

In case (1) the application is to be forwarded to the local Registrar after the pension-certificate has been noted; in cases (2) and (3) the application is to be forwarded direct to the Commissioner with a recommendation; and in cases (4), (5), and (6) the pension-certificate must be obtained and forwarded with the application to the local Registrar. The forms required are obtainable at the Chief Post Office.

1192. If at any time a Postmaster has reason to believe that the provisions of section 58 are being violated by the impounding of a pension-certificate by any person as security for the advance of any consideration whatsoever, he shall at once furnish the Commissioner with a report on the matter.

1193. When any case occurs which is not provided for in the foregoing rules, the Postmaster must at once report the matter to the Chief Postmaster, or the Chief Postmaster to the Commissioner, for instructions. These rules, where not inconsistent with the text, will apply equally to chief and sub offices.

1194. Paid vouchers for old-age pensions are to be treated by Sub-Postmasters as a remittance to the Chief Postmaster of the amount they represent, and particulars thereof must be entered by the Chief Postmaster, together with particulars of payments at his own office, on form 13A.

1195. *Widows' Pension Payments.*—With the necessary modifications, the foregoing rules relating to old-age pension payments apply to the payment of widows' pensions. Particulars of the vouchers for such payments must be entered on the salmon-coloured form Widows 13A, and unclaimed instalment advices of a widow's pension must be entered on the form (13B) provided for unclaimed old-age pension advices.

1196. *Military Pension Payments.*—With the necessary modifications, except that in Rule 1155, the fact of the payment shall be indicated on the back of the pension-certificate by merely affixing the date-stamp of the paying officer, the foregoing rules relating to old-age pension payments apply to the payment of military pensions. Particulars of the vouchers for such payments must be entered on the green-coloured form (Military 13A), and unclaimed instalment advices of a military pension must be entered on the form provided for unclaimed old-age pension advices (13B).

PUBLIC TRUST PAYMENTS.

1197. Payments made on behalf of the Public Trustee may only be made upon the prescribed form, which must bear the authorization of the Chief Accountant, General Post Office, unless such payment has been authorized by telegraph, when a receipt is to be taken on form Act. 227, the particulars given in the telegram being written on the voucher.

1198. Claims stamped "This voucher may be paid on presentation before due date" may be paid upon being received at the paying office. Officers must take special care not to accept authorities from claimants in favour of others on any but the prescribed form, supplies of which may be obtained from the Public Trustee or his agents. The Treasury authority forms are not accepted.

1199. Paying officers must insist upon the identity of Maori payees being established in addition to their signatures being witnessed. Paying officers may identify, but must not witness a signature.

1200. Vouchers made payable to Maoris may only be paid to the payees personally, except when a direction to pay to another person is written across the face of the voucher by the Public