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These Regulations may be cited as the Ocean Island Regulations 1939 and shall come into force on the 1st July, 1939, from which date the Island Regulations referred to in Regulation 21 hereof shall be repealed in respect of Ocean Island.

No. 1.	<i>Penalty for Non-observance.</i>
ADOPTION.	
Every adoption must be in accordance with native custom and must be registered before the Native Court.	2s.
No. 2.	
BURIALS.	
The dead shall be buried only in those cemeteries provided for the purpose.	5s.
No. 3.	
CRUELTY AND NEGLECT.	
1. Parents or guardians shall feed, clothe, and otherwise look after their children or adopted children in a proper manner.	Not exceeding 10s.
2. All natives shall supply food, clothing, and all reasonable comforts to their aged parents or adoptive parents.	Not exceeding 10s.
3. All cruelty to bird or beast is prohibited. Parents or guardians who condone such cruelty in their children will be punished.	Not exceeding 5s.
4. Natives owning animals are responsible for feeding them properly and seeing that they do not suffer from neglect.	Not exceeding 5s.
No. 4.	
DANCING.	
1. No native shall be forced to dance.	1s.
2. Dancing shall take place only in village maneabas or on the Government station, or in such other places as may be sanctioned by the Administrative Officer.	2s.
3. No native shall dance on Sundays or Public Holidays of a religious character.	2s.
4. Dancing is prohibited before 6 p.m. and after 10 p.m. except with the prior knowledge and consent of an European Government Officer or the Native Magistrate of the island.	2s.
5. No dancing shall take place in darkness.	1s.
6. It is forbidden to perform the Kabungiro and the Kaeke in the maneaba.	2s.
7. Words in dancing chants which directly or indirectly refer to sexual intercourse, and also all gestures and movements of the body which imitate the sexual act, are prohibited.	10s.
8. Words in dancing chants which bring any native or particular section of the community into public derision are prohibited.	Not exceeding 10s.
9. Dancing rehearsals shall be allowed during daylight hours provided that the number of natives participating therein does not exceed eight.	1s.
No. 5.	
DOGS.	
Any dog which is a nuisance to the general public must at all times be kept under proper control and may, if proved to be of a vicious nature, be destroyed by order of the Native Court.	Not exceeding 5s.
No. 6.	
FEASTS.	
1. No feast shall last longer than one day without the prior knowledge and consent of a Kaubure.	1s.
2. Competitive feasts and the raising of competitive subscriptions of food or other gifts to strangers are forbidden.	2s.
No. 7.	
FISHING.	
It is forbidden to troll for "bara", "ingimea" and "ati."	Not exceeding 5s.

No. 8.

HOSPITAL.

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| 1. No native shall enter the Banaban hospital without the prior permission of the Native Medical Practitioner. | 2s. |
| 2. No native shall enter a leper segregation area without the prior permission of an European Medical Officer. | 10s. |
| 3. Relatives of patients in the Banaban hospital shall provide them with food at the times and in the quantities specified by the Medical Officer. | Not exceeding 5s. |

No. 9.

LAND AND TREES.

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| 1. Interference with boundaries is strictly prohibited. | 10s. |
| 2. All natives owning coconut trees which overlean the public road or any house shall pull down dried leaves or maturing nuts therefrom as a precaution against accident. | 2s. |
| 3. The Native Court shall have power to require an owner to remove any tree which, in its opinion, is a source of danger to the public. | Not exceeding 5s. |
| 4. Fallen trees in the road shall be removed by their owners. | 2s. |

No. 10.

NUISANCE AND OBSTRUCTION.

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| 1. It is forbidden to obstruct any public road to the danger or discomfort of the public. | Not exceeding 5s. |
| 2. It is forbidden to damage wilfully any public building, cistern, water-cave, or embankment, or the surface of any public road. | Not exceeding 10s. |
| 3. All forms of behaviour in villages causing discomfort to the general public are nuisances and are punishable by the Native Court. | 1s. |

No. 11.

OBSTRUCTION OF OFFICERS.

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| It is an offence to obstruct or resist any Government official in the execution of his duty. The making of a wilfully false statement to, and the refusal to assist, an officer in the execution of his duty shall be deemed obstruction. | Not exceeding 10s. |
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No. 12.

PIGS.

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| Owners shall not allow their pigs to stray and, in addition to any fine imposed, may be ordered by the Native Court to pay for any damage done by their pigs whilst straying. | 2s. |
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No. 13.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

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| 1. It is forbidden for any native with an infectious or contagious disease to bathe in bathing pools used by the general public, or to wash their clothes in or otherwise pollute such pools. | 5s. |
| 2. Every householder shall be responsible for the maintenance in a cleanly state of the land in the vicinity of his dwellings and any part of the public road opposite to his dwellings. | 2s. |
| 3. All householders shall keep their houses in a state of good repair and the interiors thereof in a sanitary condition. | 2s. |
| 4. No rubbish shall be disposed of in a manner which is injurious to public health or which may be a nuisance to persons in the vicinity. | Not exceeding 5s. |
| 5. (a) It is forbidden to defecate or urinate anywhere in a village or on the foreshore thereof except in latrines. | Not exceeding 10s. |
| (b) For defecating or urinating near a dwelling-house or in a water-cave, the penalty shall be imprisonment without the option of a fine. | Imprisonment not exceeding 1 month. |
| 6. If any native is ill the other occupants of his house shall report his illness to the Native Medical Practitioner or a Kaubure. | Not exceeding 10s. |

No. 14.

PUBLIC ORDER.

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| 1. No native shall attend any meeting held to discuss or carry out an unlawful object or which, in the opinion of the Native Government, is likely to endanger the public peace. | Not exceeding 10s. |
| 2. During times of civil disturbance, the Native Government shall have power to impose a curfew confining natives to their houses between such times as may be considered necessary; the onus of proof of the necessity for the imposition of the curfew shall be on the Native Government. | Not exceeding 10s. |

No. 15.

RELIGION.

1. It is forbidden to make any disturbance outside a church during times of service, which may in any way interfere with the service. 2s.

2. It is forbidden to hold prayer meetings or perform magic rites in village maneabas, but customary native ceremonies may be performed therein with the prior knowledge and consent of the Native Magistrate. 2s.

No. 16.

SCHOOLS.

Parents or guardians must see that their children attend school regularly between the ages of seven and sixteen. 2s.

No. 17.

TRAVELLING.

No native shall land on Ocean Island, other than a full or half-Banaban, a native missionary or school teacher, or a native who owns land or has assured employment on the island, unless he is in possession of a permit signed by the Native Magistrate of Ocean Island. Imprisonment not exceeding 1 month.

No. 18.

VEHICLES.

1. Lights shall be carried on all bicycles and other vehicles between sunset and sunrise. 2s.

2. No native shall ride a bicycle or drive a vehicle at a speed or in a manner dangerous to the public. Not exceeding 5s.

No. 19.

VILLAGES.

No native shall live outside a village area without the prior permission of the Administrative Officer and the Native Government. Not exceeding 10s.

No. 20.

WATER-CAVES AND CISTERNS.

1. No native shall pollute any water-cave or cistern. Not exceeding 10s.

2. No bathing or washing shall take place in the wells used for drawing water inside the water-caves. Not exceeding 5s.

3. Misusing or wasting the water in any water-cave or cistern is an offence. 2s.

No. 21.

REPEAL.

All Island Regulations previously made under Section 15 (1) of Part I. of the Schedule to the Native Laws Ordinance 1917 are hereby repealed in respect of their application in Ocean Island.