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**THE MAORI BIRTHS AND DEATHS REGISTRATION  
REGULATIONS 1935, AMENDMENT NO. 1**

B. C. FREYBERG, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this 12th day of  
March, 1947

Present :

THE RIGHT HON. P. FRASER PRESIDING IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to section 60 of the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1924, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, doth hereby make the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

1. These regulations may be cited as the Maori Births and Deaths Registration Regulations 1935, Amendment No. 1.
2. These regulations shall be read together with and form part of the Maori Births and Deaths Registration Regulations 1935\* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).
3. These regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of April, 1947.
4. Regulation 18 of the principal regulations is amended—
  - (a) By inserting, next following the words “or produces the written admission of any person that he is the father of the child”, the following words: “together with the joint request in writing of the mother and of the person acknowledging himself to be the father for registration of that person as the father”:
  - (b) By revoking the words “subject, however, to the provisions of section 15 of the Destitute Persons Act, 1910”.
5. Whenever an order of adoption is made under Part IX of the Native Land Act, 1931, it shall be the duty of the Registrar of the Native Land Court for the district in which such order was made forthwith to send to the Registrar-General notice, in duplicate, setting forth the following particulars so far as they are known to the Court:—
  - (a) The full name of the child as before the making of the order:
  - (b) The date and place of birth of the child:
  - (c) The sex of the child:

- (d) Whether the birth has been registered under the provisions of the principal regulations or any provisions of law for which those regulations are in substitution, and, if so, the place and date of registration and entry number :
- (e) If the birth has not been registered, the nature of the evidence, if any, submitted to the Court to establish the place and date of birth :
- (f) The name, address, description, and tribe of each of the natural parents of the child—"description" meaning whether a Maori of full blood, or three-quarter, half, or quarter-caste, or not a Maori, or as the case may be :
- (g) The name, address, description, and tribe of the adopting parent (or parents)—"description" having the same meaning as in the last preceding paragraph :
- (h) The name of the Judge by whom the order of adoption was made, and date of the order :
- (i) The full name conferred upon the child by the order of adoption.

6. On receipt of such notice and particulars the Registrar-General shall, if the birth has been registered and the duplicate entry as to the birth of the child has been transmitted to him pursuant to Regulation 40 of the principal regulations, forthwith note and sign on such duplicate a memorial in the following form—namely, "Order of adoption of [*Name of child*], dated the . . . . . day of . . . . ., 19. . ., made by [*Name of Judge*] at [*Place*] in favour of [*Name, address, description, and tribe of the adopting parent or of each of the adopting parents, as the case may be*]."

7. The Registrar-General shall in every case forthwith send to the Registrar for the place where the birth was registered a copy of the notice received by him from the Registrar of the Native Land Court, and the Registrar shall forthwith note and sign on the original entry as to the birth of the child, and on the duplicate entry in cases where the duplicate has not been transmitted to the Registrar-General, a memorial in the form prescribed in Regulation 6 hereof, and shall also re-register forthwith, in duplicate, particulars as to the birth of the child, substituting the name by adoption for the natural name of the child or the name shown in the original registration and substituting particulars as to the adopting parent or parents for particulars as to the natural parents ; and shall transmit the duplicate of such entry to the Registrar-General as if it were a duplicate of an entry made by him pursuant to the principal regulations.

8. Where the Registrar-General receives from a Registrar of the Native Land Court notice of an order of adoption of a Maori child whose birth has not been registered, the Registrar-General, upon being satisfied as to the correctness of the particulars necessary for the making of a registration of the birth of the child, shall send to the Registrar nearest to the place where the birth occurred a copy of such notice and particulars, and that Registrar shall forthwith register, in duplicate, particulars as to the birth of the child, recording only the name by adoption and not the natural name of the child or its name as before the making of the order, and particulars of the adopting parent or parents only and not the particulars as to the natural parents ; and shall transmit the duplicate of such entry to the Registrar-General as if it were a duplicate of an entry made by him pursuant to the principal regulations.

9. Upon the registration or re-registration of an adopted child made as aforesaid the Registrar shall enter in the column of the Register headed "Informant", in lieu of the particulars relating to an informant, the following words: "This entry has been made under authority of Regulation 7 (or Regulation 8, as the case may be) of the Maori Births and Deaths Registration Regulations 1935, Amendment No. 1".

10. Whenever a copy of the entry as to the birth of any child to whom these regulations relate is required for any purpose the Registrar or the Registrar-General, as the case may be, shall supply a copy of the entry made pursuant to these regulations in lieu of a copy of the original entry (if any) unless the applicant certifies and the Registrar or the Registrar-General is satisfied that the particulars recorded in the original entry are material for the purpose for which the copy is required.

11. Nothing in these regulations shall be deemed to dispense with the obligation to register the birth of a Maori child in the manner prescribed by the principal regulations.

12. The foregoing provisions of these regulations relating to the registration or re-registration of particulars as to adopted Maori children shall apply in the case of children in respect of whom orders of adoption under Part IX of the Native Land Act, 1931, or the corresponding provisions of any former Act have been made before the coming into force of these regulations if the Registrar-General is satisfied, by certificate under the hand of a Registrar of the Native Land Court or otherwise, as to the truth of the particulars required to be registered.

W. O. HARVEY,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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