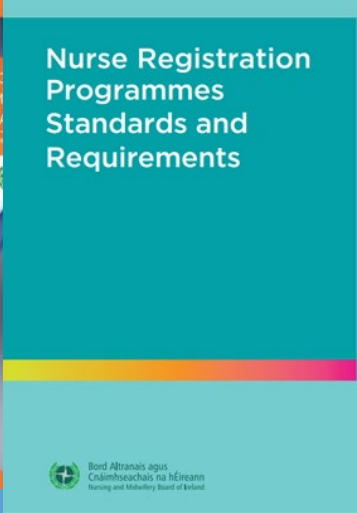
The purpose of the Board is:

“the protection of the public in its dealing with nurses and midwives and the integrity of the practice of nursing and midwifery through the promotion of high standards of professional education, training and practice and professional conduct among nurses and midwives”.

(Section 8, Nurses and Midwives Act 2011)

Our vision is to provide leadership to registered nurses and midwives to deliver safe care through innovative and proactive professional regulation.

Our mission is to protect the public and the integrity of the professions of nursing and midwifery through the promotion of high standards of education, training, and professional conduct.



Current Register of Nurses and Midwives = 75,913

Registrants by Division – 14 October 2019

Active by Division	
Division	Active
Advanced Midwife Practitioner	11
Advanced Nurse Practitioner	357
Children's	4,798
General	63,278
Intellectual Disability	5,143
Midwives	10,653
Nurse Prescriber	1,282
Orthopaedic	36
Psychiatric	9,108
Public Health	2,669
Tutors'	752
Totals	98,136

70 Years of Responsive Change

- Legislation
- Education
- Practice





Thank You

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