

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND SECURITY
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REGULATIONS FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE

The Minister for Safety and Security has made the regulations in the Schedule under section 24(1)(t) of the South African Police Service Act, 1995 (**Act No. 68 of 1995**).


C. NQAKULA**Minister for Safety and Security****SCHEDULE****REGULATIONS REGARDING MEDALS AND DECORATIONS****1. Wearing of decorations and medals**

- (1)** Decorations, medals, bars, clasps and ribbons, including any miniature reproduction thereof, must be worn with due regard to the provisions *of* the Warrants in terms of which they have been instituted.
- (2)** The National Commissioner may determine the occasions at and the circumstances in which a decoration, medal, bar and clasp, as well as **any** miniature reproduction thereof, may be worn.
- (3)** A decoration, medal, bar, clasp or ribbon, including any miniature reproduction thereof, may be worn only by a person to whom it has been awarded.

2. Certificate of award and undertaking by recipient

- (1) The National Commissioner or an officer designated by him or her, must issue a certificate of award ~~in~~ respect of each decoration or medal awarded.
- (2) Except in the case of a posthumous award, the National Commissioner may require from any person to whom a decoration or medal has been awarded, to give a written undertaking that he or she will —
 - (a) not, at any time, give away, throw away, sell, pledge, barter or ~~in~~ any **way** other than ~~by~~ bequest, alienate such decoration, medal, bar, clasp or **ribbon**, including any miniature reproduction thereof, or the certificate of award in respect of such decoration or medal;
 - (b) immediately report *the* loss thereof to the National Commissioner in writing; and
 - (c) immediately return *to the* National Commissioner any such decoration or medal and the bar, clasp or ribbon, including any miniature reproduction thereof as well as the certificate of award ~~in~~ respect thereof which, in terms of these Regulations, have been cancelled, annulled or declared forfeited.

3. Presentation of decorations and medals

- (1) A decoration, medal, bar, clasp or ribbon, including any miniature reproduction thereof, or the certificate of award in respect of such decoration or medal shall, if at all possible, be presented —
 - (a) to the person on ~~whom~~ it is conferred himself or herself, and in the case of a posthumous conferment, to the next-of-kin, other relative or legal heir of the deceased person, as the National Commissioner may decide; and
 - (b) on parade or at a special gathering.

4. Forfeiture

- (1) The Minister, upon the recommendation of the National Commissioner, may cancel or annul the awarding of a decoration or medal and declare that it is forfeited, if the person to whom it was awarded —
 - (a) deserts from the Service, or is discharged therefrom on account of misconduct; or
 - (b) is convicted of any crime contemplated in Schedule I of the Criminal Procedure Act, 1977 (Act No. 51 of 1977).
- (2) The cancellation or annulment and forfeiture of a decoration or medal in terms of subregulation (1) means the forfeiture of any bar, clasp or miniature reproduction thereof, as well as any certificate of award.
- (3) If a decoration or medal has been cancelled or annulled and declared forfeited, the person to whom it was awarded must forthwith return to the National Commissioner the decoration or medal and the bar, clasp or ribbon, including any miniature reproduction thereof, as well as the certificate of award in respect of such decoration or medal.
- (4) Any person whose decoration or medal was cancelled or annulled and declared forfeited in terms of this regulation, may make written representations to the Minister for the restoration of the forfeited decoration or medal.
- (5) The Minister may restore the awarding of a decoration or medal if, after consideration of the written representations contemplated in subregulation (4), he or she is satisfied that the restoration of the decoration or medal that was cancelled or annulled and declared forfeited, will not bring the said decoration or medal in disrepute.

- (6) If the Minister has restored a decoration or medal as provided for in subregulation (5), the decoration or medal and any bar, clasp or ribbon relating thereto, including any miniature reproduction thereof, and the certificate of award in respect of such decoration or medal, must be returned to the person to whom it was awarded.

5. Theft, loss, destruction or damage

- (1) The person to whom a decoration or medal was awarded must forthwith report to the National Commissioner the theft, loss or destruction of or damage to a decoration, medal, bar, clasp or ribbon, including any miniature reproduction thereof, or the certificate of award in respect of **such** decoration or medal.
- (2) The National Commissioner may authorize the replacement of a decoration, medal, bar, clasp or ribbon, including any miniature reproduction thereof, or the certificate of award in respect of such decoration or medal, if he or she is satisfied that it has been stolen, lost, destroyed or damaged.
- (3) The National Commissioner shall decide whether the replacement of a decoration, medal, bar, clasp or ribbon, or the certificate of award in respect of such decoration or medal, which has been stolen, lost, destroyed or damaged, shall be issued at the expense of the recipient, or at the expense of the State: Provided that, a miniature reproduction of a decoration, medal, bar, clasp or ribbon shall be issued only at the expense of the recipient.

6. Specimens for museums

A specimen of a decoration, medal, bar, clasp or ribbon, including any miniature reproduction thereof, may be made available to recognized museums or similar institutions with the written approval of the National Commissioner or an officer designated by him or her.

7. South African Police Service Canine and Equine ~~Star~~ for Bravery

These regulations shall with the necessary changes apply to the "South African Police Service Canine and Equine Star for Bravery".

8. Transitional arrangements

- (1) A member who qualified on or before **16 July 2004** to **be** awarded a medal mentioned in column **A** of the following table and who has not yet been awarded the said medal, qualifies to be awarded the corresponding medal mentioned in column **B** of the table.

COLUMN A	COLUMN B
South African Police Cross for Bravery (Gold).	South African Police Service Gold Cross for Bravery.
Bravery.	
South African Police Star for Outstanding Service.	South African Police Service Gold Medal for Outstanding Service.
South African Police Star for Merit.	South African Police Service Thirty Year Loyal Service Medal.
South African Police Star for Faithful Service.	South African Police Service Twenty Year Loyal Service Medal.
South African Police Medal for Faithful Service.	South African Police Service Ten Year Loyal Service Medal.

- (2) A member who qualified on or before 16 July **2004** for a bar of the South African Police Star for Faithful Service after having completed **40** years service and who has not yet been awarded the said bar, qualifies to **be** awarded the South African Police Service Forty Year Loyal Service Medal.
- (3) These Regulations are applicable, with the necessary changes, to a decoration or medal awarded prior **to** 16 July 2004.

10. Repeal

The Regulations Regarding Medals **and** Decorations promulgated in Government Notice R990, dated 5 **July** 1963 are repealed.

11. Short title

These Regulations shall **be** known as **the** Regulations regarding Medals and Decorations **for** the South African Police Service, 2005.