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Maori Purposes Act 1939

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Maori Purposes Act 1947 (1947 No 59).

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Changes authorised by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 have been made in this reprint.

A general outline of these changes is set out in the notes at the end of this reprint, together with other explanatory material about this reprint.

This Act is administered by Te Puni Kōkiri.

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**Petition to be referred to the Maori Land Court or a
Judge or Commissioner thereof**

[Repealed]

**An Act to amend the laws relating to Maori and Maori land, to
adjust certain claims and disputes in relation to Maori land, to
confer jurisdiction upon the Maori Land Court and the Maori
Appellate Court, and for other purposes**

Title: amended, on 27 November 1947, pursuant to section 2 of the Maori Purposes Act 1947 (1947 No 59).

Title: amended, on 27 November 1947, pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Maori Purposes Act 1947 (1947 No 59).

1 Short Title

This Act may be cited as the Maori Purposes Act 1939.

Section 1: amended, on 27 November 1947, pursuant to section 9(1)(b) of the Maori Purposes Act 1947 (1947 No 59).

2 Provisions of Maori Land Act 1931 to apply to this Act

Words and expressions used in this Act shall, unless the contrary intention appears, have the same meaning as in the Maori Land Act 1931 (hereinafter referred to as “the principal Act”), and the provisions of the principal Act, so far as applicable, shall extend and apply to the cases provided for by this Act in as full and ample a manner as if this Act had been incorporated with and formed part of the principal Act.

Section 2 heading: amended, on 27 November 1947, pursuant to section 4(1) of the Maori Purposes Act 1947 (1947 No 59).

Section 2: amended, on 27 November 1947, pursuant to section 4(1) of the Maori Purposes Act 1947 (1947 No 59).

Part 1

Amendment of laws

[Repealed]

Part 1: repealed, on 1 April 1954, pursuant to section 473(1) of the Maori Affairs Act 1953 (1953 No 94).

3 Court may determine status of persons and land*[Repealed]*

Section 3: repealed, on 1 April 1954, by section 473(1) of the Maori Affairs Act 1953 (1953 No 94).

4 Empowering the issue of certificates of title for Crown lands declared by notice to be subject to Part 1 of the Maori Land Amendment Act 1936*[Repealed]*

Section 4: repealed, on 1 April 1954, by section 473(1) of the Maori Affairs Act 1953 (1947 No 59).

5 Empowering the issue of certificates of title for Crown lands proclaimed to be subject to Part 1 of the Maori Land Amendment Act 1936*[Repealed]*

Section 5: repealed, on 1 April 1954, by section 473(1) of the Maori Affairs Act 1953 (1947 No 59).

6 Preventing merger in respect of lands acquired under section 6 of the Maori Land Amendment Act 1936*[Repealed]*

Section 6: repealed, on 1 April 1954, by section 473(1) of the Maori Affairs Act 1953 (1947 No 59).

7 As to marriages between Maori*[Repealed]*

Section 7: repealed, on 6 December 1951, by section 8(2) of the Maori Purposes Act 1951 (1951 No 75).

**Part 2
Miscellaneous powers***Tokerau District**[Repealed]*

Heading: repealed, on 25 October 1956, pursuant to section 6(1) of the Maori Purposes Act 1956 (1956 No 43).

8 Kororipo Pa

[Repealed]

Section 8: repealed, on 27 November 1953, by section 20 of the Maori Purposes Act 1953 (1953 No 112).

9 Authorising exchange of Takahiwai School site for Maori land

[Repealed]

Section 9: repealed, on 25 October 1956, by section 6(1) of the Maori Purposes Act 1956 (1956 No 43).

Waiariki District

[Repealed]

Heading: repealed, on 25 October 1956, pursuant to section 6(1) of the Maori Purposes Act 1956 (1956 No 43).

10 Authorising court to exclude land erroneously included in Tawaroa Block

[Repealed]

Section 10: repealed, on 25 October 1956, by section 6(1) of the Maori Purposes Act 1956 (1956 No 43).

Waikato-Maniapoto District

[Repealed]

Heading: repealed, on 25 October 1956, pursuant to section 6(1) of the Maori Purposes Act 1956 (1956 No 43).

11 Declaring Kopuarahi No 2 to have become Crown land

[Repealed]

Section 11: repealed, on 25 October 1956, by section 6(1) of the Maori Purposes Act 1956 (1956 No 43).

12 Declaring Koukourahi No 3A to have become Crown land

[Repealed]

Section 12: repealed, on 25 October 1956, by section 6(1) of the Maori Purposes Act 1956 (1956 No 43).

*Aotea District***13 Amending section 17 of the Maori Purposes Act 1933**

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Section 13 heading: amended, on 27 November 1947, pursuant to section 9(1)(b) of the Maori Purposes Act 1947 (1947 No 59).

South Island District

[Repealed]

Heading: repealed, on 25 October 1956, pursuant to section 6(1) of the Maori Purposes Act 1956 (1956 No 43).

14 Extending time for lodging applications under section 8 of Maori Purposes Act 1936

[Repealed]

Section 14: repealed, on 25 October 1956, by section 6(1) of the Maori Purposes Act 1956 (1956 No 43).

General

[Repealed]

Heading: repealed, on 25 October 1956, pursuant to section 6(1) of the Maori Purposes Act 1956 (1956 No 43).

15 As to the will of William O'Meara, deceased

[Repealed]

Section 15: repealed, on 25 October 1956, by section 6(1) of the Maori Purposes Act 1956 (1956 No 43).

16 Amending section 51 of the Maori Purposes Act 1931

[Repealed]

Section 16: repealed, on 1 January 1956, by section 57(1) of the Maori Trust Boards Act 1955 (1955 No 37).

17 As to the lands of Teo Tipene (deceased)

[Repealed]

Section 17: repealed, on 25 October 1956, by section 6(1) of the Maori Purposes Act 1956 (1956 No 43).

18 Chief Judge may refer petition in Schedule to court for report

[Repealed]

Section 18: repealed, on 25 October 1956, by section 6(1) of the Maori Purposes Act 1956 (1956 No 43).

**Schedule
Petition to be referred to the Maori
Land Court or a Judge or Commissioner
thereof**

[Repealed]

Schedule: repealed, on 25 October 1956, by section 6(1) of the Maori Purposes Act 1956 (1956 No 43).

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Notes**1 *General***

This is a reprint of the Maori Purposes Act 1939. The reprint incorporates all the amendments to the Act as at 25 October 1956, as specified in the list of amendments at the end of these notes.

Relevant provisions of any amending enactments that contain transitional, savings, or application provisions that cannot be compiled in the reprint are also included, after the principal enactment, in chronological order. For more information, see <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/reprints/>.

2 *Status of reprints*

Under section 16D of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989, reprints are presumed to correctly state, as at the date of the reprint, the law enacted by the principal enactment and by the amendments to that enactment. This presumption applies even though editorial changes authorised by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 have been made in the reprint.

This presumption may be rebutted by producing the official volumes of statutes or statutory regulations in which the principal enactment and its amendments are contained.

3 *How reprints are prepared*

A number of editorial conventions are followed in the preparation of reprints. For example, the enacting words are not included in Acts, and

provisions that are repealed or revoked are omitted. For a detailed list of the editorial conventions, see <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/editorial-conventions/> or Part 8 of the *Tables of New Zealand Acts and Ordinances and Statutory Regulations and Deemed Regulations in Force*.

4 *Changes made under section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989*

Section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 authorises the making of editorial changes in a reprint as set out in sections 17D and 17E of that Act so that, to the extent permitted, the format and style of the reprinted enactment is consistent with current legislative drafting practice. Changes that would alter the effect of the legislation are not permitted. A new format of legislation was introduced on 1 January 2000. Changes to legislative drafting style have also been made since 1997, and are ongoing. To the extent permitted by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989, all legislation reprinted after 1 January 2000 is in the new format for legislation and reflects current drafting practice at the time of the reprint.

In outline, the editorial changes made in reprints under the authority of section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 are set out below, and they have been applied, where relevant, in the preparation of this reprint:

- omission of unnecessary referential words (such as “of this section” and “of this Act”)
- typeface and type size (Times Roman, generally in 11.5 point)
- layout of provisions, including:
 - indentation
 - position of section headings (eg, the number and heading now appear above the section)
- format of definitions (eg, the defined term now appears in bold type, without quotation marks)
- format of dates (eg, a date formerly expressed as “the 1st day of January 1999” is now expressed as “1 January 1999”)

- position of the date of assent (it now appears on the front page of each Act)
- punctuation (eg, colons are not used after definitions)
- Parts numbered with roman numerals are replaced with arabic numerals, and all cross-references are changed accordingly
- case and appearance of letters and words, including:
 - format of headings (eg, headings where each word formerly appeared with an initial capital letter followed by small capital letters are amended so that the heading appears in bold, with only the first word (and any proper nouns) appearing with an initial capital letter)
 - small capital letters in section and subsection references are now capital letters
- schedules are renumbered (eg, Schedule 1 replaces First Schedule), and all cross-references are changed accordingly
- running heads (the information that appears at the top of each page)
- format of two-column schedules of consequential amendments, and schedules of repeals (eg, they are rearranged into alphabetical order, rather than chronological).

5 *List of amendments incorporated in this reprint (most recent first)*

Maori Purposes Act 1956 (1956 No 43): section 6(1)

Maori Trust Boards Act 1955 (1955 No 37): section 57(1)

Maori Purposes Act 1953 (1953 No 112): section 20

Maori Affairs Act 1953 (1953 No 94): section 473(1)

Maori Purposes Act 1951 (1951 No 75): section 8(2)

Maori Purposes Act 1947 (1947 No 59): sections 2, 4(1), 9(1)(b), (2)(a)