

THE FREEDOM OF CONTRACT ORDINANCE OF 1909. ⁽¹⁾

No. 15 of 1909.

An Ordinance to regulate Contracts of Service.

BE it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor of the Territory of Papua with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof as follows:—

1.—(1.) A person who while outside the Territory of Papua has entered into a contract to work for an employer within the Territory may within three months of his arrival apply to a Resident or Assistant Resident Magistrate to cancel the contract on the ground that the rate of the salary or wages is lower than the rate of salary or wages usually paid in the district for work of the same kind.

Contract may be cancelled if less than current rate of wages to be paid thereunder.

(2.) Proof that the salary or wages to be paid by the employer under the contract is lower than the current rate as aforesaid shall be a sufficient ground for cancelling the contract and the Magistrate shall have power and jurisdiction to cancel the same accordingly:

2. The procedure to be followed in proceedings under this Ordinance shall be as is or may be from time to time provided in the Ordinances relating to civil procedure in Courts of Petty Sessions.

Procedure.

3. This Ordinance may be cited as *The Freedom of Contract Ordinance of 1909.*⁽¹⁾

Short title.

(1) Particulars of this Ordinance are as follows:—

Date of assent by Lieut.-Gov.	Date notified in Papua Govt. Gaz. as not disallowed by Gov.-Gen. in Council.	Date on which came into operation.
2.6.1909	(a)	2.6.1909 (<i>Statute Law of Papua, 1888 to 1916, Vol. II, p. 356</i>)

(a) No notice of non-disallowance has been published in Papua Govt. Gaz.