



REPUBLIC OF NAURU

Notification of Infectious and Contagious Diseases Ordinance 1923

As in force from 03 November 2011

This consolidation comprises Ordinance No. 2 of 1923 as amended and in force from 03 November 2011 (being, at the time the consolidation was prepared on 26 September 2014, the date of effect of the most recent amendment).

The notes section at the end of the consolidation includes a reference to the law by which each amendment was made. The Table of Amendments in the notes section sets out the legislative history of individual provisions.

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1 Short title

This Ordinance may be cited as the *Notification of Infectious and Contagious Diseases Ordinance 1923*.

2 Diseases to be reported

All cases of contagious or infectious diseases, including venereal disease, occurring within the jurisdiction of the Administrator¹ of Nauru are to be reported to the Administrator within 24 hours of knowledge, or receipt of information, of any such case occurring, or within three days of publication of this Ordinance, in the case of a person suffering from contagious or infectious disease, at the date of this Ordinance.

3 Responsibility for reporting

The following shall be responsible for the making of the report referred to in section 2:

The person affected (in the case of a child, the parents or guardians);

The Medical Officer or other person attending the case; or

The Master of the vessel on which the person affected is employed, or is a passenger.

Reports shall be made in such form as may be prescribed by the Administrator, provided that reports by the Government Medical Officer, or other qualified medical practitioner, of cases of venereal disease, may be made by number or other private

¹ In relation to the expression 'Administrator', clause 86(2) of the Constitution of Nauru provides:

'Subject to this Constitution, a reference in a law continued in force by clause (1) or (2) of Article 85 to the Administrator of the Territory of Nauru shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be read as a reference to the President or where responsibility for the administration of that law is assigned to a Minister under Article 23, to that Minister.'

designation, and the names of such patients shall be kept in a private roster by the Medical Officer, unless and until such patient refuses or discontinues such treatment for the disease, as may be prescribed by the practitioner, in which instance such cases shall be reported by name for action under section 5 of this Ordinance.

4 Responsibilities of Master of vessel

The Master of any vessel arriving at Nauru from overseas, shall be responsible that no person suffering from venereal disease shall be permitted to land from his vessel on the island,² except for admission to hospital as defined in :section 5, and the Master of the vessel on arrival at Nauru shall furnish to the Port Medical Officer, a statement giving the names of those on board suffering from venereal disease, and certifying that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, no other person on board is suffering from such disease.

5 Venereal disease to be treated

Persons suffering from venereal disease shall submit themselves for appropriate treatment to the medical officer or other qualified medical practitioner, and shall, if he so advises, be admitted to a hospital, and detained there; such treatment and detention to continue until the patient is certified by the medical practitioner as free from danger of infecting others, or until the patient leaves to embark on board ship for the purpose of leaving Nauru.

6 Penalty

Penalty for breach of this Ordinance: Fine not exceeding Twenty dollars.

² In relation to the word 'island', section 3 of the Interpretation Act 1971 provides: 'Unless the context otherwise requires or the subject or context is inconsistent with such amendment, the words "Territory of Nauru" or "Island of Nauru" shall, where they are used or appear in any written law, instrument or document in force or made at the date of commencement of this Act, be replaced from that date by the words "Republic of Nauru".'. Because the direction made by that section is not unconditional and does not relate to the simple expression 'island', no textual change to give effect to it is incorporated in this compilation.

Notes for Notification of Infectious and Contagious Diseases Ordinance 1923

Table of Constituent Legislation

Ordinances

Citation	Number	Made	Gazettal†	Commencement
<i>Notification of Infectious and Contagious Diseases Ordinance 1923</i>	1923/02	27.01.1923*	–	27.01.1923
<i>Ordinances Revision Ordinance 1967</i>	1967/25	29.12.1967	29.12.1967	29.12.1967 (GN 316/1967)

* Date of signature deemed by Ord. 1967/25 to be 27.01.1923.

† Gazettal date is of no legal significance for Ordinances made before 30.08.1956 (commencement of the *Interpretation Ordinance 1956*).

Acts

Short title	Number	Certification	Commencement
<i>Interpretation (Consequential Amendments) Act 2011</i>	2011/18	03.11.2011	03.11.2011

Table of Amendments

ad. = added or inserted am. = amended rep. = repealed rs. = repealed and substituted
om. = omitted os. = omitted and substituted

Provision affected	How affected
Section 1	Am. by Ord. 1967/25.
Section 3	Am. by Ord. 1967/25 and Act 2011/18.
Section 6	Am. by Ord. 1967/25.