

929. Special certificates on the face of Public Trust vouchers which require the signature of the payee, or of a solicitor, must be signed before payment is effected. Any Postmaster may attest the life declaration of any pensioner or annuitant who receives payment of pension or annuity through the Post Office and who is so situated that he or she is unable to conveniently make his or her declaration before a Justice of the Peace, or one of the other persons mentioned in the declaration form. This will also permit Postmasters in charge of money-order offices to arrange payment by means of registered letters to those pensioners who are not residing conveniently near a money-order office, provided the necessary declaration is made and receipt obtained before payment.

930. When upon the request of the claimant a voucher is transferred to a money-order office other than that at which it was originally made payable, such transfer should in no case be made without the sanction of the Chief Postmaster, who will report the transfer to the Controller of Accounts.

931. In all correspondence relative to Public Trust vouchers the "Pay-list No." and the number of the voucher should be quoted. These will always be found stated at the head of each voucher.

932. Paid vouchers are to be treated by Sub-Postmasters as a remittance to the Chief Postmaster of the amount which they represent, and are to be entered by the Chief Postmaster on the special form of statement provided.

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES.

933. *Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages.*—The fees received by Postmasters who are also Registrars should be shown on the special form, "Statement of Receipts of the Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages." This statement provides sixteen columns covering different classes of fees, and care must be taken to see that each fee received is entered in the correct column and extended to the column headed "Total Fees received." The statements, which are bound in pads, must be prepared in duplicate by the carbon process, one copy being retained as an office record and filed in proper sequence—*i.e.*, date of periods—for future reference. The top copy is to be sent in with the period's accounts in the usual manner. Each statement forwarded is to bear a certificate, Form R.G. 51A, which is printed on a gummed slip. This slip is to be duly completed and gummed to the statement before being despatched. To avoid the penalty, registration of births must be effected within sixty-two days following the day of birth.

The following is a list of fees chargeable by Postmasters who act as Registrars of Births, Deaths, and Marriages :—

(a.) *Under the Marriage Act, 1908.*

	£	s.	d.
Notice of intended marriage .. .. .	0	2	6
Inspection of Marriage-notice Book .. .. .	0	1	0
Caveat entered against marriage .. .. .	0	5	0
Marriage certificate .. .. .	1	0	0
Marriage certificate. (No one in New Zealand to give consent; issued fourteen days after notice).. .. .	0	5	0
Solemnization of marriage by Registrar .. .. .	1	0	0
Search in Registrar's Marriage Register-book for not more than one year .. .. .	0	2	6
Search in Registrar's Marriage Register-book for every additional year .. .. .	0	1	0
Certified copy of entry in Registrar's Marriage Register-book .. .. .	0	2	6
Certified copy of entry in Registrar's Marriage Register-book under the seal of the Registrar .. .. .	0	5	0