



## Maori Trust Boards Act 1955

- Citation:** No 37
- Date of Assent:** 20 October, 1955
- Commencement:** 1 January, 1956
- Repeal:** Still in Force
- Amendments:** **1957, No 81:** *s13* amends *s20*  
*s14* inserts new *s41A* – Payments to Maori Trust Boards by Crown not to constitute income for taxation purposes.  
**1958, No 41:** See separate record.  
*s9* inserts new *s9A* – Constitutes Tuhoe Maori Trust Board.  
**1959, No 90:** See separate record.  
*s34* – beneficiaries of Tuhoe Maori Trust Board.  
**1961, No 129:** *s19* inserts new *s24A* – Powers of Maori Trust Board.  
*s19* inserts new *s25A* – Investment of funds.  
*s20* amends *s26*.  
**1962, No 47:** *s2* amends *s5* by adding provisions regarding Aupouri Maori Trust Board.  
*s3* inserts new *s24B* – Board may execute a declaration of trust for charitable purposes.  
*s4* amends *s42*  
*s5* inserts new *s55A* – Invalid elections.  
**1966, No 106:** See separate record. Ngai Tahu Trust Board.  
**1968, No 127:** *s12* inserts new *s12A* – Membership of Tainui Trust Board.  
*s13* inserts new *s19A* – Gratuities payable on retirement or death of employees.  
*s14* amends *s31*.  
**1971, No 151:** *s8* inserts new *s24C* – Maori Trust Board may accept trusts.  
**1972, No 135:** *s15* amends *s11*.  
**1973, No 11:** *s3* amend *s6* – Ngaitahu Maori Trust Board.  
**1973, No 106:** *s21* amends *s28*.  
**1975, No 135:** *s13* amends *s6*.  
**1977, No 103:** *s8* amends *ss4, 7, 9, 10*.  
**1978, No 70:** *s5* inserts new *s7(2A)* – Annual grants to Tainui Maori Trust Board may be capitalised.  
*s6* amends *s29*.  
**1981, No 112:** *s7* amends *s24*  
*s8* amends *s29*.

*Amendments to Relevant Sections continued next page*



**1983, No 19:** Amends the principal Act so that only beneficiaries are eligible for election or appointment to a Board.

**1988, No 226:** s3 Inserts new sections –

s23A Council of Elders comprising kaumatua to advise on tikanga, te reo, and kawa.

s23B Council of Young People.

s24D Board may take part in Government schemes etc.

s24E Board may be appointed in place of committee of management.

s24F Board may contract to provide services to other bodies.

s4 amends s46

s5 amends s49

s6 inserts new s53A – investigation of conduct and result of election.

s7 amends s56.

**1991, No 122:** See separate record.

s39 inserts new section 6A – Ngati Whatua o Orakei Maori Trust Board.

**1991, No 145:** See schedule.

**Type of Legislation:** Public

**Subject:** Govt Admin Specific to Maori/Maori Land

**Relevant Sections:**

s3: Constitution of Aorangi Maori Trust Board.

s4: Constitution of Arawa Maori Trust Board.

s5: Constitution of Aupouri Maori Trust Board.

Members of the Aupouri Tribe. Parengarenga 5B 1, Blocks IV and VIII, Muriwhenua SD.

s6: Constitution of Ngaitahu Maori Trust Board.

s7: Constitution of Tainui Maori Trust Board.

s8: Constitution of Taitokerau Maori Trust Board. Ngatiwhatua, Ngapuhi, Te Rarawa, Ngatikahu and Te Aupouri Tribes.

s9: Constitution of Taranaki Maori Trust Board. Atiawa, Ngati Tama, Ngati Mutunga, Ngati Maru, Ngati Ruanui, Ngaruahine, Taranaki and Ngarauru Tribes.

s10: Constitution of Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board.

s11: Constitution of Wairoa Maori Trust Board.

s12: Constitution of Whakatohea Maori Trust Board.

ss13 - 41: *General provisions relating to Maori Trust Boards.*

s24: Functions of Boards to promote health, social and economic welfare and educational training.

*Relevant Sections, Commentary and Cross Reference continued over page*

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s26: Boards may acquire land and occupy and manage the land for farming purposes.

**Commentary:** Consolidation of the various Acts establishing Maori Trust Boards to provide for uniform administration and the election of all Board members. Most of the discussion in the Debates focuses on the change of name for the Ngaitahu Trust Board to the Ngaitahu Maori Trust Board, which, according to Tirikatene, was against the wishes of Ngai Tahu.

**Cross Reference:** NZPD vol 307 (1955) 2842 - 2880.