

HONOURS REGULATION

1980

Explanatory Note

The purpose of this Regulation is to provide for the creation of honours in the Republic of Vanuatu.

Honours may be in the form of orders to which persons may be appointed and medals and decorations.

Under Section 1 special medals may be issued for different classes of persons and for special occasions.

The Schedule contains provision for the Independence Medal.

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The Resident Commissioners Regulation bringing this Regulation into force as a law will provide that it shall be cited as the Honours Regulation 1980 and shall come into force on the Day of Independence.

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Part 1

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Part 2

Description of Vanuatu Independence Medal

RESOLUTION No. OF 1980

To provide for the award of honours in the Republic.

The Representative Assembly at its sitting on the day of 1980 hereby resolves and decides in accordance with Article 23 of the Schedule to the Exchange of Notes of 15th September 1977 to adopt the following measures :-

Establishment  
of Orders of  
Honour Medals  
and decorations.

1. (1) The President may on the advice of the Council of Ministers by order published in the Vanuatu Gazette establish or create -
  - (a) orders of honour for the purpose of granting recognition to citizens and other persons for achievements or distinguished service;
  - (b) decorations for persons who perform acts of bravery;
  - (c) decorations limited to members of disciplined forces of the Republic who perform acts of bravery;
  - (d) medals for long service for members of the disciplined forces of the Republic;
  - (e) medals to mark historic events in the Republic to be awarded to persons holding certain offices or of certain lengths of service or who have given good service.
- (2) The order creating an order of honour medal or decoration may provide conditions relating to the order of honour, medal or decoration generally including -
  - (a) the division of the award into classes or divisions;
  - (b) the manner by which persons may be chosen to receive the award; and
  - (c) the restriction of the award to an issue of a certain number or to a maximum number of persons who may be appointed to it or hold it from time to time.

Provision for  
Independence  
Medal.

2. The medal provided for in the Schedule hereto shall be deemed to have been established in accordance with Section 1.

Awards to be  
made by  
President.

3. A person may be appointed to an order of honour or granted a medal or decoration by the President acting on the advice of the Prime Minister.

Award to be  
gazetted.

4. The name of any person appointed to an order of honour or granted a medal or decoration in accordance with this Regulation shall be published in the Vanuatu Gazette.

Citation.

5. (1) When appointing a person to an order of honour or granting a medal or decoration the President shall sign a citation giving brief reasons for the appointment or grant.
- (2) When the grant of a medal or decoration is for an act of bravery short details shall be included in the citation of the facts related to the act.

Posthumous Awards.

6. A posthumous award may be made of a decoration granted for an act of bravery.

Orders.

7. The President, on the advice of the Prime Minister may by order provide for -
  - (a) the cancellation of an award made in accordance with this Regulation;
  - (b) the manner of wearing insignia of orders of honour and medals and decorations;
  - (c) any conditions not provided for in an order creating an order of honour, medal or decoration;
  - (d) any other matter that may provide for the better carrying into effect of the provisions of this Regulation.

Offences.

8. Any person who :-
  - (a) Counterfeits the insignia of an order or a medal or decoration;
  - (b) without right wears or makes use of the insignia of an order or a medal or decoration;
  - (c) falsely represents himself as entitled to wear an insignia of an order or a medal or decoration; or
  - (d) wilfully defaces or destroys an insignia of an order or a medal or decorationcommits an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine of FNH 20,000 or to imprisonment for one year or to both such fine and imprisonment.

SCHEDULE

Vanuatu Independence Medal

PART 1

1. There is hereby created a medal to be known as the Vanuatu Independence Medal.
2. The medal is described in Part 2 of this Schedule.
3. The medal is limited to an issue of 300.

4. The medal may be awarded to -
- (a) Heads of State and other foreign dignatories who are invited to and do attend the celebrations of the independence of Vanuatu;
  - (b) persons holding certain offices;
  - (c) persons who have contributed with distinction to the attainment of Independence.

PART 2

Description of Vanuatu Independence Medal

- (a) Made of cupro nickel - Silver colour and suspended from a ribbon.
- (b) Circular in shape with a Diameter of 36 millimetres.
- (c) Raised edge round circumference on obverse and reverse.
- (d) Obverse bears in relief the Vanuatu Coat of arms and the Word "Vanuatu" above it and the Word "Independence" below it followed by "1980".
- (e) Reverse bears in relief the national emblem namely a stylised curved pigs tusk making a circle round crossed namele leaves.
- (f) Ribbon has five vertical bands of colour which are from the left :-
  - (1) Red 10 millimetres
  - (2) Black 3 millimetres
  - (3) Gold 4 millimetres
  - (4) Black 3 millimetres
  - (5) Green 10 millimetres