

PRESIDENTIAL WARRANT

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE INSTITUTION OF THE
TSHUMELO IKATELAHO - GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN
NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE

To all to whom the presents shall come,

GREETING!

WHEREAS I deem it desirable to give recognition to Officers and Other Ranks of the South African National Defence Force, and of any Auxiliary Service of the South African National Defence Force, and of any Armed Forces attached to or serving with or rendering any service to the South African National Defence Force, who have participated directly in or in support of military campaigns or operations, belligerent or otherwise, in accordance with the provisions of the *Defence Act*, which operations in themselves may not warrant the institution of particular campaign medals but which nevertheless are judged to be of sufficient significance to justify the award of a medal for general service.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers granted to me to institute honours in accordance with the provisions of Section 84(2)(k) of the *Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 (Act No. 108 of 1996)*. I hereby institute with effect from the 27th day of April 2003, a medal which shall be known as the Tshumelo Ikatelaho - General Service Medal, to be reserved exclusively for the purposes mentioned and which should be highly prized by all members of the aforesaid forces.

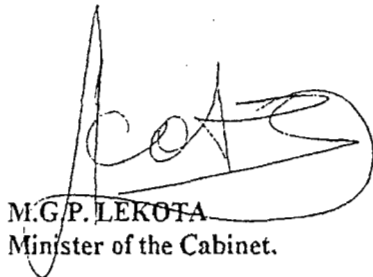
I ORDAIN further that the Rules and Regulations embodied in the Schedule hereto shall govern the design and award of the said medal, as well as its annulment, forfeiture and restoration.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Cape Town this Sixteenth day of April the Year Two Thousand and Three.



T. M. MBEKI
President

By Order of the President



M.G.P. LEKOTA
Minister of the Cabinet.

SCHEDULE**RULES FOR THE TSHUMELO IKATELAHO - GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL****DESIGN AND WEARING OF THE MEDAL****Rule 1**

The honour for persons who have participated directly in or in support of military operations, belligerent or otherwise, in accordance with the provisions of the *Defence Act, 1957 (Act No. 44 of 1957)*, which operations in themselves may not warrant the institution of particular campaign medals but which nevertheless are judged to be of sufficient significance to justify the award of a medal for general service shall be designated and styled the **Tshumelo Ikatelaho - General Service Medal**.

Rule 2

The medal shall be awarded by the President on recommendation by the Minister of State for Defence of the Republic of South Africa.

DESIGN AND RIBBON OF THE MEDAL**Rule 3**

The **Tshumelo Ikatelaho - General Service Medal** shall consist of an octagonal medal of silver-nickel, 38 millimetres in diameter, charged on the obverse within a laurel wreath, with a faceted nine-pointed star. The reverse of the medal shall bear in relief the Coat of Arms of the Republic of South Africa. The medal shall be attached by a plain silver-nickel suspender fixed to the upper rim of the medal.

Rule 4

The medal shall be worn on the left breast pendant from a suspender, attached to a ribbon 32 millimetres wide. The ribbon shall be national flag blue 5 millimetres, white 2 millimetres, national flag red 6 millimetres, gold 1.5 millimetres, black 3 millimetres, gold 1.5 millimetres, national flag red 6 millimetres, white 2 millimetres and national flag blue 5 millimetres.

CONDITIONS FOR THE AWARD OF THE MEDAL**Rule 5**

The **Tshumelo Ikatelaho - General Service Medal** may be awarded to any member of the South African National Defence Force and of any Auxiliary Service in the South African National Defence Force, and of any Armed Forces attached to or serving with or rendering any service to the South African National Defence Force who was engaged for one day or more directly in or in support of a military operation, belligerent or otherwise, in accordance with the provisions of the *Defence Act, 1957 (Act No. 44 of 1957)*, which operation in itself may not warrant the institution of a particular campaign medal but which nevertheless is judged by the President of sufficient significance to justify the award of this medal. A member who is injured, killed or dies before completing the required period of duty shall have deemed to have rendered the qualifying service for the award of the medal or a clasp. For official visits or inspections in connection with an operation, the period of qualifying service shall be a minimum of 30 days, which may be continuous or interrupted. The President shall give notice in the Orders of the South African National Defence Force of the intention to recognise an operation as justifying the award of the **Tshumelo Ikatelaho - General Service Medal**. It shall not be awarded for the same circumstances as those for which a campaign medal has been designated and awarded.

Rule 6

The medal shall be awarded once only. The medal may be accompanied by a distinctive clasp 33 millimetres in

length and 5 millimetres wide, embossed with a name, date, description or device indicating the particular campaign or operation for which the medal has been conferred, to be affixed to the ribbon from which the medal is pendent. Additional clasps may be instituted to identify campaigns or operations in which members of the South African National Defence Force have been engaged and for which the President has approved the conferment of the medal. The clasps shall be worn evenly spaced from the suspender upwards to the top of the ribbon. The granting of clasps shall signify only participation in campaigns or operations and not that the **Tshumelo Ikatelaho - General Service Medal** has been awarded again. Only one medal shall be worn until the President decides to institute a subsequent medal for general service. Several medals for general service may be worn provided that they have been instituted for different periods of time.

Rule 7

The medal may be awarded posthumously. The next of kin or heir of a recipient upon whom the medal may have been conferred posthumously shall also be given the clasps that indicate the campaigns or operations in which the recipient rendered qualifying service.

Rule 8

The conferment of the medal shall not entitle the recipients to any individual precedence, rank or title, nor to the use of any letters to indicate that they hold the medal.

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Rule 9

In accordance with these Rules and the Regulations for the granting, forfeiture, annulment and restoration of the medal, the President may confer awards, declare awards forfeited, annul awards and restore awards after forfeiture.

Rule 10

Every recipient of the medal shall be entitled to

1. a miniature thereof and to wear the miniature on appropriate occasions as prescribed by the Dress Regulations;
2. a certificate of award, in a form determined by the Chief of the South African National Defence Force.

Rule 11

A sealed pattern of the medal and of the clasps, together with a sealed pattern of a reproduction in miniature, half the size of the medal, shall be kept in the Presidency.

REGULATIONS FOR THE TSHUMELO IKATELAHO - GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL

In terms of Section 84(2)(k) of the *Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 (Act No. 108 of 1996)*, read with Section 136(3) of the *Defence Act, 1957 (Act No. 44 of 1957)*, the President of the Republic of South Africa has made the following Regulations for the award, annulment and restoration of the **Tshumelo Ikatelaho - General Service Medal**.

REGULATIONS FOR THE AWARD, FORFEITURE, ANNULMENT AND RESTORATION OF THE TSHUMELO IKATELAHO - GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL

Regulation 1

Precedence. The medal shall take precedence as an award for campaigns and operations in the Official Table of Precedence as published from time to time by the President.

Regulation 2

Award of the Medal to a Prisoner of War or a Person Missing in Operations. If the medal is awarded to a person who is a prisoner of war, or is missing in an operation, such award shall not be announced until the person concerned has ceased to be a prisoner of war or to be missing, and the date of award shall be mentioned in such an announcement.

Regulation 3Issue of the Medal.

1. The medal, ribbon and the miniature thereof as well as the certificate of award shall be issued only once to a recipient at State expense. Replacement after loss thereof shall be effected at the expense of the recipient or next of kin.

2. A single numbered specimen of the medal and its ribbon and of the miniature medal and ribbon, may be made available to an accredited museum or similar institution approved of by a Designated Officer and subject to conditions approved by the Treasury. The unique number shall be preceded by the capital letter "M".

3. A letter explaining the significance of the award and the privileges and duties in respect of the medal shall accompany each award. A similar letter shall accompany each medal issued to museums and similar institutions.

Regulation 4Registration and Publication.

1. A unique serial number shall be stamped or engraved on each full-sized medal but not on the miniature thereof.

2. A Designated Officer shall maintain a permanent Register in which shall be recorded

- a. the serial number of each medal;
- b. the names of the recipients or of the museums or institutions to whom or to which medals have been awarded or donated and the dates of the award or donation;
- c. any forfeiture, annulment, loss, replacement or restoration of a medal and the dates of each action.

3. Each award, forfeiture, annulment and restoration of the medal shall be published in the Orders of the South African National Defence Force.

4. The publication of the recipient's name in the Orders of the South African National Defence Force is the sole authority for the recipient to wear the ribbon, medal or miniature of the medal.

Regulation 5

Presentation. When it is practicable, the medal shall be presented to a recipient on a parade provided that should a recipient have died before the presentation, the medal may be presented on a parade or otherwise to the next of kin or to any other person at the discretion of a Designated Officer.

Regulation 6

Forfeiture of the Medal. In accordance with Rule 9, and subject to the provisions of the *Promotion of the Administration of Justice Act, 2000 (Act No. 3 of 2000)*, the President may declare a medal awarded in terms of the provisions of this Warrant forfeited for not more than five years if the recipient is convicted by any military

court established in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the *Military Discipline Supplementary Measures Act, 1999 (Act No. 16 of 1999)*, or by a civilian court and sentenced to any punishment.

1. The period of forfeiture shall be calculated from the date of conviction.
2. The medal may be restored at any time before expiration of the period for which it was forfeited if it is the opinion of the President that the recipient has become in every way deserving and worthy of the restoration.
3. Upon the expiry of the full period for which the medal was forfeited, it shall be restored without any further declaration by the President.
4. Upon forfeiture by the President, the medal shall be withdrawn from the holder who shall no longer be permitted to wear the medal, the clasps thereto or the ribbon.
5. Should any person whose awards have been forfeited at any time wear the medal, the clasps or the ribbon, that person shall be guilty of an offence and shall be dealt with according to the provisions of the Military Discipline Code.

Regulation 7

Annulment of the Award of the Medal.

1. In accordance with Rule 9, and subject to the provisions of the *Promotion of the Administration of Justice Act, 2000 (Act No. 3 of 2000)*, the President may declare any award made in terms of the provisions of this Warrant annulled if the recipient:
 - a. is convicted of high treason, sedition, mutiny or any other crime which amounts to a similar offence; or
 - b. is convicted and sentenced to any punishment that justifies annulment or is sentenced to be cashiered; or
 - c. is to be dismissed in the case of an Officer or to be discharged with ignominy or to be discharged in the case of Other Ranks, from the South African National Defence Force.
2. Upon annulment by the President, the medal and clasps thereto shall be permanently withdrawn from the holder who shall no longer have the right to wear the medal, the clasps thereto or the ribbon.
3. Should any person whose awards have been annulled at any time wear the medal, the clasps or the ribbon, that person shall be guilty of an offence and shall be dealt with according to the provisions of the Military Discipline Code.

Regulation 8

Surrender by Recipients. Recipients of the medal shall, upon forfeiture or annulment of the award of the medal, surrender their medals, the miniatures thereof and certificates of the awards to a Designated Officer.

Regulation 9

Restoration. In accordance with the terms of Rule 3, the medal may be restored if it is the opinion of the President that the recipient is in every way deserving and worthy of the restoration.

Regulation 10Disposal, Loss and Replacement.

1. No person to whom the medal has been awarded in terms of this Warrant or to whom it has descended by bequeathal or otherwise shall pledge, barter, sell or dispose of such medal other than by way of testamentary bequest.
2. A recipient shall report the loss or theft of a medal in writing to the Chief of the South African National Defence Force. A museum or similar institution to which a medal shall have been issued shall also report the loss or theft of a medal in writing to the Chief of the South African National Defence Force.
3. If a Designated Officer is of the opinion that the loss is not due to the negligence or default of the recipient, he may authorise replacement at Government expense, but in every other case replacement shall be made against payment.

Regulation 11

Definitions. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise indicates,

1. "Designated Officer" shall mean an officer appointed by the Chief of the South African National Defence Force to perform the functions prescribed with which the officer has been charged under these Regulations.
2. "award" shall mean the conferment of the Medal referred to in Rule 1 of the Rules.
3. "annulment" shall mean that an award is declared to be cancelled and void and of no effect.
4. "clasp" shall mean a metal brooch embossed with a name, date, description or device indicating a particular campaign or operation to signify participation in campaigns or operations by recipients of the **Tshumelo Ikatelaho - General Service Medal**.
5. "forfeiture" shall mean that
 - a. prior to the award of the medal, the conferment of the medal or the bars thereto may be deferred for a prescribed period of time which period, however, shall be permanently erased from the member's total period of service; or
 - b. after the award of the medal the recipient may be deprived of the medal and the bars thereto and the right to wear the medal, the bars and the ribbon for a prescribed period of time, which period shall be permanently erased from the member's total period of service.
6. "honour" shall mean the **Tshumelo Ikatelaho - General Service Medal**.
7. "medal" shall mean the **Tshumelo Ikatelaho - General Service Medal**.
8. "recipient" shall mean any person to whom the medal has been awarded in terms of these Rules and Regulations.
9. "ribbon bar" shall mean one or more strips of medal ribbon sewn or otherwise affixed to a metal brooch or strip of buckram or other stiffening material for wear when medals themselves are not to be worn;
10. "Rules" and "Regulations" shall mean the Rules and the Regulations for the award of the **Tshumelo Ikatelaho - General Service Medal**.