



## Rating Acts Amendment Act 1893

**Citation:** 57 V. No 43  
**Date of Assent:** 6 August, 1893  
**Commencement:** Date of Assent

**Repeal:** Repealed 1894, No 24  
**Amendments:** –  
**Type of Legislation:** Public  
**Subject:** Rating

**Relevant Sections:** *ss15 - 21: Rating of Native Land.*  
*s15:* Definition of Native Land – all land whether given title through the NLCt or held customarily. Occupier may be Native or European.  
*s16:* Native land to be rateable property.  
*s17:* Exceptions – more than 5 miles from public road  
 – discretion of Governor  
 – title not ascertained and no European occupier.  
*s19:* No Native land to be sold for non-payment of rates nor any such lien registered until inquired into by Trust Commissioner.  
*s20:* Colonial treasurer to pay no further rates on Native land under s4 Crown and Native Lands Rating Repeal Act 1888.

**Commentary:** Native land is to be rated with certain exemptions and the rates are no longer to be paid for by the Treasury as a charge on the land. Taipua says that Maori should not be liable for the same burdens as Europeans until they are given the same powers of self-government. Kapa pointed out the complications that could arise from the various forms of land tenure and said the Chinese were treated better than Maori. Parata felt that Maori in the South Island should be exempt because they had so little land anyway.

**Cross Reference:** NZPD vol 81 (1893) 399, 402, 405 - 410, 413 - 414, 418 - 420, 425  
 NZPD vol 82 (1893) 863 - 870, 914, 920 - 921.