

THE ISLAND OF NAURU

No. 2 of 1947.

AN ORDINANCE.

Relating to the Census of the Territory of Nauru.

BE it ordained by the Administrator of the Island of Nauru in pursuance of the powers conferred by Article 1 of the Agreement dated the second day of July, 1919, between His Majesty's Government in London, His Majesty's Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and His Majesty's Government of the Dominion of New Zealand, as follows :

Short Title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Census Ordinance 1947.

Definitions.

2. In this Ordinance, unless the contrary intention appears -

"dwelling" means a building, erection, or tenement, whether permanent or temporary, which is wholly or partly used for the purpose of human habitation and includes any ship or other vessel in any port in the Territory or between any two ports of the Territory;

"Occupier" includes every governor, superintendent, officer in charge, or keeper, or any gaol, prison, hospital, lunatic asylum, or public or charitable institution;

"Schedule" means the Census Schedule referred to in this Ordinance and includes any personal card or slip supplementary to that Schedule;

"Territory" means the Territory of Nauru;

"the Statistician" means the Commonwealth Statistician.

Power of Statistician to delegate.

3. - (1) The Statistician, in relation to any particular matter or class of matters within the Territory, may, with the approval of the Minister, by instrument under his hand, delegate any of his powers under this Ordinance (Except this power of delegation) so that the delegated powers may be exercised by the delegate with respect to the matter or class of matter specified in the instrument of delegation.

(2) Every delegation shall be revocable in writing at will, and no delegation shall affect the exercise or performance by the Statistician of any power or duty.

Taking of Census.

4.- (1) The Census shall be taken at the times prescribed for the taking of the Census in the Commonwealth of Australia.

(2) The Census day shall be the day appointed for that purpose for the Commonwealth of Australia.

Census of indogenous population.

5. Notwithstanding the provisions of the last preceding section, in relation to the indogenous population, a Census may be taken at such time and upon such day as the Administrator may, from time to time, direct by notice published in the Nauru Gazette.

Statistician to take steps for collection of Census.

6. The Minister may make arrangements whereby the Statistician, subject to the direction of the Minister, shall prepare and issue forms and instructions, and take all necessary steps for the taking and collection of the Census.

Field Supervisor.

7. There shall be an Officer called the Field Supervisor who shall be appointed by the Minister.

Duties of Field Supervisor.

8. Subject to this Ordinance, and to the directions of the Statistician, the Field Supervisor shall -

- (a) make all necessary arrangements for the taking and collection of the Census in the Territory;
- (b) obtain an accurate record of the population of the Territory; and
- (c) promptly forward such record, together with such summaries or reports relative thereto, as may be directed by the Statistician.

Remuneration of Field Supervisor.

9. The Field Supervisor shall, in addition to any emolument which he is otherwise receiving, received such payment as the Minister approves.

Undertaking of Field Supervisor.

10. The Field Supervisor shall, before entering upon his duties, or exercising any power under this Ordinance, sign, in the presence of a witness, an undertaking in accordance with the following form -

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UNDERTAKING OF FIELD SUPERVISOR=

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ undertake, in connection with the taking of the Census in the year \_\_\_\_\_, that I will faithfully and with due despatch perform the duties of Field Supervisor under the Census Ordinance 1947 within the Territory of Nauru, and I do solemnly and sincerely promise that I will carry out, in every particular, all instructions supplied to me by the Commonwealth Statistician and that I will not desert from my duty, or will not refuse or neglect, without just excuse, to perform the duties of Field Supervisor or wilfully or without lawful authority alter any document or form under the abovementioned or, except as allowed by the said Ordinance, divulge the contents of any form filled up in pursuance of the said Ordinance or any information furnished in pursuance thereof.

Signature:

Date.

Witness.

Address of Witness.

Collector's  
Districts.

11. For the purpose of census collection, the Territory shall be divided into as many Collector's Districts as the Statistician deems necessary.

Collectors.

12. - (1) For each Collector's District there shall be an Officer called a Collector who shall, in relation to that District, carry out such duties in connection with the taking of the Census as are prescribed or as are assigned to him by the Statistician.

(2) Each Collector shall be appointed by the Field Supervisor.

Term of  
appointment of  
collectors.

13. A Collector shall hold office during the pleasure of the Statistician but not longer than is necessary to finish the work for which he is appointed.

Appointment of  
Collector in an  
emergency.

14. In an emergency, the Deputy Field Supervisor may appoint any person to act as Collector, and that person shall be deemed a Collector until such time as he is notified of the termination of his appointment.

Remuneration  
of Collectors.

15. A Collector shall, in addition to any emolument which he is otherwise receiving, receive such payment as the Minister approves.

Undertaking of  
Collector.

16. Each Collector shall, before entering upon his duties or exercising any power under this Ordinance, sign, in the presence of a witness, an undertaking in accordance with the following form -

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UNDERTAKING BY COLLECTOR.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
undertake, in connection with the taking of the Census  
in the year \_\_\_\_\_, that I will faithfully and with due  
despatch perform the duties of Collector under the  
Census Ordinance 1947 within the Census District of \_\_\_\_\_  
in the Territory of Nauru, and I do  
solemnly and sincerely promise that I will carry out in  
every particular, all instructions supplied to me by the  
Commonwealth Statistician or by the Field Supervisor  
of the said Territory, and that I will not desert  
from my duty, or will not refuse or neglect, without  
just excuse, to perform the duties of Collector or will  
fully, or without lawful authority, alter any document  
or form under the abovenamed Ordinance, or wilfully sign any  
untrue document or form, or, except as allowed by the  
said Ordinance, divulge the contents of any form filled  
up in pursuance of the said Ordinance or any information  
furnished in pursuance thereof.

Signature:

Date:

Witness.

Address of Witness.

Schedules to be left at dwellings.

17.- (1) For the purpose of taking the Census, a Schedule shall be prepared and left at every dwelling throughout the Territory.

(2) Where a building is let, sub-let or hold in different apartments and occupied by different persons or families, each part so let, sub-let or hold and used for the purpose of human habitation shall be deemed a dwelling.

Occupiers to fill up Schedule.

18. Every occupier of a dwelling, with or for whom a schedule has been left, shall, to the best of his knowledge and belief, fill up and supply therein, in accordance with the instructions contained in or accompanying the Schedule, all the particulars specified therein, and shall sign his name thereto, and shall deliver the Schedule so filled up and signed to the Collector authorised to receive it.

Information to be furnished by persons not members of family of occupier, &c.

19. Any person in respect of whom particulars are required to be furnished pursuant to this Ordinance who is not a member of the family of the occupier or person in charge of a dwelling or ship, shall furnish to the occupier or person in charge the particulars necessary for filling up any Schedule or shall fill up any card or slip personal to himself and hand it to the occupier or person in charge.

Schedule.

20. The Schedule shall consist of a questionnaire in relation to -

- (a) the dwelling; and
- (b) each person resident in the dwelling or employed or travelling on the ship,

but the questionnaire may, if the Statistician thinks fit, be supplemented by personal cards or slips.

Particulars to be included in the Schedule.

21. The Particulars to be included in the Schedule shall be as follows :-

- (a) in relation to the dwelling -
  - (i) Class of dwelling (i.e. whether private house, hotel, institution or other class of habitation) ;
  - (ii) Material of the dwelling ;
  - (iii) Number of rooms contained therein ;
  - (iv) Number of persons sleeping on verandahs ;
  - (v) Method of occupation (i.e. whether owner, tenant, rent purchaser, caretaker or otherwise) ;
  - (vi) Weekly rent payable or rental value for week ;
  - (vii) Gas, electricity and water services (i.e. whether supplied with gas, electricity or running water) ;

(viii) Toilet, washing and cooking facilities, (i.e. whether supplied with bathroom, flush toilet, laundry and cooking facilities and if the last named the means mostly used);

(ix) Date of construction of building;

(b) In relation to each person resident in the dwelling or employed or travelling on the ship -

- (i) Name;
- (ii) Sex;
- (iii) Relation to head of household;
- (iv) Dependent children;
- (v) Age;
- (vi) Condition as to and duration of marriage;
- (vii) Birthplace;
- (viii) Period of residence in the Territory;
- (ix) Nationality;
- (x) Race;
- (xi) Religion;
- (xii) Profession or occupation;
- (xiii) Industry, trade or service;
- (xiv) Grade of occupation;
- (xv) Unemployment with duration and cause of same; and
- (xvi) Issue of existing marriage.

Distribution of Schedules to dwellings other than ships. 22.- (1) Prior to Census Day, each Collector shall leave a Schedule and, when so requested, personal slips with envelopes for boarders or visitors at each occupied dwelling within the Collector's District allotted to him.

(2) Except under special circumstances or under special instructions from the Field Supervisor, a Collector shall not leave a Schedule at any dwelling earlier than seven days before or later than one day before Census Day.

(3) The Schedule shall be left with the occupier of the dwelling, or, in the absence of the occupier, with the person apparently in charge of the dwelling.

(4) If no person is at home when the Collector calls, a Schedule may be placed in a letter box, put under the door, or put in some other place where it is likely to come under the notice of the occupier.

Schedule to be delivered to occupier.

23.- Any person (other than the occupier) who receives a Schedule, or into whose hands or to whose notice a Schedule comes, shall deliver it or bring it to the notice of the occupier for whom it is intended.

Distribution of Schedules to ships.

24.- (1) In the case of a ship or vessel in any part of the Territory, a Schedule and a supply of personal slips and envelopes sufficient for one to be supplied to every person on board the ship, shall be delivered to the master of the ship, who shall be deemed to be the occupier for the purposes of this Ordinance.

(2) Where a ship or vessel is on a passage between any two ports of the Territory on Census Day, and a Schedule for the ship and personal slips and envelopes for each person on board the ship were not left with the master before Census Day, a Schedule and sufficient personal slips and envelopes shall be left with him immediately on the arrival of the ship at the first port of call on or after Census Day.

Master to supply particulars.

25. The Master of a ship or vessel with whom a Schedule and personal slips and envelopes are left in pursuance of the two last preceding sections shall, to the best of his knowledge and belief, fill up the Schedule, and supply therein, in accordance with the instructions contained in or accompanying the Schedule, all the particulars specified therein, and shall sign his name thereto, and shall deliver the Schedule so filled up and signed and the personal slips to the Collector authorised to receive them.

Responsibility for supplying particulars.

26. Any person who spent the night immediately preceding Census Day in any dwelling, or who, being absent on that night, returned thereto on Census Day without being counted elsewhere, shall supply to the occupier the particulars relating to himself.

Collectors to assist in filling up Schedules.

27. It shall be the duty of each Collector, of so requested, to assist occupiers of dwellings in filling up the Schedule, and to satisfy himself by enquiries from occupiers of dwellings or other persons that the Schedule has been correctly filled up.

Duty of persons to supply information to Collectors.

28. Every person shall, to the best of his knowledge and belief, answer all questions asked him by a Collector necessary to obtain any information required to be filled up and supplied in the Schedule.

Persons not in any dwelling or ship.

29. Any person who spent the night immediately preceding Census Day elsewhere than in a dwelling or on a ship, and who did not return to a dwelling or a ship on Census Day, and who was not otherwise counted, shall immediately report at the nearest post office or police station on or after Census Day and shall there furnish the prescribed particulars relating to himself.

Persons camping out.

30. If a Collector comes in contact with any person camping out in his district on the night immediately preceding Census Day or meets, on or after Census Day, any persons who camped out on that night and who at the time of meeting had not been recorded, he shall require that person to fill in a Schedule forthwith, or to furnish the Collector forthwith with all the information necessary to enable the Collector to fill in the Schedule himself.

Uninhabited houses.

31. In the case of a building or part of a building ordinarily used for human habitation but uninhabited on Census Day, the Collector shall supply on a Schedule such of the particulars required to be filled in thereon as he can ascertain by observation and inquiry, and shall himself sign the Schedule, writing the word "unoccupied" across the face of it.

Houses being built.

32. In the case of a house intended for human habitation which is in the course of erection, the Collector shall supply on a Schedule such of the particulars as are required to be filled in thereon as he can ascertain by observation and enquiry, together with an estimate of the probable date of completion, and shall himself sign the Schedule, writing the words "under construction" across the face of it.

Collection of Schedules.

33. On or after Census Day, each Collector shall call at each dwelling within his District and shall obtain therefrom the Schedule duly filled in.

Publication of Census results.

34. The Statistician shall compile and tabulate the information collected pursuant to this Ordinance and shall publish such statistics or abstracts thereof, as the Minister directs, with observations thereon.

Persons not bound to state religion.

35. A person shall not be liable to any penalty for omitting or refusing to state the religious denomination or sect to which he belongs or adheres.

Desertion by  
Officers.

36. An officer shall not, after having signed the prescribed undertaking, desert from his duty, or refuse or wilfully neglect, without just excuse, to perform the duties of his office.

Penalty: Twenty pounds.

Untrue returns  
by Officers.

37. An officer shall not wilfully or without lawful authority alter any document or form under this Ordinance or wilfully sign any untrue document or form.

Penalty: Fifty pounds.

Officers to  
observe  
secrecy.

38. An officer or occupier of a dwelling shall not, except as allowed by this Ordinance, divulge the contents of any form filled up in pursuance of this Ordinance or any information furnished in pursuance thereof.

Penalty: Fifty pounds.

Forgery of  
forms.

39. Any person who forges, or utters, knowing it to be forged, any form or document under this Ordinance, shall be guilty of an indictable offence and liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years.

Penalty for  
false returns.

40. A person shall not, in any form or document filled up or supplied in pursuance of this Ordinance or in answer to any question asked him under the authority of this Ordinance, make any statement which is untrue in any material particular.

Penalty: Fifty pounds.

Offences.

41. Any person who fails to comply with any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of an offence and, where no other penalty is provided, shall be liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding Ten pounds.

GIVEN under my hand at Administration Head-quarters, Nauru, Central Pacific, this thirty-first day of May, One thousand nine hundred and forty-seven.

M. Ridgway  
Administrator of the Island of Nauru.