Adoption Amendment Regulations 2013

Jerry Mateparae, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 15th day of July 2013

Present:
His Excellency the Governor-General in Council

Pursuant to the Adoption Act 1955, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council, makes the following regulations.

Contents

Regulations

1 Title

These regulations are the Adoption Amendment Regulations 2013.

2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on 19 August 2013.

3 Principal regulations

These regulations amend the Adoption Regulations 1959 (the **principal regulations**).

4 Schedule, form 1 replaced

In the Schedule, replace form 1 with the form 1 set out in the Schedule of these regulations.

5 Schedule, form 2 amended

(1) In the Schedule, form 2, replace "his wife" with "his or her spouse".

(2) In the Schedule, form 2, paragraph (d), replace "husband" with "spouse" in each place.

6 Schedule, form 3 amended

In the Schedule, form 3, paragraph (d), replace "husband" with "spouse" in each place.

7 Schedule, form 4 amended

In the Schedule, form 4, replace "his wife" with "his or her spouse".

8 Schedule, form 7 amended

In the Schedule, form 7, replace "his wife" with "his or her spouse".

9   Schedule, form 8 amended

In the Schedule, in form 8, replace "his wife" with "his or her spouse".

Schedule   r 4
Form 1 replaced

Form 1   r 6

Application for an adoption order

In the District Court at [*place*]

Adoption No: [*specify*]

In the matter of the Adoption Act 1955

and

In the matter of an application by [*name(s)*] to adopt a child

1   We/I*, [*full name(s), address, occupation*], will apply to the District Court at [*place, date, time*] to adopt [*full name*]†, a [*sex*] child, born at [*place, date*].

       *Select one.

       †Name may be omitted if applicants wish.

2   We/I* desire that on the making of the adoption order the names of the child will be [*full name*].

       *Select one.

3   The following information is submitted for the purposes of re-registration of the birth:*

Name applicant is known by:	Name applicant is known by:
Name on applicant's birth certificate (if different):	Name on applicant's birth certificate (if different):

Form 1—*continued*

Age of applicant at date of child's birth:	Age of applicant at date of child's birth:
Birthplace of applicant:	Birthplace of applicant:

*Complete both columns if more than 1 applicant.

4   We/I* do/do not* desire that the words "adoptive parent(s)" appear on the face of any certified copy of the entry of birth of the child after the birth has been re-registered.

*Select one.

Signed at [*place*] on [*date*]

Signature of applicant:

Signature of applicant:

Rebecca Kitteridge,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations, which come into force on 19 August 2013, update the application form and other forms in the Adoption Regulations 1959. The updating is necessary to ensure that the language in the forms reflects the fact that, when the Marriage (Definition of Marriage) Amendment Act 2013 comes into force, same-sex marriages will be possible. Since married couples are eligible to adopt under

the Adoption Act 1955, the regulations need to provide for the possibility of adoption by a same-sex married couple.

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