

Regulations providing for the Registration of the Births and Deaths of Maoris.

LIVERPOOL, Governor.
ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this nineteenth day of March, 1913.

Present :

THE HONOURABLE A. L. HERDMAN PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred on him by section twenty of the Births and Deaths Registration Amendment Act, 1912, His Excellency the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby make the following regulations providing for the registration of the births and deaths of Maoris.

REGULATIONS.

REGISTRARS.

1. THE Registrar-General may from time to time appoint such persons as he thinks fit to act as Registrars of the Births and Deaths of Maoris at such places as he may from time to time determine.

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS OF MAORIS.

2. (1.) Within two months after the date of the birth of any Maori child born on or after the 1st day of March, 1913, the following particulars shall be furnished to a Registrar appointed under the preceding regulation:—

- (a.) The date and place of birth.
- (b.) The Christian or first name and the sex of the child.
- (c.) The names of the father and mother respectively, and their hapus and residence.
- (d.) Description of the father and mother (whether Maoris of full blood, or quarter, half, or three-quarter caste, or as the case may be).
- (e.) Name and description of informant.
- (f.) Such other particulars as the Registrar-General may from time to time require.

(2.) The persons hereinafter specified shall be deemed responsible for duly furnishing to the Registrar the particulars hereinbefore referred to in respect of the birth of any Maori child:—

- (a.) The father and mother of the child.
- (b.) Every occupier of the house or building in which the child was born.
- (c.) Any person present at the birth of the child.

(3.) Notwithstanding anything in the last preceding sub-clause, if any of the persons therein enumerated duly furnishes the required information, the others of those persons shall thereupon be released from the obligation to furnish such information.

(4.) The Registrar may register the birth of any Maori child upon being furnished with the particulars hereinbefore referred to by—

- (a.) The Chairman or any member of a Maori Council having a knowledge of the facts;
- (b.) Any minister of religion officiating in the district and having a knowledge of the facts;
- (c.) Any person who satisfies the Registrar that he is possessed of the necessary knowledge of the facts and that the information supplied by him is correct.

3. (1.) On receipt of the particulars of the birth of any Maori child as aforesaid, the Registrar shall enter the same in the Register of Births and on a duplicate sheet to be supplied for the purpose by the Registrar-General.

(2.) On receipt of any particulars of the birth of any Maori child which the Registrar deems sufficient, the Registrar may enter the same in the Register of Births and on the duplicate sheet aforesaid, notwithstanding that the full particulars required by these regulations have not been furnished.

(3.) The said register shall be in the form No. 1 in the First Schedule hereto or to the effect thereof, and shall be printed both in English and in Maori.

(4.) Upon completing the entries in the Register and on the duplicate sheet aforesaid, the Registrar shall request the informant, if then present, to sign the same, but the informant shall not be obliged to sign such entries if he objects so to do.

REGISTRATION OF DEATHS OF MAORIS.

4. (1.) Within two months from the date of the death of any Maori occurring on or after the 1st day of March, 1913, the following particulars shall be furnished to a Registrar appointed under Regulation 1 hereof:—

- (a.) The date and place of death.
- (b.) The name, and the residence and hapu of the deceased.
- (c.) The age of the deceased, if known.
- (d.) The sex of the deceased.

(e.) The name, residence, and hapu of the father and mother respectively of the deceased.

(f.) Description of the father and mother of deceased (whether Maoris of full blood, or quarter, half, or three-quarter caste, or as the case may be).

(g.) If married, name of husband or wife.

(h.) Number and sex of children living (if any).

(i.) Whether deceased attended by medical practitioner during last illness, and, if so, the certified causes of death.

(j.) Name and description of informant.

(k.) Such other particulars as the Registrar-General may from time to time require.

(2.) The persons hereinafter specified shall be deemed responsible for duly furnishing to the Registrar the particulars hereinbefore referred to in respect of the death of any Maori:—

(a.) Every occupier of the house or building in which the death took place.

(b.) Any person present at such death.

(3.) Notwithstanding anything in the last preceding sub-clause of these regulations, if any of the persons therein enumerated duly furnishes the required information, the others of those persons shall thereupon be released from the obligation to furnish such information.

(4.) The Registrar may register the death of any Maori upon being furnished with the particulars specified in sub-clause one of this regulation, by—

- (a.) The Chairman or any member of a Maori Council having a knowledge of the facts;
- (b.) Any minister of religion officiating in the district and having a knowledge of the facts;
- (c.) Any person performing the burial service in respect of the deceased, and having a knowledge of the facts;
- (d.) Any person who satisfies the Registrar that he is possessed of the necessary knowledge of the facts, and that the information supplied by him is correct.

5. (1.) On receipt of the particulars of the death of any Maori as aforesaid, the Registrar shall enter the same in the Register of Deaths and on a duplicate sheet to be supplied for the purpose by the Registrar-General.

(2.) On receipt of any particulars as to the death of any Maori which the Registrar deems sufficient, the Registrar may enter the same in the Register of Deaths and on the duplicate sheet aforesaid, notwithstanding that the full particulars required by these regulations have not been furnished.

(3.) The said register shall be in the form No. 2 in the First Schedule hereto or to the effect thereof, and shall be printed both in English and in Maori.

(4.) Upon completing the entries in the Register and on the duplicate sheet aforesaid, the Registrar shall request the informant, if then present, to sign the same, but the informant shall not be obliged to sign such entries if he objects so to do.

6. (1.) On the death of any Maori who has been attended during his last illness by a registered medical practitioner, that practitioner shall sign and deliver or cause to be delivered to the Registrar a certificate on a form to be provided for the purpose by the Registrar-General, stating to the best of his knowledge and belief the causes of death (both primary and secondary), the duration of the last illness of the deceased, and such other particulars as may be required by the Registrar-General.

(2.) The particulars set forth in the said certificate shall be entered, together with the name of the certifying medical practitioner, in the Register of Deaths and on the duplicate sheet.

GENERAL.

7. The Registrar shall, on being furnished with such particulars as he deems sufficient and on being satisfied as to the truth thereof, register the birth of any Maori child born within the six months immediately preceding the 1st day of March, 1913, or the death of any Maori who may have died within the said period.

8. The Registrar shall, in the months of January, April, July, and October in each year, transmit to the Registrar-General the duplicate sheets of all registrations of the births and deaths of Maoris effected by him during the three months last past, and shall certify on each such sheet that the entries therein are a correct copy of the corresponding entries in the Register of Births or the Register of Deaths, as the case may be.

9. The Registers to be kept in pursuance of these regulations shall at all reasonable times be open to the public on payment of the search fee set forth in the Second Schedule hereto, and the Registrar shall, on application by any person and on payment of the fees set forth in the said Schedule, issue certificates of any entries in the said Registers.

10. Every person required by these regulations to furnish particulars in respect of any matter who, without sufficient cause, fails to furnish such particulars, shall be liable for a first offence to a fine of £2, and for a second or any subsequent offence to a fine of £5; and any such person who knowingly