# FIJI COLLEGE OF HONOUR

# HONOURS AND AWARDS ACT, 1995 (ACT No.7 of 1995)

# PRESIDENTIAL CHARTERS

# FIJI

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## **ACT NO. 7 OF 1995**

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## **ACT NO. 7 OF 1995**



I assent.

[L.S.]

K. K. T. MARA President

[8 March 1995]

# **AN ACT**

# TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HONOURS AND AWARDS OF FIJI

**ENACTED** by the Parliament of Fiji -

# **PART I - PRELIMINARY**

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Honours and Awards Act*, 1995.

Commencement

2. This Act shall come into force on the day it is published in the Fiji Republic Gazette.

Interpretation

3. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires-

'Chancellor' means the Chancellor of the Order of Fiji;

'College' means the College of Honour;

'Order' means the Order of Fiji;

'President' means the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Sovereign Democratic Republic of Fiji;

'relevant Minister' means the minister responsible for the administration of a Government department or ministry for the time being;

'Secretary' means the secretary of the Order of Fiji.

#### PART II - ESTABLISHMENT OF HONOURS AND AWARDS

## Establishment of Honours and Awards

- **4.**-(1) There shall be established, under this Act, an honours and awards system for Fiji.
- (2) The President shall be the fount of all honours and awards for Fiji.
- (3) The President shall establish the Order of Fiji and such other orders, decorations as he thinks fit.
- (4) The President shall issue charters and regulations in establishing honours and awards under subsection (3) of this Section.

Chancellor of the Order of Fiji

- **5.**-(1) There shall be a Chancellor of the Order who shall be the President.
- (2) The Chancellor shall be the Principal Companion in the General Division.
- (3) The President, upon ceasing to hold office as President, shall continue to be a member of the Order in the General Division in the Companion class.
- (4) The Chancellor shall be responsible for the administration of the Order of Fiji.

# Functions of the Chancellor

- **6.** The functions of the Chancellor shall be-
  - (a) with the advice of the College of Honour, to -
    - (i) appoint members of the Order in the General Division;
    - (ii) approve any award of the Medal of the Order in the General Division;
    - (iii) approve any award for civilian bravery;
    - (iv) approve any other honour or medal for decoration that may be referred to the College under this Act;
  - (b) upon recommendation by the relevant Minister, to-

- (i) appoint members of the Order in the Military Division;
- (ii) approve the grant of all awards of the Medal of the Order in the Military Division;
- (iii) approve the grant of all awards for the uniformed disciplined services;
- (iv) approve the grant of all awards for the Civil Service Medal;
- (v) approve the grant of any other award established under this Act requiring the recommendation of a relevant Minister.

#### Secretary

- **7.** (1) There shall be a Secretary of the Order who shall be appointed by the Public Service Commission after consultation with the President.
- (2) The terms and conditions of the appointment of the Secretary shall be determined by the Public Service Commission.
- (3) The Secretary shall be a public officer.

# *Functions of the Secretary*

- 8.-(1) The functions and duties of the Secretary shall be to-
  - (a) maintain the records of the Order and of the College of Honour;
  - (b) manage the affairs of the Order and the College;
  - (c) act in accordance with any general direction given by the College or the Chancellor;
  - (d) perform all such other functions or duties as the College or the Chancellor may, from time to time, direct.
- (2) The Public Service Commission may employ such other staff as it thinks necessary to assist the Secretary in the performance of his or her functions and duties.

## College of Honour

- **9.**-(1) There shall be a College to be known as the College of Honour consisting of a Chairperson and 4 other members to be appointed by the President for a term of 2 years.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the College shall assist and advise the President in the administration of this Act.
- (3) A member, on the expiration of his or her term, is eligible for re-appointment.
- (4) If any of the members, by reason of any temporary incapacity, is unable at any time to perform the duties of his or her office, the President may appoint a temporary substitute member, upon such terms and conditions as the President may prescribe.
- (5) The President may appoint a member as Chairperson to act in place of the Chairperson during his or her absence for any reason.

- (6) A vacancy in the membership of the College shall not impair the right of the remaining members to act.
- (7) Three members of the College shall constitute a quorum.
- (8) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, the College shall regulate its own procedure.
- (9) Notwithstanding subsection (5) of this Section, the members present at any meeting may nominate a member present to preside in that particular meeting.

# Functions and Duties of the College of Honour

- 10.-(1) The functions and duties of the College shall be to-
  - (a) consider nominations for the appointment to the order or the grant of the Medal of the Order in the General Division;
  - (b) recommend to the President-
    - (i) the appointment of a member of the Order in the General Division; or
    - (ii) an award of the Medal of the Order in the General Division; or
    - (iii) an award for civilian bravery; or
    - (iv) any other award that may be established under this Act;
  - (c) advise the President on such other matters concerning this Act as the President may, from time to time, refer to the College;
  - (d) perform all such other duties as the President may, from time to time, direct.
- (2) Where a member of the College is nominated as a member of the Order or for a decoration for civilian bravery such nomination shall be solely considered by the President without reference to the College.

# Recommendation for other awards

- 11. The relevant Minister shall recommend directly to the President the following-
  - (a) The appointment of a member of the Order or for the grant of the Medal of the Order in the Military Division;
  - (b) an award for Military operational gallantry or leadership;
  - (c) Other awards for the uniformed disciplined services including awards for overseas services:
  - (d) an award for the Civil Service Medal;
  - (e) Any other award or decoration that may be established under this Act under the control of a relevant Minister.

#### PART III – GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### Announcement and Investiture

- **12.** (1) There shall be an annual list of honours and awards granted to be announced and published by notification in the Fiji Republic Gazette on Ratu Sukuna Day in each year or on such other day as the President may determine.
- (2) The investiture of honours and awards shall be made on the Fiji Day holiday in each year and notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, the President may announce the grant of an honour or award and conduct its investiture whenever necessary.
- (3) All grants of honours and awards shall be published by notification in the Fiji Republic Gazette except for certain routine issues of service medals where delegation may be made to the relevant Minister.

#### Decision to be Final

**13.** Any decision made by the President for the grant of an honour or award shall be final and shall not be challenged or quashed in any court of law.

# Offences

- **14.** -(1) It is an offence for any person to
  - (a) accept or obtain from any person, for himself or herself or for any other person, any gift, money or valuable consideration as an inducement or reward for obtaining or assisting to obtain an honour or award to any person;
  - (b) give or offer or propose to give or offer any gift, money or valuable consideration as an inducement for obtaining or to assist in obtaining the grant of an honour or award for himself or herself or any other person;
  - (c) obtain any honour or award by fraud;
  - (d) wear any medal which such person is not entitled or authorised to wear;
  - (e) wear any device resembling any medal with intent to deceive;
  - (f) Claim any honour or award without lawful authority or entitlement;
  - (g) make or propose to make any counterfeit medal resembling any current medal without lawful authority;
  - (h) Give a false or misleading statement with intent to deceive for the purpose of obtaining an honour or ward.
- (2) In this Section, unless the context otherwise requires, "medal" means any medal created and established under this Act.

(3) Any person found guilty of an offence under this Act is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding \$500 or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Passed by the House of Representatives this Twentieth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand, nine hundred and ninety- five.

Passed by the Senate this first day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand, nine hundred and ninety- five.

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# **HONOURS AND AWARDS ACT, 1995**

#### ACT NO. 25 OF 1997

I assent.

[L.S]

K.K.T.MARA President

[24 December 1997]

# **AN ACT**

## TO AMEND THE HONOURS AND AWARDS ACT

ENACTED by the Parliament of Fiji.

Short Title

- 1. This Act may be cited as the Honours and Awards (Amendment) Act, 1997. Interpretation
- 2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, "principal act" means the Honours and Awards Act 1995.

Section "12" amended

- 3. Section "12" of the principal act is amended:
  - (a) in subsection (1), by deleting the words "Ratu Sukuna Day" and substituting the words "New Year's Day";
  - (b) in subsection(2), by deleting the words "the Fiji Day holiday in each year", and substituting the words "dates and at places to be fixed by the Chancellor of the Order in the *Gazette*".

Passed by the House of Representatives this twenty – eight day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand, nine hundred and ninety – seven.

Passed by the Senate this seventeenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand, nine hundred and ninety – seven.

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# HONOURS AND AWARDS ACT, 1995. (No.7 of 1995)

#### PRESIDENTIAL CHARTERS

(Section 4)

**I, Kamisese Kapaiwai Tuimacilai Mara,** President and Commander in Chief of the Republic of Fiji and Chancellor of the Order of Fiji:

**IN PURSUANCE** of the powers conferred upon me under the provisions of Section 4 of the Honours and Awards Act, 1995 do hereby issue the following **Charters** for the **Honours and Awards** for the Republic of Fiji:

- I. Charter for the Order of Fiji.
- II. Charter for the Civilian Bravery Awards.
- III. Charter for the Fiji Military Forces Operational Gallantry Awards.
- IV. Charter for the Fiji Military Forces Operational Leadership Awards.
- V. Charter for the Fiji Military Forces Meritorious Service Decoration.
- VI. Charter for the Fiji Military Forces Meritorious Service Award.
- VII. Charter for the Fiji Military Forces "Service Decoration".
- VIII. Charter for the Fiji Military Forces "Service Award".
  - IX. Charter for the Fiji Military Forces General Service Medal.
  - X. Charter for the Fiji Police Medal.
  - XI. Charter for the Police Long Service Medal.
- XII. Charter for the Police Overseas Service Medal.
- XIII. Charter for the Fiji Prisons Service Efficient Service Decoration.
- XIV. Charter for the Fiji Prisons Service Distinguished Service Award.
- XV. Charter for the Fiji Prisons Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.
- XVI. Charter for the Fiji Fire Service Meritorious Service Medal.
- XVII. Charter for the Fiji Fire Service Long Service Medal.
- XVIII. Charter for the Fiji Civil Service Medal.

**ISSUED** at Government House, Suva this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1995.

K.K.T. MARA.	
PRESIDENT	

## CHAPTER - I

# CHARTER FOR THE ORDER OF FIJI

## PART 1 – PRELIMINARY.

## Short Title

1. This Charter may be cited as the Order of Fiji Charter, 1995.

# PART – 2 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ORDER OF FIJI

# Order of Fiji

- 2. (1) There shall be established the Order of Fiji which shall consist of:-
  - (a) a General Division; and
  - (b) a military Division.
  - (2) Any person appointed to the Order of Fiji shall be appointed in either Division as
    - (a) a companion; or
    - (b) an officer; or
    - (c) a member.
- (3) Any person who is a citizen of Fiji appointed to the Order shall be a member of the Order.
- (4) Any person who is not a citizen of Fiji appointed to the Order shall be an honorary member of the Order.
  - (5) There shall be a Medal of the Order to be called the "Medal of the Order of Fiji".

## **PART 3 – GENERAL DIVISION**

## **Eligibility**

- 3. (1) Any person who is a citizen of Fiji, including any member of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces, is eligible to be appointed to the Order as a member in the General Division.
  - (2) Any person who is not a citizen of Fiji is eligible to be appointed to the Order as an honorary member in the General Division.

## Companions in the General Division.

- 4. (1) Appointment as a Companion or honorary Companion to the Order in the General Division may be made for eminent achievement and merit of the highest degree for service to Fiji or to humanity at large.
  - (2) A person who is not a citizen of Fiji may be appointed as an honorary Companion in the General Division where it is desirable that such person be honoured by Fiji.
  - (3) The Chancellor may appoint not more than 2 Companions, not including honorary Companions, in the General Division in any calendar year.

# Officers in the General Division.

- 5. (1) Appointment as an Officer or honorary Officer to the Order in the General Division may be made for distinguished service of a high degree to Fiji or to humanity at large.
  - (2) A person who is not a citizen of Fiji may be appointed as an honorary Officer in the General Division where it is desirable that such person be honoured by Fiji.
  - (3) The Chancellor may appoint not more than 5 Officers in the General Division, not including honorary Officers, in any calendar year.

## Members in the General Division.

- 6. (1) Appointment as a Member of the Order in the General Division may be made for meritorious service in a particular locality or field of activity or to a particular group.
  - (2) A person who is not a citizen of Fiji may be appointed as an honorary Member in the General Division where it is desirable that such person be honoured by Fiji.
  - (3) The Chancellor may appoint not more than 10 Members in the General Division not including honorary Members, in any calendar year.

# Medal of the Order in the General Division.

- 7. (1) There shall be a Medal of the Order of Fiji in the General Division and such Medal may be awarded by the Chancellor for service worthy of particular recognition.
  - (2) The Chancellor may award the Medal of the Order in the General Division, not including any honorary award of such Medal, to not more than 18 persons in any calendar year.

#### **Nominations**

- 8. (1) Any person or organisation may, in writing, nominate another person for appointment to the Order of Fiji in the General Division or for nomination for the award of the Medal of the Order of Fiji in the General Division.
  - (2) All such nominations must be submitted to the Secretary of the Order of Fiji.

#### PART 4 – MILITARY DIVISION

#### Eligibility.

- 9. (1) Any member of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces is eligible to be appointed as a member of the Order of Fiji in the Military Division.
  - (2) Any member of the armed forces of another country is eligible to be appointed as an honorary member of the Order in the Military Division.
  - (3) The number of appointments, excluding honorary appointments, in the Military Division in any calendar year, shall not exceed one tenth of one percent of the average

number of persons who were members of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces on each day of the immediately preceding year.

# Companions in the Military Division.

- 10. (1) Appointment as a Companion in the Military Division may be made for eminent service in duties of great responsibility.
  - (2) The Chancellor may, in any calendar year, appoint as Companions in the Military Division, other than honorary Companions, a number of persons that is not greater than 3.

# Officers in the Military Division.

- 11. (1) Appointment as an Officer or honorary Officer in the Military Division may be made for distinguished service in a responsible position.
  - (2) The Chancellor may appoint 1 Officer in the Military Division, excluding honorary Officers, in any calendar year.

# Members in the Military Division.

- 12. (1) Appointment as a Member or honorary Member in the Military Division may be made for exceptional service or performance of duty.
  - (2) The number of appointments made under this clause shall not exceed 2 in any calendar year.

# Medal of the Order of Fiji in the Military Division.

- 13. (1) There shall be a Medal of the Order in the Military Division.
  - (2) The Medal of the Order in the Military Division may be awarded by the Chancellor for meritorious service or performance of duty.
  - (3) Awards of the Medal of the Order in the Military Division shall not exceed 3 in any calendar year.
- 14. (1) The Minister responsible for Defence may recommend to the Chancellor
  - (a) any member of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces to be appointed as a member of the Order in the Military Division;
  - (b) an award for the Medal of the Order in the Military Division to any member of the Fiji Military Forces or any member of the armed forces of another country;
  - (c) any member of the armed forces of another country, other than Fiji, for appointment as an honorary member of the Order in the Military Division.

#### **PART 5 – GENERAL PROVISIONS**

# Termination of membership etc.,

- 15. (1) No person shall cease to be a member or an honorary member of the Order by reason only of that person ceasing to be eligible to be appointed to the Order.
  - (2) A member or honorary member shall cease to be a member of the Order upon;-
    - (a) Death; or
    - (b) Resignation of that person from the Order, in writing, and resignation shall have effect from the day it is accepted by the Chancellor; or
    - (c) Termination of appointment of that person to the Order by the direction of the Chancellor.

- (3) The Chancellor may
  - (a) restore an appointment to the Order that has been terminated; or
  - (b) cancel an award of the Medal of Fiji issued in either division of the Order of Fiji; or
  - (c) restore an award of the Medal of Fiji in either division of the Order of Fiji that has been cancelled.

# Insignia.

- 16. (1) The insignia of the Order shall be worn in the prescribed manner when worn in Fiji by a citizen of Fiji.
  - (2) Except as otherwise provided by Regulation, the insignia of the Order shall remain the property of the Order.
  - (3) Where a person ceases, otherwise than by death, to be a member of the Order or to be a holder of the Medal of the Order, that person shall forthwith return the insignia of the Order to the Secretary.

# **Designations**

- 17. (1) A Companion or honorary Companion of the Order is entitled -
  - (a) to have the letters 'C. F' placed after his or her name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary; and
  - (b) to wear as a decoration the prescribed insignia for Companions of the Order.
  - (2) An Officer or honorary Officer of the Order is entitled to -
    - (a) to have the letters 'O. F.' placed after his or her name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary; and
    - (b) to wear as a decoration the prescribed insignia for Officers of the Order.
  - (3) A member or honorary member of the Order is entitled
    - (a) to have the letters 'M. F.' placed after his or her name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary; and
    - (b) to wear as a decoration the prescribed insignia for Members of the Order.
  - (4) A person awarded the Medal of the Order is entitled
    - (a) to have the letters 'M.O.F'. placed after his or her name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary; and
    - (b) to wear as a decoration the prescribed insignia for the Medal of the Order.

## All appointments to be made by instrument.

- 18. (1) Any appointment made under this Charter shall be made by instrument and signed by the Chancellor.
  - (2) Nothing under this Charter shall limit the right of the Chancellor to exercise all powers and authorities in respect of the Order of Fiji.

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#### CHAPTER - II

# CHARTER FOR THE CIVILIAN BRAVERY AWARDS.

- 1. This Charter may be cited as the Civilian Bravery Awards Charter, 1995.
- 2. There shall be established 3 grades of the Civilian Bravery Awards commencing with the highest, namely:-
  - (a) The President's Cross which shall be awarded only for acts of the most conspicuous courage in circumstances of extreme peril;
  - (b) The President's Medal which shall be awarded only for acts of conspicuous courage in circumstances of great peril;
  - (c) The Bravery Medal shall be awarded only for acts of bravery in hazardous circumstances.
- 3. The Civilian Bravery Awards may be awarded to any person who is a citizen of Fiji and to other nationals whose bravery, no matter where such act of bravery was displayed, is worthy of recognition in the interests of Fiji.
- 4. A member of the Armed Forces is eligible for the Civilian Bravery Awards where such act of bravery was carried out in circumstances other than in the 'face of the enemy.'
- 5. The Civilian Bravery Awards may be announced posthumously and the emblems presented to the next of kin.
- 6. (1) The insignia of the Civilian Bravery Award shall be published in sealed patterns as authorised by the President and kept by the Secretary of the Order of Fiji.
  - (2) The Civilian Bravery Award shall be worn in the manner as prescribed by the President under the regulations.
- 7. There shall be a register showing the names of persons who are holders of the Civilian Bravery Awards and such register shall be kept and maintained by the Secretary of the Order of Fiji.
- 8. The recommendations for the Civilian Bravery Award shall be placed before the President by the College of Honour.
- 9. The President shall, acting with the advice of the College of Honour, approve any award made under this Charter.
- 10. A recipient of a Civilian Bravery Award shall be entitled to the use of the postnominal initials shown below
  - (a) President's Cross PC;
  - (b) President's Medal PM;
  - (c) The Bravery Medal BM.

#### CHAPTER – III

# CHARTER FOR THE FIJI MILITARY FORCES OPERATONAL GALLANTRY AWARDS

1. This Charter may be cited as the Operational Gallantry Awards Charter, 1995

- 2. The Operational Gallantry Awards may be awarded to any member of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces for acts of gallantry in situations of actual war or in such other approved situations of 'active operations' as the President may designate on the advice of the Minister responsible for Defence.
- 3. (1) There shall be 4 grades of Operational Gallantry Awards, commencing with the highest, namely –

(a) the President's War Cross
(b) the Cross of Gallantry
(c) the Medal for Gallantry
(MG);

(d) the Battle Commendation.

- (2) Any recipient of the Operational Gallantry Awards shall be entitled to the use of the corresponding post nominal initials.
  - 4. (1) The President's War Cross shall be awarded only for the most outstanding personal heroism in conditions of extreme peril.
    - (2) The Cross of Gallantry shall be awarded only for acts of great bravery n conditions of severe danger.
    - (3) The Medal of Gallantry shall be awarded only for acts of significant bravery in conditions of danger.
    - (4) The Battle Commendation shall be awarded only when acts of personal bravery deserve recognition.
  - 5. Notwithstanding Clause 2, any member of the armed forces of another country serving with or alongside the Republic of Fiji Military Forces may be awarded an honorary Operational Gallantry Award.
  - 6. The President shall, acting with the advice of the Minister responsible for Defence, approve any award issued under this Charter.
  - 7. The Operational Gallantry Awards may be announced posthumously and the emblems be presented to the next of kin.
  - 8. The insignia of the Operational Gallantry Award shall be published in sealed patterns as authorised by the President and shall be worn in the manner as prescribed by the President.

- 9. Any second or subsequent award of the same decoration, except the Battle Commendation, shall be marked by the presentation of a 'bar' to be worn on the original riband.
- 10. There shall be a register showing the names of the persons who are holders of the Operational Gallantry Awards and such register shall be kept and maintained by the Secretary of the Order of Fiji.

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#### CHAPTER - IV

# CHARTER FOR THE FIJI MILITARY FORCES OPERATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS

- 1. This Charter may be cited as the Operational Leadership Awards Charter, 1995.
- 2. The Operational Leadership Awards may be awarded to any member of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces for examples of leadership in situations of actual war or such other approved situations of 'active operations' which the President may designate on the advice of the Minister responsible for Defence.
- 3. There shall be established 3 grades of the Operational Leadership Awards commencing with the highest, namely
  - (a) the Distinguished Command Cross which shall be awarded only for the most skilled, determined or successful leadership in war or on 'active operations';
  - (b) the Command Medal which shall be awarded only for distinguished leadership in war or on 'active operations';
  - (c) the Commendation for Leadership which shall be awarded only for notable leadership in war or on 'active operations'.
- 4. The Operational Leadership Awards shall be approved by the President acting with the advice of the Minister responsible for Defence.
- 5. (1) Any member of the Fiji Military Forces who shows outstanding leadership in action is eligible for the Operational Leadership Awards.
  - (2) Notwithstanding subclause (1) of this Clause, any member of the armed forces of another country serving with or alongside the Fiji Military Forces may be awarded honorary Operational Leadership Award.
- 6. The Operational Leadership Awards may be announced posthumously and the emblems presented to the next of kin.
- 7. The insignia of the Operational Leadership Awards shall be published in the sealed patterns as authorised by the President and shall be worn in the manner prescribed by the President.
- 8. Any recipient of the Operational Leadership Awards shall be entitled to the use of postnominal initials shown below
  - (a) the Distinguished Command Cross

(b) The Command Medal

DCC; CM;

(c) The Commendation for Leadership.

9. Any second or subsequent award of the same decoration, except the Commendation for Leadership, shall be marked by the presentation of a 'bar' to be worn on the original riband.

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## CHAPTER - V

# CHARTER FOR THE FIJI MILITARY FORCES "MERITORIOUS SERVICE DECORATION"

- 1. This Charter may be cited as the Fiji Military Forces Meritorious Service Decoration Charter 1995.
- 2. (1) The following persons shall be holders of the Fiji Military Force Meritorious Service Decoration
  - (a) the President and Commander in Chief of the Republic of Fiji;
  - (b) the Colonel of the Regiment;
  - (c) the Honorary Colonels;
  - (d) the Captain of the Navy;
  - (e) any officer who has served as the Commander of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces (or the Royal Fiji Military Forces) for a period of not less than 3 years since 10th October 1970.
- (2) Any other officer of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces is eligible for the Meritorious Service Decoration provided such officer fulfils the following conditions -
  - (a) must have been a serving Regular Force Officer of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces(or Royal Fiji Military Forces) at some time on or after the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 1970; and
  - (b) must have served as a Regular Force Officer for a minimum period of 15 continuous years and during which time his or her character and conduct must have been irreproachable(irreproachable conduct for the purposes of this award shall be taken to mean no regimental entry and no adverse report in the last 10 years of qualifying service;
    - <u>PROVIDED</u> that the Commander of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces may waive this requirement if that officer has demonstrated an excellent standard of conduct and performance of duties since the last regimental entry or adverse report); and
  - (c) must be recommended by his or her Commanding Officer.
  - (3) The qualifying service of such officer for any other Fiji service decoration or award shall not be taken into account as qualifying service for this award except that regular service qualifying for the Meritorious Service Award may be counted as actual time service for this award if that officer does not qualify by time for the Meritorious Service Award.
  - 3. The Meritorious Service Decoration together with its suspension riband and miniature shall be made according to the sealed design approved by the President and held by the Secretary of the Order of Fiji.
  - 4. A holder of the Meritorious Service Decoration is entitled to the use of the postnominal initials "MSD" on all appropriate occasions.

- 5. Any nomination for the Meritorious Service Decoration shall be placed before the President by the Minister responsible for Defence.
- 6. There shall be a register showing the names of persons who are holders of the Meritorious Service Decoration and shall be kept and maintained by the Secretary of the Order of Fiji.

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#### CHAPTER - VI

# CHARTER FOR THE FIJI MILITARY FORCES MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD.

1. This Charter may be cited as the Fiji Military Forces Meritorious Service Award Charter, 1995.

- 2. (1) Any member of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces of and below the rank of a warrant officer is eligible for the Meritorious Service Award provided that such member fulfils the following conditions-
  - (a) Must have served in the Regular Force of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces (or the Royal Fiji Military Forces) at some time on or after the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1970; and
  - (b) Must have served in a non commissioned rank in the Regular Force for a minimum period of 15 years (continuous or in aggregate) during which time his or her conduct must have been very good(very good conduct, for the purposes of this award, shall be taken to mean no regimental entry for the last 10 years of qualifying services:
    - **PROVIDED** that the Commander of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces may waive this requirement if such member has demonstrated an excellent standard of conduct and performance of duties since the last regimental entry); and
  - (c) must be recommended by his or her Commanding Officer.
- (2) The qualifying service for any other Fiji Service decoration or award shall not be taken into account as qualifying service for this award except that up to one sixth of the qualifying service for one of the Territorial Force decorations or awards may, at the discretion of the Commander of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces, be reckoned as regular service.
- 3. A holder of the Meritorious Service Award is entitled to the use of the post nominal initials "MSA" on all appropriate occasions.
- 4. Any nomination for the Meritorious Service Award shall be placed before the President by the Minister responsible for Defence.

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#### CHAPTER - VII

# CHARTER FOR THE FIJI MILITARY FORCES "SERVICE DECORATION".

1.		This Charter may	be cited as	s the Fiji	Military	Forces	Service	Decoration	Charter,
	1995.								

- 2. (1) Any officer of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces Territorial Force is eligible for the Service Decoration provided that such officer fulfills the following conditions-
  - (a) must have been a serving Territorial Force officer of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces (or the Royal Fiji Military Forces) on or after the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1970; and
  - (b) must have served with "efficiency" for a minimum period of 15 years (continuous or aggregate) during which time his or her conduct must have been irreproachable(irreproachable conduct, for the purposes of this award, shall be taken to mean no regimental entry and no adverse report in the last 10 years of qualifying services:
    - <u>PROVIDED</u> that the Commander of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces may waive this requirement if that officer has demonstrated an excellent standard of conduct and performance of duties since the last regimental entry or adverse report); and
  - (c) must be recommended by his or her Commanding Officer.
    - (2) The qualifying service for any other Fiji service decorations or awards shall not be taken into account as qualifying service for this award except that qualifying service for the Service Award may be counted as qualifying service under this award if that officer does not qualify by time for the Service Award.
    - (3) "Efficient service' under this clause, means the service laid down from time to time by the Commander of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces as the service required of the Territorial Force year by year which shall include the following -
      - (a) previous service on the Reserve of Officers list provided that during such time that officer was available for service on the active list of the Territorial Force and that such officer was not over age for such service; and
      - (b) service in the Regular Force which shall be counted as four times normal service.
- 3. A holder of the Service Award is entitled to the use of the post nominal initials "SD" on all appropriate occasions.
- 4. Any nomination for the Service Decoration will be placed before the President by the Minister responsible for Defence.

#### CHAPTER – VIII

# CHARTER FOR THE FIJI MILITARY FORCES "SERVICE AWARD".

1. This Charter may be cited as the Fiji Military Forces Service Award Charter, 1995.

- 2. (1) Any member of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces Territorial Forces and Reserve of and below the rank of a warrant officer is eligible for the Service Award provided such member fulfills the following conditions
  - (a) must have been a serving Territorial Force member of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces (or Royal Fiji Military Forces) on or after the 10th day of October 1970; and
  - (b) must have served with "efficiency" for a minimum period of 15 years (continuous or aggregate) during which time his or her conduct and performance of duties must have been very good; and
  - (c) Must be recommended by his or her Commanding Officer.
  - (2) The qualifying service for any other Fiji service decoration or award shall not be taken into account as qualifying service for the Service Award.
  - (3) 'Efficient service', under this Clause, shall be taken to mean the service laid down from time to time by the Commander of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces as the service required of the Territorial Force year by year which shall include the following
    - (a) service in the Reserve provided that, during that time, such member was available for the service on the active list of the Territorial Force and that member was not over age for such service; and
    - (b) service in the Regular Force which shall count as four times normal service.
- 3. The Service Award, its suspension riband and its miniature are to be made according to the sealed pattern approved by the President and held by the Secretary of the Order of Fiii.
- 4. A holder of the Service Award is entitled to the use of the postnominal initials "SA" on all appropriate occasions.
- 5. Any nomination for the Service Award shall be placed before the President by the Minister responsible for Defence.
- 6. There shall be a register showing the names of persons who are holders of the Service Award and such register shall be kept and maintained by the Secretary of the Order.

#### CHAPTER - IX

# CHARTER FOR THE FIJI MILITARY FORCES GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL.

1. This Charter may be cited as the Fiji Military Forces General Service Medal Charter, 1995.

- 2. The General Service Medal, its suspension riband and its miniature shall be made in accordance with the sealed design approved by the President and held by the Secretary of the Order of Fiji.
- 3. The General Service Medal may be awarded to any person who fulfils the following conditions:
  - (a) must have served as a member of the Fiji Military Forces on active service in the Pacific (1939 1945) or Malaya (1952 1956) provided such member is eligible under this provision only if that member was on active list of the Regular Force or a Colonel of the Regiment, an Honorary Colonel or Captain of the Navy on or after 7th October 1987;

(b) must have served as a member of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces or the Royal Fiji Military Forces on peacekeeping duties after 1st June 1978 for a period of not less than 12 months in any of the following theatres:

- i) Lebanon:
- ii) Sinai (Multinational Force and Observes);
- iii) Afghanistan;
- iv) Kuwait;
- v) Zimbabwe (Commonwealth supervisory force);
- vi) Somalia;
- vii) Angola;
- viii) Such other missions which may, from time to time, approved by the Minister responsible for Defence by notification in the Fiji Republic Gazette:

**PROVIDED** a member shall not be disqualified if his or her service on the operation does not exceed 12 months if any of the following conditions apply –

- (A) termination of the mission by the mandating authority; or
- (B) withdrawal of the Fiji contingent; or
- (C) the individual is ordered to return to Fiji to fulfil a military requirement except where the return is occasioned by the misconduct of that member; or
- (D) the individual is evacuated as a result of wounds or illness not occasioned by the misconduct of that member.

- 4. (1) The General Service Medal shall be awarded to a member of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces who loses his or her life whilst serving in one of the capacities listed under Clause 3(b) and such medal shall be presented to the person entitled to receive the personal effects of the deceased member.
- 5. Awards of the General Service Medal shall be made on the authority of the Commander of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces with notification of such awards and records of recipients made and kept in accordance with Force custom.

6. The previous warrant issued on the 6th of February 1992 is hereby cancelled.

#### CHAPTER - X

# CHARTER FOR THE FIJI POLICE MEDAL FOR THE FIJI POLICE FORCE.

1. This Charter may be cited as the Fiji Police Medal Charter, 1995.

- 1. This Charter may be clied as the Fiji Police Medai Charter, 1993.
- 2. Any police officer (including any special constable) is eligible for the Fiji Police Medal which shall be awarded only for
  - (a) examples of conspicuous bravery in the performance of police duties; or
  - (b) valuable service characterised by resourcefulness and devotion to duty including prolonged service marked by exceptional ability, merit and exemplary conduct; or
  - (c) Distinguished command, leadership or organising achievement.
- The medal, its suspension riband and its miniature shall be made in accordance with the sealed design approved by the President and held by the Secretary of the Order of Fiji.
- 4. A holder of the Fiji Police Medal is entitled to the use of the post nominal initials "FPM" on all appropriate occasions.
- 5. Any nomination for the Fiji Police Medal shall be placed before the President by the Minister responsible for the Fiji Police Force.
- 6. Any second and subsequent award of the Fiji Police Medal shall be marked by the wearing of a clasp on the suspension riband of the original medal.
- 7. There shall be a register showing the names of the holders of the Fiji Police Medal and such register shall be kept and maintained by the Secretary of the Order of Fiji.

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## CHAPTER - XI

# CHARTER FOR THE POLICE LONG SERVICE MEDAL FOR THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI POLICE FORCES.

- 1. This Charter may be cited as the Fiji Police Long Service Medal Charter, 1995.
- 2. The Police Long Service Medal may be awarded to any regular member of the Fiji Police Force for long service and good conduct.
- 3. (1) Any police officer (excluding special constables) is eligible for the Police Long Service Award provided such officer fulfills the following conditions -
  - (a) must have been a regular member of the Republic of Fiji Police Force (or Royal Fiji Police Force) on or after the 10th day of October 1990;
  - (b) must have completed 18 years service, continuously or in aggregate in any one or more of the following forces
    - (i) Republic of Fiji Police Force; or
    - (ii) Royal Fiji Police Force; or
    - (iii) a police force of a Commonwealth country; or
    - (iv) the armed forces of Fiji; or
    - (v) the armed forces of a Commonwealth country; or
    - (vi) the Fiji Prison Service; and
  - (c) must have served during that 18 years of qualifying service with such conduct as has been certified as "exemplary".
  - (2) "Exemplary" for the purpose of this Charter shall be taken as disqualifying such person who, during the last 10 years of his or her service, has been convicted of:-
    - (a) any criminal offence excluding offences under the Traffic Act, other than the offences of driving under the influence of drink or drugs; or
    - (b) a disciplinary offence of drunkenness or incapacity for duty due to the effects of alcohol; or
    - (c) a disciplinary offence resulting in any one or more of the following punishments
      - (i) reduction in rank; or
      - (ii) Confinement to barracks for 14 days or more; or
      - (iii) fined more than 3 days' pay.
  - (3) Where a member is the holder of either of the superseded medals under Clause 7, the time spent in qualifying for either of those medals shall not be counted as qualifying time for the Police Long Service Medal.

- 4. One fifth of the time spent by any police officer whilst serving as a special constable shall be counted as qualifying time for the award of Police Long Service Medal.
  - (1) A holder of the Police Long Service Medal is eligible for the following additional awards:
    - (a) a clasp after 7 additional years of qualifying service and
    - (b) a further clasp for every 5 years after the 7 years additional qualifying service:

AND such clasp or clasps shall be worn with the original Police Long Service Medal.

- (2) Any clasp awarded shall be signified by the wearing of the approved symbol on the suspension riband.
  - 5. Any nomination for the Police Long Service Medal shall be placed before the President by the Minister responsible for the Police.
  - 6. There shall be a register showing the names of persons awarded with the Police Long Service Medal and such register shall be kept and maintained by the Secretary of the Order of Fiji.
  - 7. The Police Long Service Medal shall replace the Colonial Police Long Service Medal and the Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal and both such medals may be continued to be worn by the holders thereof.
  - 8. Notwithstanding the generality of Clause(8), a holder of the Police Long Service Medal shall forfeit such medal including any clasp thereto if he or she is convicted of a criminal offence or is dismissed or removed from the Republic of Fiji Police Force for misconduct.

#### CHAPTER - XII

# CHARTER FOR THE POLICE OVERSEAS SERVICE MEDAL FOR THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI POLICE FORCES

- 1. This Charter may be cited as the Police Overseas Service Medal Charter, 1995.
- 2. The Police Overseas Service Medal may be awarded to any police officer who has served overseas as a member of a police deployment for not less than 6 months.
- 3. The Police Overseas Service Medal, its suspension riband and its miniature are to be made in accordance with the sealed design approved by the President and be held by the Secretary of the Order of Fiji.
- 4. Notwithstanding Clause 2, any police officer who has served for less than 6 months shall qualify for this award provided any of the following conditions apply:
  - (a) termination of the peacekeeping mission by the mandating authority; or
  - (b) withdrawal of the Fiji contingent; or
  - (c) where such officer is ordered to return to Fiji to fulfil a Police requirement except where the return of that officer is occasioned by his or her misconduct; or
  - (d) Where such officer is evacuated as a result of wounds or illness not occasioned by the misconduct of that officer.
- 5. (1) The Police Overseas Service Medal shall be awarded to any police officer who loses his or her life whilst serving in an overseas police deployment and such medal shall be presented to the person entitled to receive the personal effects of the deceased officer.
- 6. A clasp shall be attached to the suspension riband of the Police Overseas Service Medal showing the name of the overseas country of mission.
- 7. An additional clasp, but not another medal, shall be awarded for qualifying service in another country.
- 8. Awards of the Police Overseas Service Medal shall be made on the authority of the Commissioner of Police with notification of such awards and records of recipients made kept in accordance with Force custom.
- 9. Any police officer who qualified for the Republic of Fiji Military Forces General Service Medal by virtue of his or her service with the Fiji Military Forces may wear the Fiji Military Forces General Service Medal in addition to the Police Overseas Service Medal if that officer is separately qualified for the latter.

- 10. (1) where a Fiji Military Forces General Service Medal has been awarded to any police officer for overseas service as a member of a Police deployment and that officer is subsequently awarded the Police Overseas Service Medal such officer may elect to wear the Fiji Police General Service Medal in which case that officer shall relinquish the Fiji Military Forces General Service Medal.
  - (2) Such officer shall be entitled to a clasp on the Fiji Police Overseas Medal recording his or her service in the theatre for which the relinquished Fiji Military Forces General Service Medal was originally awarded.

#### CHAPTER - XIII

# CHARTER FOR THE FIJI PRISONS SERVICE EFFICIENT SERVICE DECORATION

This Charter may be cited as the Fiji Prisons Service Efficient Decoration

- 1. This Charter may be cited as the Fiji Prisons Service Efficient Decoration Charter, 1995.
- 2. The Republic of Fiji Prisons Efficient Service Decoration may be awarded to recognise long and faithful service by senior officers of the Fiji Prisons Service who have not been awarded or do not qualify for the Fiji Prisons Service Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.
- 3. The previous warrant issued on 6th August 1990 is hereby repealed.
- 4. The award, its suspension riband and its miniature shall be made according to the sealed design approved by the President and held by the Secretary of the Order of Fiji.
- 5. Any of the persons listed below is eligible for this award
  - (a) any former Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner or Superintendent of Prisons who has not been awarded the Fiji Prisons Service Long Service and Good Conduct Medal;
  - (b) Any serving officer of the Fiji Prison Service on or after the 10th October 1970 and provided such officer
    - (i) has not been awarded the Fiji Prisons Service Long Service and Good Conduct Medal because of his or her promotion to high rank; and
    - (ii) has served for 18 years consecutively or in aggregate in any of the following -
      - (A) The Republic of Fiji Prisons Service; or
      - (B) The Republic of Fiji Military Forces (or the Royal Fiji Military Forces) Regular Force or Territorial Force; or
      - (C) The Fiji Police Force;
  - (c) any Commissioner of Prisons who has spent 3 years as a Commissioner and has served for not less than 12 years in total as a member of the Fiji Prisons Service.
- 6. Notwithstanding Clause (5), the qualifying service resulting in any other service award shall not be taken as qualifying service for this award.
- 7. Notwithstanding Clause (5), no officer shall be eligible for the Fiji Prison Service Efficient Service Decoration who has had in the last 5 years of qualifying service received –

- (a) a conviction for a criminal offence, excluding offences under the Traffic Act other than for the offences of driving under the influence of drink or drugs;
- (b) a disciplinary offence of drunkenness or incapacity for duty due to the misuse of alcohol; or
- (c) an adverse report or been severely reprimanded:

  <u>PROVIDED</u> that the Commissioner may waive this requirement if such officer has demonstrated very good conduct and performance of duties since the last adverse report or severe reprimand.
- 8. Any nomination for the Republic Of Fiji Prisons Service Efficient Service Decoration shall be placed before the President by the Minister responsible for Prisons.
- 9. Any officer awarded with the Fiji Prisons Service Efficient Service Decoration shall be entitled to the use of the post nominal initials "ESD" on all appropriate occasions.
- 10. There shall be a register showing the names of persons awarded with the Fiji Prisons Services Efficient Service Decoration and such register shall be kept and maintained by the Secretary of the Order of Fiji.

#### **CHAPTER - XIV**

# CHARTER FOR THE FIJI PRISONS SERVICE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FOR THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI PRISONS SERVICE

1. This Charter may be cited as the Fiji Prisons Service Distinguished Award Charter, 1995.

2. The Fiji Prisons Service Distinguished Service Award may be awarded to any prison officer for distinguished service.

- 3. The Fiji Prisons Service Distinguished Service Award shall be awarded only for—
  - (a) example of conspicuous bravery in the performance of prison duties;
  - (b) valuable service characterised by resourcefulness and devotion to duty including prolonged service marked by exceptional ability, merit and exemplary conduct; or
  - (c) distinguished command, leadership or organising achievement
- 4. The Medal, its suspension riband and its miniature are to be made in accordance with the sealed design approved by the President and shall be held by the Secretary of the Order of Fiji
- 5. Any nomination for the Fiji Prisons Service Distinguished Service Award shall be placed before the President by the Minister responsible for Prisons.
- 6. There shall be a register showing the names of persons who are holders of the Fiji Prisons Service Distinguished Service Award and such register shall be kept and maintained by the Secretary of the Order of Fiji.
- 7. Any second or subsequent award of medal made under this Charter shall be marked by the wearing of a clasp on the suspension riband of the original medal.
- 8. Any holder of the Fiji Prisons Service Distinguished Service Award is entitled to the use of the post nominal initials "DSA" on all appropriate occasions.

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#### CHAPTER - XV

# CHARTER FOR THE FIJI PRISONS SERVICE LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

1. This Charter may be cited as the Fiji Prisons Long Service and Good Conduct Medal,1995.

- 2. The Republic of Fiji Prisons Service Long Service and Good Conduct Medal may be awarded to any prison officer of the Fiji Prisons Service below the rank of Assistant Superintendent of Prisons for long service and good conduct.
- 3. The award, its suspension riband and its miniature shall be made according to the sealed design approved by the President and held by the Secretary of the Order of Fiji.
- 4. (1) To be eligible for the Fiji Prisons Service Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, one must fulfil the following conditions:
  - a) must have been a member of the Republic of Fiji Prisons Service on or after the 10<sup>th</sup> October 1987:
  - b) must have completed 18 years service continuously or in aggregate, in any one or more of the following forces
    - (i) Republic of Fiji Prisons Service; or
    - (ii) Republic of Fiji Police Force or the Royal Fiji Police Force; or
    - (iii) The armed forces of Fiji; or
    - (iv) The Fiji Public Service established cadre:

**PROVIDED** that any such service shall have been on full time basis and the final year of qualifying service shall have been with the Fiji Prisons Service; and

- c) must have served the last 10 years of the qualifying period with exemplary conduct.
- (2) "Exemplary" for the purposes of this Charter shall be taken as disqualifying any member who, in his or her last ten years of service has been convicted of
  - a) criminal offence, excluding offences under the Traffic Act other than the offences of driving under the influence of drink or drugs; or
  - b) a disciplinary offence of drunkenness or incapacity for duty due to the effects of alcohol; or
  - c) a disciplinary offence resulting in any one or more of the following punishments-
    - (i) reduction in rank; or
    - (ii) confinement to the precincts of a prison for 21 days or more or fined more than 3 day's pay.

- 3) Where a member is the holder of the superseded medal under Clause 8, the time spent in qualifying for that award or the Police long service medal shall not be counted as qualifying time for the purposes of the Fiji Prisons Service Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.
- 5. A holder of the Fiji Prisons Service Long Service and Good Conduct Medal is eligible for the following additional awards
  - (i) a clasp after 7 additional years of qualifying service, and
  - (ii) a further clasp for every 5 years after the 7 years additional qualifying service.
- 6. Any nomination for the Fiji Prisons Service Long Service and Good Conduct Medal shall be placed before the President by the Minister responsible for Prisons.
- 7. There shall be a register showing the names of persons awarded with Fiji Prisons Service Long Service and Good Conduct Medal and such register shall be kept and maintained by the Secretary of the Order of Fiji.
- 8. The Fiji Prisons Service Long Service and Good Conduct Medal now replaces the Prisons Long Service and Good Conduct Medal which may continue to be worn by the holders thereof.

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#### CHAPTER - XVI

# CHARTER FOR THE FIRE SERVICE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL FOR THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI FIRE SERVICE

1, This Charter may be cited as the Fire Service Meritorious Service Medal Charter, 1995.

- 2. The Fire Service Meritorious Service Medal may be awarded to any fire officer for distinguished service.
- 3. Any fire officer is eligible for the Fire Service Meritorious Service Medal and the medal shall be awarded only for-
  - (a) examples of conspicuous bravery in the performance of Fire Service duties; or
  - (b) valuable service characterized by resourcefulness and devotion to duty including prolonged service marked by exceptional ability, merit and exemplary conduct; or
  - (c) distinguished command, leadership, or organizing achievement.
- 4. The medal, its suspension riband and its miniature shall be made in accordance with the sealed design approved by the President and held by the Secretary of the Order of Fiji.
- 5. A holder of the Fire Service Meritorious Service Medal shall be entitled to the use of post nominal initials "MSM" on all appropriate occasions.
- 6. Any second or subsequent award of the medal shall be marked by the wearing of a clasp on the suspension riband of the original medal.
- 7. Any nomination for the Fire Service Meritorious Service Medal shall be placed before the President by the Minister responsible for the Fire Service.
- 8. There shall be a register showing the names of persons awarded the Fire Service Meritorious Service Medal and such register shall be kept and maintained by the Secretary of the Order of Fiji.

#### CHAPTER – XVII

# CHARTER FOR THE FIJI FIRE SERVICE LONG SERVICE MEDAL FOR THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI FIRE SERVICE

1. This Charter may be cited as the Fiji Fire Service Long Service Medal Charter, 1995.

- 2. The Fiji Fire Service Long Service Medal may be awarded to any fire officer for long service and good conduct.
- 3. (1) Any officer is eligible for the Fiji Fire Service Long Service Medal provided such officer fulfils the following conditions
  - (a) Must have been a member of the Fiji Fire Service or one of the separate fire services established before amalgamation on or after the 10th October 1987;
  - (b) Must have completed 18 years service, continuously or in aggregate in any one or more of the following forces
    - (i) the Republic of Fiji Police Force( or the Royal Fiji Police Force); or
    - (ii) the armed forces of Fiji; or
    - (iii) the Republic of Fiji Prisons Service; or
    - (iv) the Fiji Fire Service; or
    - (v) any of the fire services established before the amalgamation into the Fiji Fire Service; and
  - (c) Must have served the last 10 years of the qualifying period with exemplary conduct; and
  - (d) Has not received any other Fiji long service and good conduct medal (where such member holds any such medal his or her qualifying service for that medal shall not be reckonable as qualifying service for the Fire Service Long Service Medal).
  - (2) "Exemplary" for the purposes of this Charter shall be taken as disqualifying such officer who, in the last 10 years of service has been convicted of:-
    - (a) any criminal offences, excluding offences under the Traffic Act other than the offence of driving under the influence of drink or drugs;
    - (b) any serious offence dealt with under the disciplinary codes of conduct of the independent (or amalgamated) fire services.
- 4. Any nomination for the Fire Service Long Service Medal shall be placed before the President by the Minister responsible for the Fire Service.
- 5. A holder of the Fire Service Long Service Medal is eligible for the following additional awards:

- (a) a clasp after 7 additional years of qualifying service; and
- (b) a further clasp every 5 years after the 7 years qualifying service
- 6. The medal, its suspension riband and its miniature shall be made in accordance with the sealed design approved by the President and held by the Secretary of the Order of Fiji.
- 7. There shall be a register showing the names of persons awarded with the Fire Service Long Service Medal and such register shall be kept and maintained by the Secretary of the Order of Fiji.

#### CHAPTER - XVIII

## CHARTER FOR THE FIJI CIVIL SERVICE MEDAL

- 1. This Charter may be cited as the Fiji Civil Service Medal Charter, 1995.
- 2. The Civil Service Medal may be awarded to any member of the Fiji Public Service for distinguished devotion to duty and outstanding achievement.
- 3. The medal, its suspension riband and its miniature shall be made in accordance with the sealed design approved by the President and held by the Secretary of the Order of Fiji.
- 4. Any member of the Fiji Public Service is eligible for the award provided such member fulfills the following conditions:-
  - (a) must have been a member of the Fiji Public Service established cadre on or after 10th October,1987;and
  - (b) must have served Fiji with dedication and high example over a long period in a responsible position; or
  - (c) have marked his or her career in the Public service by outstanding achievement in duties in the service of Fiji and its people.
- 5. No provision is made for any additional award of the medal.
- 6. Any nomination for the Fiji Civil Service Medal shall be placed before the President by the Minister responsible for the Public Service.
- 7. A holder of the Fiji Civil Service Medal shall be entitled to the use of post nominal initials "CSM" on all appropriate occasions.
- 8. There shall be a register showing the names of all the persons who are holders the Fiji Civil Service Medal and such register shall be kept and maintained by the Secretary of the Order of Fiji.

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