

Regulations for conducting the Survey of Land in New Zealand.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred by the Surveyors' Institute and Board of Examiners Act, 1908, the Surveyors' Board doth hereby make the following regulations for the conduct of surveys, and for ensuring the accuracy of plans and surveys required under any Act relating to or affecting the surveys of land, except surveys carried out by or under the direction of the Surveyor-General; and doth hereby revoke all regulations heretofore in force for like purposes made under section 3 of the Land Act, 1908, or under the Surveyors' Institute and Board of Examiners Act, 1908.

PART I.—GENERAL REGULATIONS.

Interpretation.

1. In these regulations, if not inconsistent with the context,—
“Surveyor-General” and “Chief Surveyor” mean the persons holding such official positions respectively, or the persons for the time being acting for either of these officers, in the Department of Lands and Survey;
“Surveyor” means a person holding a license from the Surveyors' Board to execute surveys within the Dominion of New Zealand, and, in respect of Land Transfer surveys, licensed also by the Surveyor-General in that behalf;
“Board” means the Surveyors' Board constituted under the Surveyors' Institute and Board of Examiners Act, 1908.

Knowledge of Acts and Regulations necessary.

2. A surveyor conducting surveys under the regulations should make himself conversant with the provisions of the Surveyors' Institute and Board of Examiners Act, 1908, and all other Acts and regulations a knowledge of which is necessary to enable him to efficiently discharge his duties as a surveyor. (See Appendix A.)

Surveyors to comply with Departmental Rules.

3. A surveyor effecting any survey under the regulations shall comply with all departmental rules and directions supplementary to these regulations, and not contrary thereto.

Special License under Land Transfer Act.

4. Every survey for the purposes of the Land Transfer Act, 1915, shall be made by a surveyor specially licensed by the Surveyor-General under that Act, and every such survey, and every plan purporting to represent the same, shall be made in accordance with these regulations and such amendments thereof as may from time to time be authorized.

Information not to be withheld.

5. It shall be the duty of every surveyor making surveys under these regulations to study the interests of the State in all his operations; to disclose all doubts, discrepancies, and difficulties; and to afford all such other information obtainable by him relating to the survey as will aid in securing accuracy and completeness in the title to the land.

Penalty for Unreliable Surveys.

6. (a.) If the work of a surveyor shows that he has neglected to comply with these regulations, or is found to be inaccurate or defective, he may be called upon to rectify such default or error at his own cost.
(b.) The Surveyor-General may take such action as he may think fit with a view to the suspension or cancellation of such surveyor's special license under the Land Transfer Act, or may report the matter to the Board, which shall inquire into it and deal with the surveyor in accordance with the provisions of section 16 of the Surveyors' Institute and Board of Examiners Act, 1908.

Surveyors to obtain all Information before effecting Surveys.

7. Before making a survey the surveyor should obtain all information respecting the subject land and adjacent lands in the offices of the District Land Registrar and the Chief Surveyor of the land district in which the survey is situated.

Surveyors exempt from Payment of Fees.

8. Surveyors desiring to consult working plans, record or other survey maps are not to be charged fees for inspection, or for taking tracings therefrom when required to enable them to carry out surveys.