



Republic of Namibia
Annotated Statutes

REGULATIONS

REGULATIONS SURVIVING IN TERMS OF

Police Act 19 of 1990
section 45(2)

**Regulations for the Control and Award of Decorations, Orders
and Medals to the South African Police**

RSA Government Notice R.990 of 1963

[\(RSA GG 547\)](#)

came into force on date of publication: 5 July 1963

These regulations were originally made in terms of section 33 of the Police Act 7 of 1958, which was repealed by the Police Act 19 of 1990. Pursuant to section 45(2) of the Police Act 19 of 1990, the regulations are deemed to have been made under that Act.

These regulations were initially entitled “Regulations relating to ‘The South African Police Cross for Bravery’, ‘The South African Police Star for Distinguished Service’, ‘The South African Police Star for Merit’ and ‘The South African Police Medal for Faithful Service’”. RSA GN R.1035/1979 changed the name of the regulations to “Regulations relating to: The South African Police Cross for Bravery; The South African Police Star for Distinguished Leadership; The South African Police Star for Distinguished Service; The South African Police Star for Outstanding Service; The South African Police Star for Merit; The South African Police Star for Faithful Service; The South African Police Medal for Faithful Service; and The South African Police Medal for Combating Terrorism”.

However, the 1979 and 1980 enactments relating to these regulations describe them as the “Regulations for the Control and Award of Decorations, Orders and Medals to the South African Police”. This shorter name is used here for convenience.

as corrected by

RSA Government Notice R.1130 of 1963 [\(RSA GG 567\)](#)

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and as amended by

RSA Government Notice R.1035 of 1979 [\(RSA GG 6451\)](#)

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as amended by RSA Government Notice R.424 of 1980 [\(RSA GG 6874\)](#)

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[The entire set of regulations was substituted by RSA GN R.1035/1979, which was presented as an “amendment” to the original set of regulations.]

SCOPE OF APPLICATION OF REGULATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

1. The provisions of these Regulations shall apply in respect of all decorations, orders, medals, bars, clasps and ribbons which may be awarded exclusively to a person who -
 - (1) is or was a member of the South African Police Force established in terms of section 2 of the Police Act, 1958 (Act No. 7 of 1958);
 - (2) has rendered services of a particularly meritorious nature to the South African Police;

and unless the context otherwise indicates -

- (a) “Commissioner” means the Commissioner of the South African Police appointed under section 3 of the aforesaid Act;
- (b) “prescribe” or “prescribed” means prescribed by the Commissioner.

[regulation 1 substituted by RSA GN R.424/1980, which amends RSA GN R.1035/1979]

WEARING OF DECORATIONS, ORDERS AND MEDALS

2. (1) Decorations, orders, medals, bars, clasps and ribbons shall, with due regard to the provisions of the Warrants in terms of which they are instituted, be worn in the prescribed manner.
- (2) The occasions on and the circumstances under which decorations, orders, medals, bars and clasps as well as any miniature reproductions thereof may be worn, may be prescribed.
- (3) A decoration order or medal as well as the bar, clasp and ribbon in respect thereof, may be worn only by a person to whom such award has been made.

CERTIFICATE OF AWARD AND UNDERTAKING BY RECIPIENT

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3. A certificate of award, in the prescribed form and signed by the Commissioner or an officer designated by him, shall be issued in respect of each decoration, order or medal awarded.

4. Except in the case of a posthumous conferment, the Commissioner may require any person to whom, a decoration, order, medal, bar or clasp has been awarded, to give a written undertaking that he will -

- (a) not, at any time, give away, throw away, sell, pledge, barter or in any way other than by bequest, alienate such decoration, order, medal, bar, clasp or certificate of award in respect thereof;
- (b) immediately report the loss thereof to the Commissioner in writing; and
- (c) immediately return to the Commissioner any such conferment which, in terms of these regulations, may be cancelled, annulled or declared forfeited.

5. A decoration, order, medal, bar or clasp and a certificate of award in respect thereof, shall, if at all possible, be presented -

- (a) to the person on whom it is conferred himself, and in the case of a posthumous conferment, to the next-of-kin, other relative or legal heir of the deceased person, as the Commissioner may decide;
- (b) on parade or at a special gathering.

FORFEITURE

6. (1) The award of a decoration, order or medal may be cancelled, annulled or declared forfeited if the person to whom it was made -

- (a) deserts from the Police force or is discharged or dismissed therefrom on account of misconduct; or
- (b) is found guilty of treason, *crimen laesae majestatis*, sedition or any other offence, which either under the common law or any statute, clearly endangers the safety of the State; or
- (c) is found guilty of any other offence of a dishonest or disgraceful nature.

(2) The cancellation, annulment and forfeiture of a decoration, order or medal in terms of subregulation (1), shall also result in the forfeiture of any bar or clasp in respect thereof as well as any certificate of award.

(3) A decoration, order or medal as well as any bar, clasp and certificate of award in respect thereof shall, upon cancellation, annulment or forfeiture, be returned to the Commissioner immediately.

7. Any recommendation for the restoration of a forfeited decoration, order or medal as well as any bar, clasp and certificate of award in respect thereof, shall be considered on its merits.

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THEFT, LOSS, DESTRUCTION OR DAMAGE

8. (1) The theft, loss, destruction of or damage to a decoration, order, medal, bar, clasp or certificate of award, shall immediately be reported to the Commissioner.

(2) The Commissioner may authorise replacement, at the expense of a recipient of a decoration, order, medal, bar or clasp as well as the ribbon in respect thereof, which has been stolen, lost, destroyed or irreparably damaged: Provided that such replacement at the expense of the State, may be authorised if the Commissioner, after due inquiry and upon sworn information, is satisfied that the theft, loss, destruction or damage was not due to the recipient's negligence or carelessness.

REPRODUCTIONS IN MINIATURE

9. A miniature reproduction of a decoration, order, medal, bar or clasp shall be issued only at the expense of the recipient.

SPECIMENS FOR MUSEUMS

10. Specimens of a decoration, order, medal, bar, clasp, ribbon, as well as miniature reproductions thereof may, with the approval of the Commissioner, be made available to recognised museums or similar institutions.

PROCEDURE

11. A recommendation for the award, cancellation, annulment, forfeiture, restoration or replacement of a decoration, order, medal, bar or clasp, shall be submitted in accordance with the prescribed procedure.

POLICE GOOD SERVICE MEDALS ALREADY AWARDED

12. The award of the "POLICE GOOD SERVICE MEDAL", as well as the bar thereto, ceased with effect from the first day of September, 1963, and the provisions of regulations 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 shall, in so far as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of regulation 64 of the regulations published under Government Notice No. 3250 of 1951, *mutatis mutandis* apply to such a medal which has been awarded prior to that date.