

**Reprint
as at 25 November 1961**



**Thomas Adoption Discharge Act
1961**

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An Act to discharge an adoption order made on 17 December 1953, in favour of Charles Frank Thomas, formerly of Havelock North, company manager, now deceased, and Aileen Maud Thomas, his wife, as adopting parents of Heather Colleen Thomas

Note

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.

Preamble

Whereas by adoption order made by the Magistrate's Court at Hastings on 17 December 1953, Heather Colleen Thomas, of Hamilton, clerk, was legally adopted by Charles Frank Thomas, of Havelock North, company manager, now deceased, and Aileen Maud Thomas, his wife:

And whereas the said Heather Colleen Thomas is desirous of marrying Barry Canavan Thomas, of Hamilton, clerk, a son of the said Charles Frank Thomas and Aileen Maud Thomas:

And whereas, while the said adoption order remains in force, the said intended marriage is by virtue of the provisions of the Adoption Act 1955 within the degrees of prohibited relationship set out in the Marriage Act 1955:

And whereas no legal grounds exist for obtaining a discharge of the said adoption order pursuant to the provisions of the Adoption Act 1955.

1 Short Title

This Act may be cited as the Thomas Adoption Discharge Act 1961.

2 Discharge of adoption order

The adoption order made by the Magistrate's Court at Hastings on 17 December 1953, in favour of Charles Frank Thomas and Aileen Maud Thomas as adopting parents of Heather Colleen Thomas is hereby discharged and it is hereby declared that the legal effects and incidents of such discharge shall be the same as if such discharge had been granted by a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to the provisions of section 20 of the Adoption Act 1955.

3 Private Act

This Act is hereby declared to be a private Act.

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Notes

1 *General*

This is a reprint of the Thomas Adoption Discharge Act 1961. The reprint incorporates all the amendments to the Act as at 25 November 1961, 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)*
