



Western Australia.

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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. XXXIII.

AN ACT for the Licensing of Dealers in Pearls, and for other purposes.

[Assented to, 16th December, 1899.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. THIS Act shall come into operation on the first day of January, in the year 1900.

Commencement of Act.

2. THE Resident Magistrate at any place where the pearl fishery is carried on may, on application, grant to any person who, in the opinion of such Magistrate, is a person of good character and reputation, a license to deal in pearls, hereinafter called a "Pearl Dealer's License," in the form contained in the First Schedule hereto.

Resident Magistrate may grant Pearl Dealer's License. See Queensland Act, 55 Vict., 29, s. 14. First Schedule.

A fee of Ten pounds shall be paid for a pearl dealer's license, which shall remain in force until the thirty-first day of December next after the date of its issue, and may be annually

Fee for and duration of license.

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renewed, or payment of the like fee, without any further application. but may be cancelled by a Resident Magistrate on the licensee being convicted of any offence against this Act, or of any felony or misdemeanour which, in the opinion of such Magistrate, renders such licensee unfit to hold a license.

Penalty for buying pearls without a license.

See *ibid.*

3. NO person other than a holder of a pearl dealer's license shall buy pearls at any place where the pearl fishery is carried on, except of a person holding such a license; and every person acting in contravention of this section shall be guilty of an offence against this Act, and, on conviction thereof, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding One hundred pounds, or to imprisonment for not more than three months.

Statement of licenses issued to be transmitted to the Inspector of Fisheries, who shall record them.

4. (1.) IT shall be the duty of the clerk of the Resident Magistrate to transmit a statement of the name and residence of every person to whom a pearl dealer's license is granted or who obtains a renewal thereof, and the date of the issue or renewal thereof, to the Inspector of Fisheries, who shall record the particulars so transmitted in a book to be called the Register of Pearl Dealers.

(2.) The register shall be open for inspection by the public at all times during ordinary office hours.

(3.) Every name of a licensee shall be struck off the register unless within six weeks after the thirty-first day of December in any year the Inspector of Fisheries receives notice that a fresh license has been issued to such licensee.

Licensee to keep Pearl Purchase Book.

Second Schedule.

5. EVERY licensee under this Act shall keep at his place of business a book, hereinafter called a "Pearl Purchase Book," and shall, immediately after purchasing or selling any one or more pearls, make an entry in such book in the form and containing the particulars indicated in the Second Schedule hereto, and, on failing to comply with this section, shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

Inspection, etc., of Pearl Purchase Book.

6. EVERY sergeant of police, and every member of the police force authorised in that behalf in writing under the hand of a Resident Magistrate or the hands of any two Justices of the Peace, may, at any time on a business day, enter the place of business of a person holding a pearl dealer's license, or other the place where his Pearl Purchase Book is, and may inspect and make extracts from such book; and every person resisting or impeding such inspection or extracting shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

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7. SAVE where a penalty is specially provided, every person guilty of an offence against this Act shall be liable to a fine of not more than Twenty pounds, and every offence against this Act may be dealt with by a Court of summary jurisdiction.

Penalties for offences.
Jurisdiction.

8. THE Governor shall as soon as practicable after the passing of this Act declare, by notice in the *Government Gazette*, any seaport within the Colony to be a place where the pearl fishery is carried on, and no license shall be granted except at some such place. A license under this Act shall authorise the holder to buy pearls only in the place where the license is granted.

Governor to declare place of pearl fishery.

9. (1.) THE Governor may make, alter, and repeal Regulations for carrying out the objects of this Act, and after the publication of any such Regulations in the *Government Gazette* they shall have the force and effect of law.

Regulations.

(2.) Any person who shall infringe any regulation made as aforesaid shall be liable, on conviction, to a penalty not exceeding Ten pounds, and any such penalty may be recovered summarily before any Justice of the Peace.

Penalty for infringement of Regulations.

10. THIS Act may be cited as the Pearl Dealers Licensing Act, 1899.

Short title.

In the name and on behalf of the Queen I hereby assent to this Act.

GERARD SMITH, Governor.

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Section 2.

The First Schedule.

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Pearl Dealer's License.

Fee, £10.

A.B., of _____, who carries on business at _____ [and
at _____], is hereby licensed to deal in Pearls during the year
ending the 31st day of December, 19 _____.

Issued at _____ this _____ day of _____ 19 _____.

C.D.,
Resident Magistrate at _____

Section 5.

The Second Schedule.

Pearl Purchase Book.

Date and Place of Purchase or Sale.	Articles purchased or sold.	Seller's Name and Address.	Buyer's Name and Address.	Seller's Signature.	Buyer's Signature.