

Statutory Instrument No. 52 of 1967

THE BOTSWANA HONOURS ACT, 1967

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In the exercise of the powers vested in him by section 4 of the Botswana Honours Act, 1967, His Excellency the President hereby makes the following regulations –

Citation

1. These regulations may be cited as the Botswana Honours Regulations, 1967.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires –
“recipient” means the person to whom an honour has been awarded.

The Naledi Ya Botswana

3. (1) The *Naledi ya Botswana* shall be struck in silver and shall be in the shape of a six-pointed star with a width of one and three quarter inches between the ends of diagonally opposite rays, and with a circular disk in the middle with a diameter of seven eighths of an inch, the obverse consisting, in relief, of the Coat of Arms of Botswana and the legend “REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA” and the reverse having engraved upon it the words “FOR CONSPICUOUS SERVICE”, the name of the recipient and the date of the award.

(2) The honour shall be worn on the left breast, pendent from a silver clasp, affixed to a silk ribbon one and a half inches in width and consisting of vertical stripes from left to right in the following colours and of the following widths –

Azure blue: Seven sixteenths of an inch.
White: One eighth of an inch.
Black: Three eighths of an inch.
White: One eighth of an inch.
Azure blue: Seven sixteenths of an inch.

(3) The award of the honour shall entitle the recipient to add the letters N.Y.B. after his name, but shall not entitle him to any individual precedence.

The Cross of Gallantry

4. (1) The Cross of Gallantry shall be struck in silver in the shape of an equal armed cross with a width of one and three quarter inches between the ends of diagonally opposite arms and with a circular disc in the middle with a diameter of seven eighths of an inch, the obverse consisting, in relief, of the Coat of Arms of Botswana and the legend “REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA” and the reverse having engraved upon it the words “FOR GALLANTRY”, the name of the recipient and the date of the award.

(2) The honour shall be worn on the left breast, pendent from a silver clasp affixed to a silk ribbon one and a half inches in width and consisting of vertical stripes from left to right in the following colours and of the following width –

White: One eighth of an inch.
Azure blue: Seven sixteenths of an inch.
Black: Three eighths of an inch.

Azure blue: Seven sixteenths of an inch.
White: One eighth of an inch.

(3) The award of the honour shall entitle the recipient to add the letters C.G. after his name, but it shall not entitle him to any individual precedence.

(4) The honour may be awarded in time of peace or war.

The Presidential Order of Honour

5. (1) The Presidential Order of Honour shall be struck in silver gilt and shall be circular in shape with a diameter of one and three eighths inches, the obverse consisting, in relief, of the Coat of Arms of Botswana and the legend "REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA ORDER OF HONOUR" and the reverse having engraved upon it the name of the recipient and the date of the award.

(2) The honour shall be worn on the left breast, pendent from a silver gilt clasp, affixed to a silk ribbon one and a half inches in width of an azure blue colour.

(3) The award of the honour shall entitle the recipient to add the letters P.H. after his name, but shall not entitle him to individual precedence.

The Presidential Order of Meritorious Service

6. (1) The Presidential Order of Meritorious Service shall be struck in bronze and shall be in the shape of a five-pointed star with a width of one and three quarter inches between the ends of alternate points and with a circular disc in the middle with a diameter of seven eighths of an inch, the obverse consisting, in relief, of the Coat of Arms of Botswana and the reverse having engraved upon it the words "FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE" and the name of the recipient and the date of the award.

(2) The honour shall be worn on the left breast, pendent from a bronze clasp, affixed to a silk ribbon one and a half inches in width and consisting of vertical stripes from left to right in the following colours and the following widths —

Black: One quarter of an inch.
Azure blue: One inch.
Black: One quarter of an inch.

(3) The award of the honour shall entitle the recipient to add the letters P.M.S. after his name, but shall not entitle him to individual precedence.

The Botswana Police Medal for Meritorious Service

7. (1) The Botswana Police Medal for Meritorious Service shall be struck in silver and shall be circular in shape, with a diameter of one and three eighths inches, the obverse consisting, in relief, of the Coat of Arms of Botswana and the reverse bearing, in relief, the words "BOTSWANA POLICE FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE", the name, rank and number of the recipient and the date of the award engraved on the rim thereof.

(2) The medal shall be worn on the left breast, pendent from a silver clasp, affixed to a silk ribbon one and a half inches in width and consisting of vertical stripes from left to right in the following colours and of the following widths —

Old Gold: One quarter of an inch.
Maroon: Three eighths of an inch.
Old Gold: One quarter of an inch.
Maroon: Three eighths of an inch.
Old Gold: One quarter of an inch.

(3) The award of the honour shall entitle the recipient to add the letters B.P.M. after his name, but it shall not entitle the recipient to any individual precedence.

The Botswana Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal

8. (1) The Botswana Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal shall be struck in silver and shall be circular in shape, with a diameter of one and three eighths of an inch, the obverse consisting, in relief, of the Coat the legend "BOTSWANA POLICE FOR LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT" the name, rank and number of the recipient and the date of the award being engraved upon the rim thereof.

(2) The medal shall be worn on the left breast, pendent from a silver clasp, affixed to a silk ribbon one and a half inches in width and consisting of vertical stripes from left to right in the following colours and of the following widths —

Old Gold:	One quarter of an inch.
Maroon:	One inch.
Old Gold:	One quarter of an inch.

(3) The medal may be awarded in such circumstances as may be prescribed under the provisions of the Police Proclamation (Chapter 63).

The Botswana Prison Service Medal

9. (1) The Botswana Prison Service Medal shall be struck in silver and shall be circular in shape, with a diameter of one and three eighths inches, the obverse consisting, in relief, of the Arms of Botswana and the legend "REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA" and the reverse having, in relief, the legend "BOTSWANA PRISON SERVICE FOR LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT", the name rank and number of the recipient and the date of the award being engraved on the rim thereof.

(2) The medal shall be worn on the left breast, pendent from a silver clasp, affixed to a silk ribbon one and a half inches in width, and consisting of vertical stripes from left to right in the following colours and the following widths —

Azure blue:	Three sixteenths of an inch.
White:	Three sixteenths of an inch.
Black:	Three sixteenths of an inch.
Olive green:	Three eights of an inch.
Black:	Three sixteenths of an inch.
White:	Three sixteenths of an inch.
Azure blue:	Three sixteenths of an inch.

The Presidential Certificate of Honour

10. The Presidential Certificate of Honour shall be in such form as the President may approve.

Pattern of Honours to be deposited

11. A pattern of every honour, together with a pattern or reproduction thereof in miniature, half the size of the honour, which may be worn on certain occasions by persons to whom the medal has been awarded or by his widow, shall be deposited and kept in the office of the President of Botswana and in the Government Archives.

Award of honour to Prisoner of War or Missing Person

12. If an honour is awarded to any person who is a prisoner of war or who is missing, such award shall not be published until the person concerned has ceased to be a prisoner of war or to be missing.

Forfeiture or Restoration of an Honour

13. (1) The President may direct that an honour shall be forfeited where the recipient has been —

- (a) convicted of treason, sedition, mutiny or any similar offence; or
- (b) sentenced to imprisonment without the option of any fine for a period of not less than six months or has been cashiered, dismissed or discharged from any part of the service of the Republic of Botswana with ignominy.

(2) If the award of an honour has, in terms of subregulation (1) been forfeited, the President may restore such medal if he considered that the recipient concerned is, in every way, worthy of such restoration.

(3) The recipient concerned shall, on the forfeiting of his honour under subregulation (1) surrender such honour to the officer designated under regulation 15.

Authority for Issue

14. (1) Honours and the ribbons thereof shall, after award be provided at public expense to each recipient.

(2) In addition such ribbon or a miniature of the honour may be provided to a recipient against payment.

Registration

15. An officer in the public service designated thereto by the President shall maintain a register in which particulars are recorded as to the person to whom an honour has been awarded and the nature of the award made.

Loss or Disposal

16. (1) No person to whom an honour has been presented shall pledge, sell, barter or dispose of such honour other than by way of testamentary bequest.

(2) If an honour is lost, the person concerned shall submit a written report of the loss to the officer designated under regulation 15, who may authorise the replacement thereof, whether free or at the expense of the recipient.

Order of Precedence

17. (1) The order of precedence of honours shall be —

- The *Naledi ya Botswana*
- The Cross of Gallantry
- The Presidential Order of Honour
- The Presidential Order of Meritorious Service) equal
- The Botswana Police Medal for Meritorious service) precedence
- The Botswana Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal
- The Botswana Prison Service Medal
- The Presidential Certificate of Honour.

(2) Botswana honours will take precedence over any foreign or Commonwealth honour:

Provided that where a Commonwealth citizen in the service of the Republic of Botswana is awarded an honour by the country of which he is a citizen, the honour will take precedence over Botswana honours.

(3) Honour insignia from whatever source or country other than campaign medals shall precede campaign medals.

Wear with Normal Day Dress and Morning Dress

18. (1) An honour shall be worn with normal day dress or morning dress suspended from a horizontal metal brooch by its ribbon in a position equidistant from the centre of the breast on the one side and the armpit seam of the jacket on the other and above the left breast jacket pocket at a distance of approximately six to eight inches from the neck-shoulder seam of the jacket:

Provided that ladies may wear an honour on the left side of the dress below the shoulder as high up as is considered convenient.

(2) When two or more honours are worn they should be suspended in order of precedence from a metal brooch (no part of which should be seen) and worn in the manner prescribed in subregulation (1).

(3) When honours cannot on account of their number be suspended from a brooch so as to be seen fully they shall be worn so as to overlap, and not, unless this is unavoidable, suspended from a second brooch.

(4) Where an honour is suspended from a ribbon the length of ribbon should be such as to make a total length suspension of four inches from the top of the horizontal brooch to the bottom of the star, medal or medallion.

(5) Ladies may wear miniatures of an honour upon any occasion upon which honours may be worn.

(6) In the case of evening dress an honour shall be worn in miniature mounted on a bar in brooch form, pinned horizontally on the left lapel of the coat midway in height between the armpit and the peak of the shoulder.

Occasions for Wearing of Honours

19. Honours shall be worn on all State ceremonial occasions to which the recipient is invited on President's day and Botswana day and on other occasions of State ceremony to which the recipient is invited where the invitation states the honours shall be worn.

Honours to be kept clean

20. Honours shall be kept clean.

Awards of Foreign Honours to Persons in Botswana

21. (1) A person in the public service of Botswana who is not a citizen of Botswana may not wear a foreign or Commonwealth honour awarded to him after the date of the coming into operation of these regulations while in such service without the permission of the President.

(2) No Botswana citizen may accept any foreign or Commonwealth honour or accept the insignia thereof without the consent of the President, which permission may be either full permission or restricted permission.

(3) Where restricted permission has been granted under the provisions of subregulation (2) the honour shall be worn only on the occasions specified in the permission.

(4) Application for permission under the provisions of subregulation (2) shall be made by the Government desirous of making the award to the Office of the President, and if the application is granted, notice thereof shall be given by the Minister of State in the Gazette.

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Permanent Secretary, Office of the President.

Office of the President,
GABERONES.
25th September, 1967.