



Republic of Namibia
Annotated Statutes

Census of Dwellings Proclamation 24 of 1945

(OG 1196)

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS it is desirable in the public interest to make provision for the taking of a census of dwellings;

NOW THEREFORE, under and by virtue of the powers in me vested, I do hereby proclaim, declare and make known as follows:-

1. The Administrator may from time to time and in such areas as he may determine and after notification in the Gazette appoint census officers for the purpose of taking a census of dwellings in the area so specified.

2. (1) A census officer may for the purpose of performing his duties under this Proclamation enter upon any land, premises or dwelling and obtain access thereto.

(2) A census officer may, in the due performance of his duties under this Proclamation ask all such questions as are provided for in the form prescribed under the Schedule to this Proclamation and every occupier or person in charge of a dwelling of whom any such question is asked shall answer the same to the best of his knowledge and belief.

3. (1) A census officer may leave the form prescribed under the schedule to this Proclamation at any dwelling within an area determined by the Administrator for the taking of a census of dwellings.

(2) The occupier or person in charge of any dwelling at which the prescribed form has been so left, shall within forty-eight hours; deliver the same duly completed in every particular to the census officer who calls for the form.

4. Any census officer who -

(a) puts an offensive or improper question to any person; or

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- (b) asks, receives or takes from any person, other than an authorised officer of the Administration any payment or reward; or,
- (c) divulges any information obtained by him in the performance of his duties as a census officer;.

shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty-five pounds.

5. Any occupier or person in charge of any dwelling who -

- (a) fails to answer to the best of his knowledge and belief any question asked of him by a census officer, which he may be lawfully required to answer or makes a false answer to such question, knowing the answer to be false; or
- (b) makes, signs or delivers, or causes to be made, signed or delivered any false or incorrect form as prescribed under the Schedule to this Proclamation, knowing , the same to be false; or
- (c) refuses a census officer such entry on or access to any dwelling or premises as by this Proclamation that officer is entitled to have, or obstructs or hinders a census officer in the performance of his duties as such or fails to complete or deliver the form within the period specified therein ;

shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to the penalties mentioned in the last preceding section.

6. “Dwelling” means any house, building or structure and shall include any room or place occupied or capable of occupation as a human habitation;

“gazette” means the Official Gazette of the Territory.

7. This Proclamation shall be called the Census of Dwellings Proclamation, 1945.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Given under my hand and seal at Windhoek this 14th day of July, 1945.

P. I. HOOGENHOUT,
Administrator.

SCHEDULE.

A. ADDRESS OF DWELLING:

- (1) *Town:*
- (2) *Name of Street:*
- (3) *Street Number or Erf Number:*

B. DESCRIPTION OF DWELLING:

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- (1) State whether detached, semi-detached, portion of
a house, a flat or other description

C. NAME OF OCCUPIER OR PERSON IN CHARGE OF DWELLING:

- (1) *Surname* (capital letters)
(2) *Christian names*:

D. NAME OF OWNER:

- (1) *Surname* (capital letters):
(2) *Christian names*:
(3) *Address*:

E. EXTENT OF ACCOMMODATION:

- (1) State number of -
(a) *living rooms* (these include bedrooms, lounges, dining rooms and 'studies' or rooms capable of use as such)
(b) *kitchens*
(c) *pantries*
(d) *bathrooms*
(2) *State accommodation in outbuildings and how used*

F. PERMANENT RESIDENTS:

- (1) *State number of European persons permanently residing in accommodation shown under E above being:-*
(a) Members of occupier's family who are:-
(i) adults (persons 21 years of age and older)
(ii) children (ages and sexes to be stated)
(b) Permanent lodgers or guests
(c) Persons other than those included in (a) and (b) (European servants, etc.)
(2) *State number of living rooms not in regular use*

(N.B. Temporary European lodgers or guests and native and coloured servants are not to be included in answers to Section F.)

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief my answers to the questions above are correct in every particular.

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Signature of occupier or person in charge of dwelling

Date: 1945.

Checked by me

Signature of Census Officer.

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