

TITLE 39
CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS

CHAPTER 8.

MARSHALLESE LANGUAGE ORTHOGRAPHY

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An Act to declare a standardize spelling system for written Marshallese words and phrases.

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§801. Short title.
This Chapter may be cited as the Marshallese Language Orthography (Standard Spelling) Act, 2010. [P.L. 2010-45, §1]

§802. Purpose.
The purposes of this Chapter are:
(1) to declare the correct way of writing Marshallese words and phrases with the proper letters, usages and spelling; and
(2) to ensure spelling used in written publication conforms to the standardized orthography. [P.L. 2010-45, §2].

§803. Requirement for use of Standardized Spelling Rule.
(1) Any Government body, agency or any private institution or organization that engages in publishing of Marshallese materials as a mode of learning or communication shall conform with the Standardized Spelling Rule as set out in the Marshallese English Dictionary published by the University Press of Hawaii, as amended.
(2) The Marshallese English Dictionary is set out in *Schedule 1* to this Chapter. [P.L. 2010-45, §3]

§804. Duties of the Language Commission.
In furtherance to its functions and duties specified in Section 105 of the 39 MIRC 1, the Customary Law and Language Commission shall:
(1) declare the spelling rule in the Marshallese English Dictionary as the Standard Spelling Rule for writing Marshallese words and phrases;
(2) ensure conformity with the Standard Spelling Rule by both public and private institution or organization; and
(3) educate the public and including a private institution or organization on the Standard Spelling Rules. [P.L. 2010-45, §4]

§805. Transition.

(1) This Chapter shall come into force:

(a) for education, after one (1) year of standardizing the education materials including the Marshallese grammar;

(b) for other public organization, and private organization, after 2 years of fully aware and understanding the standard spelling rules

(2) Nothing in this section shall prevent any organization either public or private to fully comply with the Act upon its coming into effect pursuant to section 6. [P.L. 2010-45, §5]

§806. Effective Date.

This Chapter shall take effect on the date of certification in accordance with the Constitution and the Rules of Procedures of the Nitijela. [P.L. 2010-45, §6]