

STATUTORY RULES.

No. 18 of 1923.

Regulations made under the *Native Taxes Ordinance, 1917-1922.*

PART I—PRELIMINARY.

Citation.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the *Native Taxes (Funds Establishment and Application) Regulations, 1923.*

Repeal.

2. The *Native Taxes (General Purposes) Regulations, 1921* (Statutory Rules No. 9 of 1921), are repealed.

Division of Regulations.

3. These Regulations are divided into Parts as follows:—

PART I—PRELIMINARY.

PART II—ESTABLISHMENT OF FUNDS.

PART III—APPLICATION OF NATIVE EDUCATION FUND.

PART IV—APPLICATION OF NATIVE BENEFITS FUND.

PART V—GENERAL.

PART II—ESTABLISHMENT OF FUNDS.

Native Education Fund and Native Benefits Fund.

4. (1) There shall be established and kept at the Treasury, at Port Moresby, two accounts, one to be called the "Native Education Fund" and the other to be called the "Native Benefits Fund."

(2) An amount of £25,000 of the balance standing on the 30th June, 1923, to the credit of the separate account referred to in Section 15 of the *Native Taxes Ordinance, 1917-1922*, shall be paid into the credit of the Native Education Fund; and an amount of £5,708 12s. 11d. of such balance at such date shall be paid to the credit of the Native Benefits Fund.

(3) Thereafter at the end of each and every financial year there shall be also paid to the credit of the Native Education Fund a sum not exceeding three-fifths of the amount then standing to the credit of the said separate account; and the balance shall be at the same time paid to the credit of the Native Benefits Fund. The first of such respective payments shall be made at the end of the financial year, 1923-1924.

(4) There shall also be paid at the end of every financial year to the credit of the Native Education Fund a sum not exceeding three-fifths of the balance then standing to the credit of the Native Plantations Produce Account referred to in Part V hereof, and a sum not exceeding two-fifths of such balance shall be at the same time paid to the credit of the Native Benefits Fund.

(5) The proportions of three-fifths and two-fifths referred to in the two last preceding paragraphs may be varied in respect to any year by the order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

PART III—APPLICATION OF NATIVE EDUCATION FUND.

Primary and Technical Education by Missions.

5. (1) A sum not exceeding £1,000 may be annually paid out of the Native Education Fund to each Mission and the Kwato Extension Association until, together with the various sums of £1,000 for the primary and technical education of natives heretofore paid to such Missions respectively under the *Native Taxes (General Purposes) Regulations, 1921* (Statutory Rules No. 9 of 1921), hereby repealed, they shall have each been paid the aggregate sum of £5,000; and shall be expended by them on the primary and technical education of natives according to the several schemes heretofore approved in accordance with the last-mentioned repealed Regulations by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

Special Industrial Training.

(2) A sum not exceeding in any instance £250 in any one year may be paid out of the Native Education Fund to any mission station for the purpose of being expended in any special industrial or other training of natives.

Inspection of Schools and Workshops.

(3) The Director or any officer thereto appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor shall have the right to enter schools and workshops of any mission or association in receipt of payments under this Regulation and make such investigation as may be necessary for the purpose of ascertaining whether the approved schemes or purposes are respectively being carried out; if any scheme or purpose is in the opinion of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council not being carried out he may by Order in Council reduce the amount of any payment or may order it to cease altogether.

Expenses of Examination and Investigation of Schools and Workshops.

6. In addition to any sums payable out of the Native Education Fund in accordance with the *Native Education (Primary) Regulations, 1919*, there may also be paid out of the Native Education Fund a sum not exceeding £500 in any one year for the salary and travelling expenses of officers and other outgoings in connection with the examination of schools under the last-mentioned Regulations and the investigation of schools and workshops of any mission or association established or maintained under the several schemes or purposes hereinbefore referred to.

Clerical Expenses.

7. A sum not exceeding £50 in any one year may be paid out of the Native Education Fund for necessary clerical work in relation to matters connected with the administration and expenditure of the Fund.

Instructional Staff—Native Plantations.

8. A sum not exceeding £1,700 may be annually expended out of the Native Education Fund for the salaries and travelling and incidental expenses of inspectors, instructors, native assistants and other officers engaged in teaching and directing native villagers in connection with native plantations formed under the *Native Plantations Ordinance, 1918-1922*.

Variation of Amounts of Payments and Expenditure.

9. The maximum sums or any of them hereinbefore authorized to be expended or paid out of the Native Education Fund may by the order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council be increased or decreased in amount in respect of any year.

Planting under Native Regulations.

10. (1) A sum not exceeding £300 may be expended annually out of the Native Benefits Fund for the provision of trees, shrubs, seeds; of tools and other incidentals

for the use of natives in connection with the planting and cultivation of useful trees and plants under Regulation 100 of the *Native Regulations, 1922*.

(2) The amount expended under this Regulation shall be repaid by the natives concerned to the Native Benefits Fund in such manner and at such times as may be from time to time prescribed by Regulations made under *The Native Regulation Ordinance of 1908*.

PART IV—APPLICATION OF NATIVE BENEFITS FUND.

Native Plantations.

11. (1) The following sums may be expended out of the Native Benefits Fund in connection with native plantations under the *Native Plantations Ordinance, 1918-1922*:—

Mill Site and Produce Store.

(a) A sum not exceeding £2,250 for the purchase and improvement of land and buildings in Port Moresby for a mill and produce store for the treatment and storage of the produce of native plantations.

Mill Machinery.

(b) A sum not exceeding £1,000 for the purchase and installation of a mill and machinery for the treatment of the produce of native plantations.

Purchase, etc., of Native Plantations Produce.

(c) A sum not exceeding £2,500 annually to be expended in—

- (i) the purchase of the share of native villagers in the produce of such native plantations ;
- (ii) the purchase of bags, and in payment of freight, transport and other incidental expenses connected with the marketing of the produce of such native plantations whether such produce is purchased from native villagers under this Regulation or is the property of the Crown under Section 8 of the last-mentioned Ordinance.

Working, etc., Expenses of Mill.

(d) A sum not exceeding £800 annually for the necessary engineers, labour, fuel, maintenance, repairs and running and incidental expenses in connection with the said mill and produce store and machinery.

Native Plantation Requisites.

(e) A sum not exceeding £300 annually for the provision of seeds, tools and other incidentals for the use of native villagers.

(2) The expenditure authorized by sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (1) of this Regulation shall not be recurrent.

Anthropology.

12. A sum not exceeding £900 in any one year may be expended out of the Native Benefits Fund on the appointment of an Anthropologist, Assistant Anthropologist, native assistants and other necessary officers ; on travelling expenses, printing, stationery and other incidentals, and payment of officers for special reports upon matters solely connected with natives.

Medical.

13. (1) A sum not exceeding £2,650 in any one year may be expended out of the Native Benefits Fund on the medical care of natives, the sanitation of native villages, the appointment of medical officers for those purposes and of assistants and other necessary officers ; on the purchase and hire of launches and other vessels, and on buildings, drugs, instruments, stationery and other incidentals.

(2) A sum not exceeding in the aggregate in any one year £350 may be paid out of the Native Benefits Fund to Missions at the rate of 10s. for every £1 spent by them for the medical treatment of natives: Provided that not more than £100 of such sum shall be paid in any one year to any one Mission.

Village Improvements.

14. A sum not exceeding £200 in any one year may be expended out of the Native Benefits Fund on water supply and other necessary improvements to native villages.

Family Bonus.

15. A sum not exceeding £1,000 in any one year may be expended out of the Native Benefits Fund for distribution as a Family Bonus among such natives as may be entitled thereto under the provisions of the *Native Taxes (Family Bonus Distribution) Regulations, 1923.*

Clerical Expenses.

16. A sum not exceeding £450 in any one year may be expended out of the Native Benefits Fund for the necessary clerical work, printing, stationery and other incidentals in relation to matters connected with the administration and expenditure of the Fund.

Variation of Amounts of Payments and Expenditure.

17. The maximum sums or any of them hereinbefore authorized to be expended or paid out of the Native Benefits Fund may by order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council be increased or decreased in amount in respect of any year.

PART V—GENERAL.

Native Plantations Produce Account.

18. The Director shall cause to be kept an account to be called the "Native Plantations Produce Account" to which shall be debited all sums paid out of the Native Benefits Fund under sub-paragraphs (c) and (d) of paragraph (1) of Regulation 10 of these Regulations and to which shall be credited all sums properly chargeable thereto under the said sub-paragraphs (c) and (d) of the said Regulation; and the Director shall at the end of each and every financial year deal with the balance then to credit of such account in the manner provided in paragraph (4) of Regulation 4 of these Regulations.

Made in Executive Council this nineteenth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

Executive Council Minute,
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Clerk of Executive Council.

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