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PART I - PRELIMINARY

1 Short title

These Regulations may be cited as the Tonga Police Service Medals Regulations.

2 Definitions

- (1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —
 - “**Act**” means the Tonga Police Act 2010;
 - “**Member**” includes a Police Officer, and the Police Commissioner. It does not include administrative staff of the Tonga Police; and
 - “**Minister**” means the Minister of Police.
- (2) Unless expressly stated an expression used in these Regulations has the same meaning as in the Act.
- (3) “**Effigy**” means the image of His Late Majesty the King George Tupou I as approved by His Majesty the King Tupou VI.

PART II – TONGA POLICE LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

3 Definition

For the purpose of this Part of the Regulations –

“**Medal**” means the Tonga Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

4 Style

The Medal shall be designated and styled “The Tonga Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal”.

5 Description of Medal

The Medal shall be silver and circular in shape, bearing on the obverse the Effigy of His Late Majesty King George Tupou I, and on the reverse a representation of the badge of the Tonga Police, surrounded by the inscription “For Long Service and Good Conduct”.

6 Ribbon

The Medal shall be worn from the left breast suspended from a ribbon 32 millimetres in width, of dark blue having in the centre narrow stripes of red, white and red.

7 Eligibility

The Medal may be awarded to any member – (a) who is employed on or after 1 January 2015, as a police officer of the Tonga Police; (b) who has completed his qualifying service; and (c) whose character and conduct is, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Police, of such good standard as to warrant the award of the Medal.

8 Qualifying Service

The minimum qualifying period required for the award of the Medal shall be 18 years of service.

9 Reckoning of Service

The following services may be reckoned towards qualifying service for the award of the Medal or any Clasp thereto:

- (a) Service with the Tonga Police;

- (b) Service as a Police Recruit undergoing training.

10 Clasps

- (1) A Clasp to the Medal, to be attached to the ribbon when the Medal itself is worn, may be awarded on completion of each additional ten years of service subsequent to those for which the Medal was awarded.
- (2) The Clasp shall be of plain silver with a representation of the crown in the centre.
- (3) For each Clasp awarded, a silver rosette shall be added to the ribbon when worn alone.

11 Registration

The names of all those to whom the Medal or Clasp is awarded shall be recorded in a register kept by the Commissioner of Police.

12 Order of Wear

The Tonga Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal shall be placed immediately after The Tonga Defence Services Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

13 Miniatures

Reproductions of the Medal and Clasp in miniature, which may be worn on certain occasions by those to whom the Medal or Clasp is awarded, shall be approximately half the size of The Tonga Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal and Clasp.

14 Patterns

Patterns of the Medal, the miniature Medal and the clasps shall be deposited with and kept by the Lord Privy Seal.

15 Powers of conferral, cancellation, forfeiture, and restoration

- (1) Powers to confer the Medal and any Clasps under the terms of these Regulations shall be vested in the Minister.
- (2) It shall be competent for the Minister to –
 - (a) cancel the conferral of a Medal or Clasp, or both, on any member and alter the member's records accordingly;
 - (b) order the forfeiture of a Medal or Clasp, or both, by any member and alter the member's records accordingly; and

- (c) restore a Medal or Clasp, or both, to any member and alter the member's records accordingly.

16 Delegated powers

The Minister may delegate powers under regulation 15 to the Commissioner of Police (or a person recommended by the Commissioner of Police).

17 Tonga Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal

The Tonga Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal is set out in Schedule I.

PART III – TONGA POLICE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

18 Definition

For the purpose of this Part of the Regulations – “Medal” means the Tonga Police Meritorious Service Medal

19 Style

The Medal shall be designated and styled “The Tonga Police Meritorious Service Medal”.

20 Description of Medal

The Medal shall be silver and circular in shape, bearing on the obverse the Effigy of His Late Majesty King George Tupou I, and on the reverse a representation of the badge of the Tonga Police, surrounded by the inscription “For Meritorious Service”.

21 Ribbon

The Medal shall be worn from the left breast suspended from a ribbon 32 millimetres in width, of dark blue having in the centre narrow stripes of red, yellow, and red.

22 Eligibility

- (1) The Medal may be awarded to any member of the Tonga Police for service that, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Police, is outstanding and worthy of recognition because the service –
 - (a) demonstrates innovation;
 - (b) is exemplary or a model for Tonga Police members;

- (c) brings significant benefit or prestige to Tonga or the Tonga Police;
 - (d) demonstrates the application of skills or performance far beyond that expected, given the member's rank, qualifications or experience; and
 - (e) whose character and conduct is, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Police, of such good standard as to warrant the award of the Medal.
- (2) The Medal may be awarded to any other person for service that, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Police, is outstanding and worthy of recognition because the service brings significant benefit or prestige to Tonga or the Tonga Police.

23 Clasps

- (1) A Clasp to the Medal, to be attached to the ribbon when the Medal itself is worn, may be awarded to any member who has received the Medal, and who performs further meritorious service.
- (2) The Clasp shall be of plain silver with a representation of the crown in the centre.
- (3) For each Clasp awarded, a silver rosette shall be added to the ribbon when worn alone.

24 Registration

The names of all those to whom the Medal or Clasp is awarded shall be recorded in a register kept by the Commissioner of Police.

25 Order of Wear

The Tonga Police Meritorious Service Medal shall be placed immediately after The Tonga Defence Services Meritorious Service Medal or medals for operational service and before any medals for long service and good conduct.

26 Miniatures

Reproductions of the Medal and Clasp in miniature, which may be worn on certain occasions by those to whom the Medal or Clasp is awarded, shall be approximately half the size of The Tonga Police Meritorious Service Medal and Clasp.

27 Patterns

Patterns of the Medal, the miniature Medal and the clasps shall be deposited with and kept by the Lord Privy Seal.

28 Powers of conferral, cancellation, forfeiture, and restoration

- (1) Powers to confer the medal and any clasps under the terms of these Regulations shall be vested in the Minister.
- (2) It shall be competent for the Minister to –
 - (a) cancel the conferral of a medal or clasp, or both, on any member and alter the member's records accordingly;
 - (b) order the forfeiture of a medal or clasp, or both, by any member and alter the member's records accordingly; and
 - (c) restore a medal or clasp, or both, to any member and alter the member's records accordingly.

29 Delegated powers

The Minister may delegate powers under regulation 28 to the Commissioner of Police (or a person recommended by the Commissioner of Police).

30 Tonga Police Meritorious Service Medal

The Tonga Police Meritorious Service Medal is set out in Schedule II.

PART IV – TONGA POLICE OVERSEAS SERVICE MEDAL (SOLOMON ISLANDS)

31 Definition

For the purposes of this Part –

“**Medal**” means the Tonga Police Overseas Service Medal (Solomon Islands)

32 Style

The Medal shall be designated and styled “The Tonga Police Overseas Service Medal (Solomon Islands)”.

33 Description of Medal

The Medal shall be bronze and circular in shape, bearing on the obverse the Effigy of the His Late Majesty King George Tupou I, and on the reverse a representation of badge of the Tonga Police, surrounded by the inscription “For Overseas Service”.

34 Ribbon

The Medal shall be worn from the left breast suspended from a ribbon 32 millimetres in width, of red having in the centre a narrow stripes of green, yellow and green.

35 Eligibility

The Medal may be awarded to any member of the Tonga Police who has been officially appointed to, and served on or after 1 March 2001, for a minimum of 30 days, either in total or in aggregate, with the International Peace Monitoring Team or the Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands in the provision of support and assistance to the Solomon Islands Government to re-establish law and order.

36 Registration

The names of all those to whom the Medal is awarded shall be recorded in a register kept by the Commissioner of Police.

37 Order of Wear

The Tonga Police Overseas Service Medal shall be placed immediately after any previously earned medals for operational service and before any medals for meritorious service or long service and good conduct.

38 Miniatures

Reproductions of the Medal in miniature, which may be worn on certain occasions by those to whom the Medal is awarded, shall be approximately half the size of The Tonga Police Overseas Service Medal (Solomon Islands).

39 Patterns

Patterns of the Medal and the miniature Medal shall be deposited with and kept by the Lord Privy Seal.

40 Powers of conferral, cancellation, forfeiture, and restoration

- (1) Powers to confer the Medal and any Clasps under the terms of these Regulations shall be vested in the Minister.
- (2) It shall be competent for the Minister of Police to – (a) cancel the conferral of a Medal or Clasp, or both, on any person and alter the person's records accordingly; (b) order the forfeiture of a Medal or Clasp, or both, by any person and alter the person's records accordingly; and (c) restore a Medal or Clasp, or both, to any person and alter the person's records accordingly.

41 Delegated powers

The Minister of Police may delegate powers under regulation 40 to the Commissioner of Police (or a person recommended by the Commissioner of Police).

42 Tonga Police Overseas Service Medal (Solomon Islands)

The Tonga Police Overseas Service Medal (Solomon Islands) is set out in Schedule III

SCHEDULE I*(Part II)***TONGA POLICE LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL**

Obverse



Reverse



Signature

SCHEDULE II*(Part III)***TONGA POLICE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL**

SCHEDULE III*(Part IV)***TONGA POLICE OVERSEAS SERVICE MEDAL (SOLOMON ISLANDS)****ENDNOTES**

¹ GS 9 of 2019 dated 15 May 2019.