

New Zealand.



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1917, No. 12.

Title AN ACT to provide for the Registration of Aliens in New Zealand.
[29th September, 1917.]

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short Title. 1. This Act may be cited as the Registration of Aliens Act, 1917.

Interpretation. 2. In this Act—
 “Alien” means a person of either sex, not less than fifteen years of age, who is not a British subject either by birth or by naturalization in New Zealand :
 “Government Statistician” means the officer for the time being holding office under that title under the Census and Statistics Act, 1910, or any other person for the time being acting in the place of that officer :
 “Minister” means the Minister of the Crown for the time being charged by the Governor-General with the administration of this Act :
 “Prescribed” means prescribed by this Act or by regulations under this Act :
 “Registration officer” means a registration officer under this Act.

Registration officers. 3. (1.) Every officer of police of a rank not lower than that of sergeant shall be a registration officer under this Act.
 (2.) The Minister may from time to time, by Warrant under his hand, appoint such other persons as he thinks fit as registration officers under this Act.

4. (1.) Every alien in New Zealand on the passing of this Act who is not exempted by regulations from the operation thereof shall, within twenty-eight days after the passing of this Act, make application in the prescribed form for registration thereunder.

Application by
aliens for registra-
tion under this Act.

(2.) Every such application shall be in writing in duplicate, and shall be made by delivering the same personally to a registration officer.

5. Every such application shall give, with respect to the applicant, the following particulars:—

Particulars of
application.

- (a.) His name in full:
- (b.) His nationality, and, if his nationality is not the nationality of origin, his nationality of origin:
- (c.) His place of birth:
- (d.) His age, and date of birth:
- (e.) Whether he is married, or single, or a widower, or divorced:
- (f.) If married, the name, age, nationality of origin, and place of abode of his wife or of her husband (as the case may be):
- (g.) If married, a widower, or divorced, the number, names, and ages of his children (if any):
- (h.) His occupation:
- (i.) The date of his arrival in New Zealand:
- (j.) His place of abode and postal address:
- (k.) Whether he is permanently resident in New Zealand:
- (l.) If not permanently resident in New Zealand, his place of permanent residence, and the date of his projected departure from New Zealand:
- (m.) Such other particulars as may from time to time be prescribed by regulations under this Act.

6. (1.) Upon receipt of any such application for registration the registration officer shall issue a certificate of registration in the prescribed form, and shall forward the application in duplicate to the Superintendent of Police for the police district in which the application is received.

Certificates of
registration.

(2.) The Superintendent shall thereupon file the application in his office, and shall forward a duplicate of the application to the Commissioner of Police, in Wellington, who shall transmit the same to the Government Statistician.

Duplicate of
application to be
sent to Government
Statistician.

7. (1.) The Government Statistician shall cause to be compiled a register, to be called the Register of Aliens, in such manner as may be prescribed, and for that purpose the Government Statistician may use any information lawfully in his possession, whether under this Act or not.

Government Statis-
tician to compile
Register of Aliens.

(2.) The register shall be amended from time to time by correcting errors therein, by adding the names of aliens thereto, and by striking out the names of aliens who may die or leave New Zealand or cease to be subject to this Act.

8. Every alien who arrives in New Zealand after the passing of this Act and who has not been exempted from the operation of this Act by regulations thereunder shall, before being permitted to land in New Zealand, make application for registration under this Act, and the foregoing provisions as to the registration of aliens resident in New Zealand at the passing of this Act shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply.

Registration of
aliens arriving in
New Zealand after
passing of Act.

Penalty for failure
to register under
this Act.

9. (1.) Every alien who, being required to be registered under this Act, fails to make application for registration within the time and in the manner prescribed by this Act, or who lands in New Zealand without having made such application, or who wilfully makes any false or misleading statement in any application for registration under this Act, commits an offence, and shall be liable, on summary conviction before a Magistrate, to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds.

(2.) Section forty-nine of the Justices of the Peace Act, 1908, shall have no application to a prosecution for an offence against this section.

Aliens to notify
change of address.

10. (1.) Every alien registered under this Act who changes his place of abode to some place beyond the boundaries of the borough or county in which he was registered immediately before such change shall, within fourteen days thereafter, give written notice in duplicate of the fact and of his new place of abode to a registration officer exercising his functions in the locality in which the alien has become resident.

(2.) Such notice shall be delivered personally to the registration officer, who shall require the alien to produce his certificate of registration, and shall note thereon the date of the notice and the new place of abode.

(3.) The registration officer shall thereupon forward the notice to the Superintendent of Police for the district, who shall deal with the same as if it were an application for registration under this Act.

(4.) Every person who, being required by this section to give notice of a change of abode, fails to do so in accordance with this section shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds.

(5.) For the purposes of this section a county shall be deemed to include every town district situated within the boundaries of that county.

Regulations.

11. (1.) The Governor-General may from time to time, by Order in Council gazetted, make regulations—

- (a.) Prescribing particulars to be given in applications for registration under this Act, in addition to the particulars referred to in section five hereof;
- (b.) Prescribing forms of application for registration under this Act;
- (c.) Prescribing the method in which particulars as to aliens shall be registered under this Act;
- (d.) Prescribing for periodical reporting by aliens to registration officers;
- (e.) Exempting from the operation of this Act any alien or any class or classes of aliens within the meaning of this Act; and
- (f.) Generally prescribing any matter or thing that may be deemed necessary for carrying this Act into effect.

(2.) All regulations under this Act shall be laid before Parliament within fourteen days after the publication of the same in the *Gazette* if Parliament is then in session, and if not, then within fourteen days after the commencement of the next ensuing session.