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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.