

any applicant who refuses or fails to answer any inquiries as to such matters to the satisfaction of the Board, or who fails to satisfy the Board on any material point.

*Board's Decision to be Final.*

3. The decision of the Board as to the rejection or preference of any applicant shall be final and conclusive.

*Preference to Landless Applicants.*

4. (1.) In cases where a ballot is required, those applicants who are landless shall have preference over those who are not, and the decision of the Board as to which of the applicants are landless shall be final and conclusive.

(2.) An applicant is landless within the meaning of this regulation if he does not hold under any tenure such area of land, whether Crown land or not, as is, in the opinion of the Board, sufficient for the maintenance of himself and his family:

Provided that the Board may, as a condition precedent to approving an application for land, require any such applicant to divest himself, within six months from the date of the approval of the application, of any interest which he may have in any other land. Until the applicant has so divested himself of such interest he shall not be deemed to have any interest in the land to which his application relates, and if he fails so to divest himself his deposit shall be forfeited.

(3.) At every ballot preference shall be given to landless applicants who have children dependent on them, or who have within the two years immediately preceding the ballot, being duly qualified, applied for land at least twice unsuccessfully under any of the said Acts.

(4.) In the case of a husband and wife (except when they are judicially separated), if either of them is not landless, neither of them shall be deemed to be landless.

(5.) Applicants who have at any time been members of any Expeditionary Force raised for military service beyond New Zealand, or who come within the provisions of section 11 of the War Legislation Amendment Act, 1916, shall, at any ballot for land offered under the Land Act, 1908, or the Land for Settlements Act, 1908, be entitled to an equal preference with applicants of the classes referred to in this regulation.

*Successful Applicants debarred for Ten Years.*

5. Every person who, subsequent to the 11th day of November, 1913, is or has been successful in any land-ballot under the said Acts, or the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915, and who makes any disposition of his allotment or any part thereof, whether by way of assignment or sublease, shall, unless the Board, taking into consideration the circumstances of the case, otherwise determines, be disqualified for the period of ten years after the date of such disposition from taking part in any other land-ballot under any of the said Acts.

**METHOD OF CONDUCTING BALLOT.**

*Ballot-list to be prepared.*

6. A list shall be prepared for each ballot in the following form, on which shall be entered the name of each applicant, followed by the entry of the figure 1 in the column under each section for which he has applied. After the scrutiny of applications by the Land Board, and prior to the drawing of the ballot, rotation numbers shall be affixed in numerical order in the columns set apart therefor, against the names of those whom it has been decided to include in the ballot. The said form may be extended so as to make provisions for as many sections thereon as may be found convenient.

*Form of Ballot-list.*

Rotation No.	Name of Applicant.	Sec. No.	Sec. No.	Sec. No.	Sec. No.	Sec. No.	Sec. No.	Rotation No.	Remarks.

*Ballot-balls.*

7. The Commissioner shall provide sufficient balls, all of one size and colour, equal to the total number of applications for the section applied for, and on each of such balls there shall be legibly printed or written one of the rotation numbers aforesaid, but so that no two balls shall bear the same rotation number. The figures on the balls shall have a line drawn horizontally under them to show which is the right side up.

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*Ballot-box.*

8. At the time fixed for the ballot the Commissioner of Crown Lands, or officer appointed by him, shall in respect of each section read over each name on the list aforesaid with its rotation number, and, as each name and number is read over, the ball bearing the corresponding rotation number shall be deposited in the ballot-box.

*Scrutineer.*

9. The applicants or their authorized representatives present at the ballot shall be entitled to select one person in the room to act as scrutineer on their behalf.

*Ball to be drawn.*

10. The ballot-box shall then be securely closed and thoroughly shaken up and turned, and the drawing shall then take place in the presence of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, or the officer appointed by him to superintend such drawing, and the person whose rotation number appears on the ball first drawn from the ballot-box for the section then being balloted for shall be declared by the Commissioner or other officer to be the successful applicant for that particular section, and thereupon his applications (if any) for remaining sections to be balloted shall be cancelled by drawing a horizontal line through entries representing them on the ballot-list.

*Second Number may be drawn.*

11. If the Commissioner thinks fit he may draw a second ball from the ballot-box, and the applicant whose rotation number appears thereon shall be declared the successful applicant in all cases where the applicant whose rotation number is first drawn is ineligible or disqualified from selecting or holding the section balloted for, and such disqualification is announced by the Commissioner or Land Board within a space of thirty days from the date of ballot.

*Successful Applicant to pay Deposit.*

12. Immediately upon the successful applicant being declared he shall pay to the Receiver of Land Revenue the deposit, purchase-money, rent, or other moneys required by law in respect of the section, should such moneys not have already been deposited.

*Deposit to be paid.*

13. Should such applicant or his representative not make the said payments as required by law, then a fresh ballot in the manner before provided shall be taken between the other applicants for that section without delay, unless a second number has already been drawn as provided in Regulation 11, in which case the applicant whose rotation number it is shall be declared the successful applicant and called upon to pay the necessary deposit, &c. Or, should there be only one remaining applicant, he shall be declared successful, subject to the said payments being made as aforesaid.

*Certificate on Ballot-list.*

14. Immediately after the ballot the Commissioner of Crown Lands, or officer superintending the ballot, and the scrutineer (if any) shall certify on the ballot-list that the ballot has been conducted in accordance with these regulations.

F. D. THOMSON,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

*Regulations under the Stock Act, 1908, for the Prevention of the Introduction into New Zealand of Diseases affecting Stock, amended to permit of the Introduction of Bones from Fiji.—Notice No. 2007.*

**LIVERPOOL, Governor-General.**

**ORDER IN COUNCIL.**

At the Government House at Wellington, this twelfth day of April, 1920.

**Present :**

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

**WHEREAS** by Order in Council dated the fourth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the seventh day of October, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, regulations were made under the Stock Act, 1908, for the prevention of the introduction into New Zealand of diseases affecting stock:

And whereas by the said regulations the importation into the Dominion of animal manures is permitted only from certain countries in the manner prescribed by such regulations:

And whereas it is deemed expedient to modify the said regulations by permitting under certain conditions the introduction of bones into New Zealand from Fiji: