

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND  
DEATHS  
THROUGHOUT NEW ZEALAND.

In the case of persons dying intestate, i.e., without making a will, the next of kin may apply for letters of administration; but if there be no next of kin, or if the next of kin do not apply, the estate is administered by the Official Administrator, in which case the personal property of the deceased is sold by auction, and, after all debts and demands against the estate are satisfied, the residue of the money, if any, is paid into the Colonial Treasury, subject thereafter to be paid out by an order of a Judge of the Supreme Court, on receiving proof of claim.

Wills are proved by the executors of a deceased person before a Judge of the Supreme Court when probate is given.

Persons about to marry must obtain from the Registrar's office a certificate; for without this certificate no minister can perform the ceremony of marriage under a penalty. The persons applying for this certificate must lodge with the Registrar their names, and other particulars as to age, &c., and pay a fee of 2s. 6d.; and, at the expiration of 14 days, on payment of an additional 5s., the certificate is granted. But the certificate can be granted and the marriage performed without any delay, on payment of a fee of £1 2s. 6d. Certificates can only be granted as stated where both parties are above the age of 21, or have been previously married. In the case of minors (excepting widowed ones) the law requires the consent in writing of the father, or, in the event of his death, the mother or guardian (given before the Registrar, at his office, or before a J.P., or a Solicitor of the Supreme Court, or an Officiating Minister, and attested by him) in all cases where such parent or guardian be resident in the Colony. Persons married by the Registrar pay an additional fee of £3. No persons can be married according to the form of the Episcopal Church, unless the "banns" have been published three times in the church, or unless a special license is obtained from the Bishop's Surrogate. This special license costs £3, and is in addition to the minister's fee, and to the Registrar's fee for the certificate.

Births may be registered without fee any time within six months from the date of the birth, if born in the colony; and after the expiration of sixty-two days, births may still be registered on payment of a fee of 10s. 6d. The name of the child may be registered without fee at the time of registering its birth, or the name may be registered at any time within twelve months after the child's birth, on payment of a fee of 2s. 6d. Immigrants can have a child registered within six months after their arrival in the colony.

In the case of persons dying, any one living in the house at the time of death, or an undertaker, may, within thirty-one days from the date of such death, give notice thereof to the Registrar, state the cause of death, and obtain from the Registrar, without fee, a certificate. Any minister or other person burying a corpse without such certificate, is liable to a penalty of £10, unless notice of such burial and particulars as to the death of the individual are given to the Registrar within two months from the date of such burial.

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