

THE BOTSWANA HONOURS ACT, 1967

No. 21



of 1967

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE AWARD OF HONOURS AND OTHER DISTINCTIONS BY THE PRESIDENT

Date of Assent : 14th September, 1967.

Date of Commencement : 15th September, 1967.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Botswana.

Short Title

1. This Act may be cited as the Botswana Honours Act, 1967.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“honour” means an honour, order, decoration, insignia, badge, medal or distinction and, except in the case of a foreign or Commonwealth honour, means an honour prescribed in the Schedule ;

“unauthorised person” means any person other than the person to whom an honour has been awarded under this Act, or his widow.

Award of Honours

3. Honours shall be awarded by the President on such occasions, and to such persons, as he may determine.

Regulations

4. The President may make regulations —
- (a) amending the Schedule by the addition thereto, or the exclusion therefrom, of any honour, or by changing the description of any honour or the circumstances in which it may be awarded;
 - (b) prescribing the specifications or nature of any medal ribbon or other insignia of any honour;
 - (c) prescribing the circumstances in which a citizen of Botswana may accept a foreign or Commonwealth honour;
 - (d) prescribing the order of precedence of any honour (including a foreign or Commonwealth honour) and the occasions on which, and the manner in which, such honour, or any miniature or ribbon thereof may or shall be worn;
 - (f) generally for the better carrying out of the objects and purposes of this Act.

Penalty for the Unauthorised Use of Honours

5. Any unauthorized person who uses or wears any honour or a miniature or ribbon thereof or who uses or wears any medal, badge, emblem, ribbon or other article which might reasonably be mistaken for an honour or the miniature or ribbon thereof shall be guilty of an offence and liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding R50.

SCHEDULE

1. The Cross of Gallantry (C.G.), being an honour awarded for outstanding deeds of gallantry.
2. The *Naledi ya Botswana* (N.Y.B.), being an honour awarded for outstanding service to the Republic of Botswana.
3. The Presidential Order of Meritorious Service (P.M.S.), being an honour awarded to any person for actions or services benefiting Botswana or any community or organization therein in any particular field or sphere and for any acts of courage or devotion to duty;
4. The Botswana Police Medal for Meritorious Service (B.P.M.), awarded to members of the police force of Botswana for service of an especially meritorious nature.
5. The Presidential Order of Honour (P.H.), being an honour awarded for efficient and devoted service to the Republic of Botswana.
6. The Botswana Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (B.P.L.S.G.C.M.), awarded for long service and good conduct in the police force of Botswana.

7. The Botswana Prison Service Medal (B.P.S.M.) awarded for long service and good conduct in the prison service of Botswana.
8. The Presidential Certificate of Honour (P.C.H.), being a certificate awarded for long and faithful service to Botswana.

Passed by the National Assembly this day, the 31st August, 1967.

G.T. MATENGE,
Clerk to the National Assembly.