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The National Honours and Awards Regulations, 2014.

*(Made under section 18 of the National Honours and Awards Act, 2001
(Act No. 14 of 2001))*

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon the President by section 18 of the National Honours and Awards Act, 2001, these Regulations are made this 17th day of January, 2014.

PART I—PRELIMINARY

1. Title.

These Regulations may be cited as the National Honours and Awards Regulations, 2014.

2. Interpretation.

In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“Act” means the National Honours and Awards Act, 2001, Act No. 14 of 2001;

“Committee” means the Presidential Awards Committee established by section 4 of the Act;

“distinguished” means excellent conduct for a particular act or deed which merits recognition;

“honour” means a title of honour;

“liberation struggles” means the struggles against the regimes of dictatorship in power from 1971 to 26th January, 1986;

“order” means a group of individuals who through their actions have distinguished themselves and earned national recognition through award to a special class of distinction by the State;

“rank of honour” means an Order, Medal, Decoration or any other dignity specified in the Act.

PART II—DESCRIPTION OF HONOURS

Civilian Decorations and Medals

3. The Most Excellent Order of the Pearl of Africa (The Grand Master).

(1) The President may award the honour of the Most Excellent Order of the Pearl of Africa to a person for his or her invaluable support to the Republic of Uganda.

(2) The description of the honour is as specified in Schedule 1 in relation to it.

4. The Excellent Order of the Pearl of Africa (The Grand Commander).

(1) The President may award the honour of the Excellent Order of the Pearl of Africa to a spouse of a Head of State, a Vice President, a Crown Prince and Princess, his or her invaluable support to the Republic of Uganda, in matters of national interest.

(2) The description of the honour is as specified in Schedule 1 in relation to it.

5. The Distinguished Order of the Nile.

(1) The President may award the honour of the Distinguished Order of the Nile to a person who excels in production, research, economic development, social or cultural enterprises.

(2) The honour of the Distinguished Order of the Nile shall comprise the following classes—

- (a) Grand Commander;
- (b) Grand Officer;
- (c) Commander;
- (d) Officer; and
- (e) Member.

(3) The President may award the honour of Grand Commander specified in sub-regulation (2) (a) to a person who promotes Uganda abroad through artistic, scientific or cultural work.

(4) The honour of Grand Commander specified in sub regulation (3) may be awarded to—

- (a) a person working in the public service;
- (b) a member of a cultural, religious, academic or scientific institution;
- (c) a member of the public or private sector;
- (d) a traditional leader or community leader; or
- (e) a distinguished member of a visiting cultural delegation.

(5) The President may award the honour of Grand Officer specified in sub regulation (2) (b) to a person who excels in science and academic research.

(6) The President may award the honour of Grand Officer specified in sub regulation (5) to—

- (a) an advocate, a doctor, an engineer, an accountant or any other professional who contributes to Uganda both nationally and internationally;
- (b) a member of a visiting cultural delegation who does not qualify for the honour of Grand Commander; or
- (c) a member of the private or public sector.

(7) The President may award the honour of Commander specified under sub-regulation (2) (c) to a person who makes a lasting and extensive impact through his or her work in any profession at any level towards the development of Uganda.

(8) The President may award the honour of Officer specified under sub-regulation (2) (d) to—

- (a) a community or religious leader who distinguishes himself or herself in the promotion and support of a Government programme;
- (b) a sportsperson who excels internationally;
- (c) an artist who gains international stature;
- (d) a deserving person who increases the quality of life or prosperity of Ugandans or;
- (e) an entrepreneur or an innovator.

(9) The President may award the honour of Member specified under sub-regulation (2) (e) to—

- (a) a primary school teacher;
- (b) an artist or entertainer;
- (c) a sportsperson; or
- (d) a member of a non-governmental organisation or a community based organisation.

(10) The description of the honours in this regulation are as specified in Schedule 1 in relation to them.

6. The Distinguished Order of the Crested Crane.

(1) The President may award the honour of the Distinguished Order of the Crested Crane to a person who distinguishes himself or herself in leadership or service in the public or private sectors.

(2) The honour of the Distinguished Order of the Crested Crane shall comprise the following classes—

- (a) Grand Commander;
- (b) Grand Officer;

- (c) Commander;
- (d) Officer; and
- (e) Member.

(3) The President may award the honour of Grand Commander specified under subregulation (2) (a) to—

- (a) the Prime Minister or a retired Prime Minister;
- (b) a civil servant;
- (c) a High Commissioner;
- (d) an Ambassador of Uganda;
- (e) a traditional community leader;
- (f) a member of a foreign Government;
- (h) a politician; or
- (i) a person who assumes risk in the course of executing his or her duties or concern for human life resulting in injury or death or in the circumstances of combating an epidemic, responding to a disaster or extra courage exhibited while responding to sudden catastrophes.

(4) The President may award the honour of Grand Officer under sub-regulation (2) (b) to—

- (a) a political leader of a Local Government;
- (b) an advocate, doctor, engineer or accountant;
- (c) a member of a foreign Government who contributes to the development of Uganda who does not qualify for the award of the honour of Grand Commander; or
- (d) a religious leader.

(5) The President may award the honour of Commander specified in sub-regulation (2) (c) to—

- (a) a civil servant who has distinguished himself or herself in his or her career, including an officer working with a foreign ministry; or
- (b) a member of a foreign Government who has made an invaluable contribution towards the development of Uganda.

(6) The President may award the honour of Officer specified in sub-regulation (2) (d) to—

- (a) a community leader;
- (b) a primary or secondary school teacher;
- (c) a civil servant who exhibits competence and initiative; or
- (d) a deserving person who has increased the quality of life or prosperity of Ugandans.

(7) The President may award the honour of Member specified in sub-regulation (2) (e) to—

- (a) a primary school teacher;
- (b) a secondary teacher;
- (c) an environmental worker; or
- (d) a health worker.

(8) The description of the honours in this regulation are as specified in Schedule 1 in relation to them.

7. The National Independence Medal

(1) The President may award the honour of the National Independence Medal to a person who championed and contributed significantly to the struggle for independence or to a person who has continued to protect the independence of Uganda.

(2) The description of the honour in this regulation is as specified in Schedule 1 in relation to it.

8. The Nalubaale Medal.

(1) The President may award the honour of the Nalubaale Medal to a person who contributed towards the political development of Uganda either through armed struggle or civil disobedience and otherwise right from colonial times to date.

(2) The description of the honour is as specified in Schedule 1 in relation to it.

Military Decorations and Medals

9. The Order of Katonga.

(1) The President may award the honour of the Order of Katonga to a person who exhibits extraordinary instances of heroism in the army.

(2) The description of the honour in this regulation is as specified in Schedule 2 in relation to it.

10. The Kabalega Star.

(1) The President may award the honour of Kabalega Star to a person for conspicuous gallantry that does not justify the Order of Katonga but bordering with the qualification for the award of the Order of Katonga.

(2) The Kabalega Star shall comprise three classes.

(3) The description of the honour in this regulation is as specified in Schedule 2 in relation to it.

11. The Rwenzori Star.

(1) The President may award the honour of the Rwenzori Star to a person who distinguishes himself or herself or who is exemplary in the military service, which shall include exceptionally meritorious service or great responsibility in military service.

(2) The Rwenzori Star shall comprise three classes.

(3) The description of the honour in this regulation is as specified in Schedule 2 in relation to it.

12. The Masaba Star.

(1) The President may award the honour of the Masaba Star to a person under the same circumstances described in the award of the Kabalega Medal, but where the gallantry is not as conspicuous as in the Kabalega Medal.

(2) The description of the honour in this regulation is as specified in Schedule 2 in relation to it.

13. The Damu Medal.

(1) The President may award the honour of the Damu Medal to a member in the military who was or is wounded in action—

- (a) against an enemy;
- (b) with an opposing armed or hostile force of a foreign country;
- (c) while serving with a friendly foreign force engaged in armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which Uganda is not a belligerent party;
- (d) as a result of an act of an enemy or opposing armed force;
- (e) as a result of any military operation while serving outside the territory of Uganda as part of a peace keeping force;
- (f) as a result of a terrorist attack against Uganda;
- (g) as a result of injury by an enemy while taken as a prisoner of war; or
- (h) as a result of a military operation during a liberation struggle.

(2) The President may award the honour of Damu Medal to an officer, man or woman killed in action during the liberation struggles.

(3) The description of the honour in this regulation is as specified in Schedule 2 in relation to it.

14. The Luwero Triangle Medal.

(1) The President may award the honour of the Luwero Triangle Medal to—

- (a) an officer, man or woman who joined the military at the climax of the armed struggles against dictatorships in Uganda from 1981 to 1986; or
- (b) a civilian who operated closely with the armed freedom fighters during the struggles against dictatorship from 1981 to 1986.

(2) The description of the honour in this regulation is as specified in Schedule 2 in relation to it.

15. The Kagera Medal.

(1) The President may award the honour of the Kagera Medal to a person who participated in fighting dictatorship from 1971 to 1979.

(2) The description of the honour in this regulation is as specified in Schedule 2 in relation to it.

16. The Order of Lukaya.

(1) The President may award the honour of the Order of Lukaya to a person under the same circumstances described in the award of the Kagera Medal who participated in the 1979 battle at Lukaya.

(2) The description of the honour is as specified in Schedule 2 in relation to it.

17. The Kyoga Medal

(1) The President may award the honour of the Kyoga Medal to an officer, man or woman in the army who gallantry fought and defeated an insurgency in any part of Uganda.

(2) The description of the honour is as specified in Schedule 2 in relation to it.

18. Nomination.

(1) A person, community, an organisation, professional body or similar group may recommend to the Committee a person who fulfills the requirements for an award under the Act by filling in the nomination form specified in Schedule 3.

(2) A person nominating a candidate under regulation (1) shall submit the completed nomination form to the Presidential Awards Committee, through the Chancery for consideration.

19. Assessment of nominations.

(1) The Committee shall seek to satisfy itself that the person nominated has—

- (a) demonstrated an outstanding achievement at a high and significant level;
- (b) made voluntary contribution over and above what might be reasonably expected through paid employment; or
- (c) through voluntary contribution, stands out from others who may have made a valuable contribution.

(2) The Committee shall, after assessing the nomination, recommend to the President for approval—

- (a) the person to award the honour; and
- (b) the type and class of the honour.

20. Nominations to be confidential.

(1) All information in a nomination form shall be confidential.

(2) The nominee shall not be contacted for any information from any person at anytime, during the nomination process.

21. Notice of the nomination.

A person recommended for an honour shall—

- (a) be notified of the nomination at least one week to the award ceremony; or
- (b) receive a written offer of the honour and shall have his or her name published in the *Gazette*.

PART IV—THE INSIGNIA OF THE MEDALS AND WEARING THE MEDALS.

22. Insignia.

The insignia for the different honours shall have the specifications in Schedules 1 and 2.

23. Wearing a Medal.

(1) A recipient of a medal shall be given—

- (a) a full-size medal;
- (b) a miniature with a ribbon;
- (c) where applicable, a ribbon bar; and
- (d) where applicable, a lapel badge or brooch.

(2) A recipient who is a woman shall receive a full-size medal and miniature set and a man shall receive a neck badge.

24. How to wear a medal.

A person who is awarded a medal shall wear the medal on civilian or military attire and shall pin the medal above the left breast as specified in Schedule 4.

25. Uniformed officers.

A member of a uniformed service shall wear his or her medal on the uniform in accordance with the dress code of the service.

26. Multiple awards.

A person who is awarded more than one honours shall, mount on a medal bar the insignia in the order specified in Schedule 4.

27. An Award made to next of kin.

An honour presented to a next of kin of a recipient shall be pinned on the right breast.

28. When to wear a Medal.

A person shall wear different medals according to the type of event as follows—

- (a) where decorations are prescribed at a day function—
 - (i) a male recipient with more than one medal shall wear his decoration, full size, suspended from the medal bar;
 - (ii) a female recipient with more than one award may mount the miniatures on a bar and wear only one full-size piece of insignia on its bow immediately below her miniatures and the full-size is that of the highest award;
- (b) where decorations are prescribed at an evening reception and dinner, the miniature insignia shall be worn except the neck badge which is worn in full-size; and
- (c) on everyday wear, a lapel badge or brooch may be worn on civilian clothes at any time and only one badge may be worn at a given time and not when other medal pieces are worn.

PART V—GENERAL PROVISIONS.

29. Precedence.

The honours specified in these Regulations shall have precedence in the descending order in which they appear.

30. Post-nominal entitlements.

(1) A person awarded an honour under the Act shall use the indicative letters of the medals after his or her name as specified in Schedule 5.

(2) If a person is awarded more than one honour, the sequence of the inductive letters shall be indicated by the order of wearing the medals specified in regulation 24.

31. Conversion or transfer.

(1) A person awarded an honour may transfer or auction the insignia to another person, a collector or dealer at a cost commensurate to the level of the honour.

(2) The person who receives a medal on transfer or auction may wear the insignia but shall not be entitled to any other privilege that may be awarded to the original person.

(3) A medal shall not be smelted or used to produce other medals.