

Regulations under the Family Allowances Act, 1926.

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this 11th day of March, 1927.

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred on him by section nineteen of the Family Allowances Act, 1926 (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act"), His Excellency the Governor-General 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 for the purposes of the said Act, and doth hereby declare that these regulations shall come into force on the first day of April, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.

REGULATIONS.

INTERPRETATION.

1. IN these regulations—

- "Allowance year," in relation to any allowance granted under the said Act, means the year commencing on the first day of the month in which the allowance commences, and the corresponding period in each year thereafter :
- "Income year" means the year ending one month prior to the commencement of the allowance year :
- "Registrar" means a Registrar of Pensions holding office under the Pensions Act, 1926.

APPLICATIONS FOR ALLOWANCE.

2. Application for an allowance under the said Act shall be made in the form in the Schedule hereto, and application forms shall be made available at any Courthouse in the Dominion. When completed, the application shall be lodged with the Registrar of Pensions for the district in which the applicant resides.

3. Where the applicant himself, or the wife of the applicant, is a member of the Maori race, there shall be annexed to the application a statement in regard to the ownership of native land, which shall be deemed to be part of the application to which it is expressed to refer, and there shall be indorsed thereon a certificate signed by a Government officer that he fully explained to the applicant the contents of the said statement, and that the applicant appeared to fully understand the same.

4. The Registrar shall keep a Claim Register, in which all applications lodged by persons residing in his district shall be entered and numbered consecutively in the order in which they are received. Any application received by a Registrar from a person residing in another district shall be forwarded to the Registrar of that district.

5. The Registrar, after recording an application, shall forthwith proceed to verify the contents thereof, and for this purpose the forms and regulations under the Pensions Act, 1926, shall, with the necessary modifications, apply.

6. On completion of the necessary inquiries, the Registrar shall transmit the application with all the information available and, where practicable, a personal report to the Commissioner for investigation and determination.

7. The Commissioner shall keep a Claim Register, in which all applications received by him shall be recorded. All such applications shall be numbered consecutively in the order in which they are received.

8. In connection with the investigation of any application, the following provisions shall apply:—

- (a.) If further evidence on any specific matter is required, the Commissioner, or any person authorized by him, may inquire into the same, and for the purposes of such inquiry free access shall be given to—
- (i.) The registers and records of all Departments of State.
 - (ii.) All property of the applicant, and all books, vouchers, and other documents relating to such property, or to the income of the applicant.