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**THE MAORI TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS REGULATIONS 1948**

B. C. FREYBERG, Governor-General

**ORDER IN COUNCIL**

At the Government House at Wellington, this 14th day of  
April, 1948

Present :

**HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL**

PURSUANT to the Maori Social and Economic Advancement Act, 1945, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, doth hereby make the following regulations.

**REGULATIONS**

**PRELIMINARY**

1. These regulations may be cited as the Maori Tribal Organizations Regulations 1948.
2. These regulations shall come into force on the seventh day after notification in the *Gazette* of the making hereof.
3. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—  
“The Act” means the Maori Social and Economic Advancement Act, 1945 :  
“Committee” or “Tribal Committee” means a Tribal Committee appointed under the Act :  
“Controller” means the person appointed as Controller under the Act :  
“District” or “tribal district” means a tribal district constituted under the Act :  
“Tribal Executive” means a Tribal Executive appointed under the Act :  
“Welfare Officer” means a person appointed as a Welfare Officer under the Act.

## ELECTION OF TRIBAL COMMITTEES

4. The general meeting of the Maori residents within a Tribal Committee area constituted under the Act at which the members of the Tribal Committee are to be elected in accordance with the provisions of subsection (1) of section 15 of the Act shall be held on a date not earlier than three months nor later than one month prior to the day on which the term of office of the members for the time being of the Tribal Committee shall expire.

5. The date, time, and place for the meeting shall be fixed by the Tribal Committee, and it shall be the duty of the Chairman or Secretary of the Committee to cause notice of the date, time, and place so fixed to be given, in a general way, to the Maori residents within the Tribal Committee area.

6. In any case where no Tribal Committee has been constituted, or where a Tribal Committee has gone out of existence, the date, time, and place for a meeting of the said Maori residents shall be fixed by the Controller or a Welfare Officer acting upon the instructions of the Controller.

7. At any meeting of the said Maori residents a Welfare Officer, if present, shall be the Chairman of the meeting, but if no Welfare Officer be present the persons present shall appoint one of their number to preside at the meeting.

8. All questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of the votes of those present. In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

9. As soon as practicable after a meeting of the said Maori residents at which the members of the Tribal Committee have been elected, the Chairman of the meeting shall inform the Controller of the names of the persons so elected, and shall at the same time indicate that those persons have consented to their election.

## APPOINTMENT OF TRIBAL EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

10. At a meeting to be held by the Tribal Committee not later than one month after it assumes office the Committee shall select from among its members willing to act the two representatives whom, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (1) of section 8 of the Act, it recommends for appointment to the Tribal Executive for the district.

11. As soon as practicable after the meeting of the Tribal Committee at which the said two representatives have been selected as candidates recommended for appointment to the Tribal Executive the Chairman or the Secretary of the Committee shall inform the Controller of the names of the persons so selected, and shall at the same time indicate that their appointment to the Tribal Executive has been recommended by the Committee, and that the persons so selected have consented to their appointments.

12. Nothing in the last two preceding regulations shall apply to the first appointment of members of a Tribal Executive in accordance with the provisions of subsection (2) of section 8 of the Act.

## MEETINGS OF TRIBAL EXECUTIVES AND COMMITTEES

13. Notice in writing of the date, time, and place appointed for any meeting of a Tribal Executive shall be given by the Secretary of the Tribal Executive to every member so as to reach such member three clear days before the date appointed for the meeting.

14. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by, any member shall not invalidate the proceedings at any meeting.

15. If within one hour from the time appointed for a meeting of the Tribal Executive, whether by notice as aforesaid or by adjournment from a previous meeting, a quorum is not present, the members present, or if no member be present, the Secretary or other officer of the Tribal Executive, may adjourn the meeting to such time and place as is thought fit; and if the meeting is not so adjourned, it shall be deemed to have been dissolved.

16. The Chairman of a Tribal Executive may, with the consent of the members present at any meeting, adjourn a meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.

17. The provisions of Regulations 13 to 16 shall, with the necessary modifications, extend and apply to meetings of a Tribal Committee.

## SEAL OF TRIBAL EXECUTIVE

18. The seal of a Tribal Executive shall be such as the Tribal Executive, with the approval of the Minister of Maori Affairs, determines; and the name of the Tribal Executive shall be inscribed in legible characters on its seal.

19. The seal shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary or other persons appointed by the Tribal Executive for the purpose.

20. The seal of the Tribal Executive shall not be affixed to any instrument or document except by the authority of a resolution of the Tribal Executive and in the presence of two members of the Tribal Executive, and the two members shall sign every instrument or document to which the seal of the Tribal Executive has been so affixed in their presence.

## NOTICES

21. Any notice, summons, writ, or other proceedings required to be served on a Tribal Executive may be served by being left with the Chairman or Secretary of the Tribal Executive or by being sent through the post by prepaid registered letter addressed to the Chairman or Secretary at his last known address, and any notice, summons, writ, or other proceedings so posted shall be deemed to have been received on the day next following that on which it would be delivered in due course by post.

22. The provisions of the last preceding regulation shall, with the necessary modifications, extend and apply to service of any notice, summons, writ, or other proceedings on a Tribal Committee.

T. J. SHERRARD,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act, 1936.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Maori Affairs.