



THE COUNTRY LIBRARY SERVICE REGULATIONS 1967

RICHARD WILD, Administrator of the Government

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government Buildings at Wellington this 20th day of November 1967

Present:

THE RIGHT HON. KEITH HOLYOAKE, C.H., PRESIDING IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the National Library Act 1965, His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

1. Title and commencement—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Country Library Service Regulations 1967.

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

2. Interpretation—In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—

“Library material” includes books, periodicals, newspapers, manuscripts, microfilms, films, sound recordings, musical scores, maps, plans, paintings, drawings, etchings, pictures, prints, and photographs, and such other related materials as the Minister, on the advice of the Trustees, by writing under his hand approves as library material for the purposes of the National Library Act 1965:

“Local authority” means the Council of any borough, county, or town district, or the county town committee of a county town, or the Tokoroa County Borough Committee, or the Waiheke Road Board:

“Minister” means the Minister of Education:

“The Trustees” means the Trustees of the National Library established by the National Library Act 1965.

3. Lending of library material to a local authority and assistance in library management—(1) In any case where a local authority is the controlling authority of a public library, the local authority may request the National Librarian to apply the provisions of paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section 6 of the National Library Act 1965 to that library.

(2) Every such request shall be accompanied by a statement signed by the chief executive officer of the local authority certifying that:

- (a) The library in respect of which the application is made is controlled by the local authority;
- (b) The local authority agrees to maintain the library according to a standard approved from time to time by the Minister on the advice of the Trustees;
- (c) The facilities of the library will be made available without charge to the residents of the area of the local authority:

Provided that a local authority may impose charges in a library controlled by it for lending the categories of rental library material for which charges may be made in accordance with the current publication made under regulation 6 of these regulations, and may make charges for special services for which charges may be made in accordance with the said publication.

(3) If he is satisfied that the requirements of subclause (2) of this regulation have been complied with, the National Librarian, or the Director of the Extension Division of the National Library acting under the authority of the powers which are for the time being delegated to him under section 7 of the National Library Act,—

- (a) Shall forthwith make available on loan without charge, to the local authority which has made the application, library material to the extent authorised by the Minister acting on the advice of the Trustees;
- (b) May furnish assistance and advice in library management to that local authority.

4. Withdrawal of loans and assistance—It shall be a condition for the renewal of any loans of library material and for the continuance of any assistance and advice in library management that the local authority shall continue to meet all the requirements specified in the certificate signed by the chief executive officer under subclause (2) of regulation 3 of these regulations. In the event of a failure to meet all or any of those requirements, the National Librarian, or the Director of the Extension Division of the National Library if duly authorised in that behalf, shall have power to withdraw and recover any loans of library material and discontinue any assistance in library management from the library controlled by that local authority which has failed to meet those requirements:

Provided that, before any such withdrawal or discontinuance is effected, the Minister and the Trustees shall be notified and the approval of the Minister shall first be obtained to the withdrawal and recovery, or the discontinuance.

5. Lending of library material to persons operating a public library—

(1) Any three persons residing in a county or in a county town or in a dependent town district or in the Waiheke Road District who, being responsible for the operation of a public library in that district, allow all members of the public, whether or not on the payment of a fee, to have the use of the public library, may apply to the National Librarian to be granted loans of library material.

(2) The National Librarian, or in his stead the Director of the Extension Division of the National Library, shall have power to grant loans of library material to any such groups of persons.

(3) Any loans of library material provided under subclause (2) of this regulation shall be on a scale and shall be subject to such charges as the Minister on the advice of the Trustees may determine from time to time.

6. Publication of information—(1) There shall be published from time to time by the National Librarian, with the approval of the Minister, who shall have regard to the advice of the Trustees:

(a) Scales of assistance and methods of aid from the Country Library Service to public libraries controlled by a local authority, and to other libraries:

(b) Conditions of service required of public libraries controlled by a local authority if the provisions of regulation 3 hereof are to apply to that local authority.

(2) A copy of every publication made pursuant to these regulations shall be sent to the Clerk of the local authority having control of every public library likely to be affected by the scales of assistance or conditions of service which are approved from time to time by the Minister on the advice of the Trustees.

P. J. BROOKS,
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 prescribe the rules governing the lending of library material by the National Library to local authorities and persons operating public libraries, and the granting of assistance in library management by the National Library to local authorities. Provision is made for the publication of information regarding these services by the National Librarian.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Education.