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Registration of Hospital Professional Personnel

1. At a recent meeting of a Professional Registration Board concern was expressed in relation to the number of persons in that profession who have not renewed their registration for the year 1975, but were known to be active in their profession in this State.
2. For your information personnel in the following professions are required to renew their registration annually.
 - 2.2 Chiropody
 - 2.2 Dental
 - 2.3 Medical
 - 2.4 Nursing and Nursing Aides
 - 2.5 Optometry
 - 2.6 Optical Dispensing
 - 2.7 Pharmacy
 - 2.8 Physiotherapy
3. It is the responsibility of each hospital to ensure that all professional personnel working at that hospital, whether salaried or in an honorary capacity (including recent graduates) produce evidence of full or provisional registration prior to the commencement of duty, and that regular checks be made to see that each person does, in fact, hold current registration. In addition, new graduates in physiotherapy may be employed after producing a Certificate of Conditional Registration.
4. Where an applicant for employment for a professional position cannot produce evidence of qualifications or registration, hospitals should take immediate steps to ascertain that such a person is qualified and registered, prior to employment.
5. To assist hospitals in determining whether a nurse or nursing aide has been registered or enrolled, the New South Wales Nurses' Registration Board has decided that when registration or enrolment has been affected, a letter showing the effective date of registration or enrolment will be issued. The Certificates of Registration or Enrolment will then be forwarded to the individual following the next meeting of the Nurses' Registration Board. Therefore, prospective employees of this profession may be recruited after producing such letter.
6. In regard to the renewal of registration for all professions the various registration authorities upon receipt of the renewal card and payment of the prescribed fee will issue a portion of that renewal card together with a cash imprint thereon.

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 Secretary.