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**TONGA POLICE SERVICE MEDALS  
REGULATIONS 2019**





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## TONGA POLICE ACT 2010

*IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 180 of the Tonga Police Act 2010, the Minister responsible for Police with the consent of the Cabinet, makes the following Regulations—*

## PART I - PRELIMINARY

### 1 Short title

These Regulations may be cited as the Tonga Police Service Medals Regulations 2019.

### 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

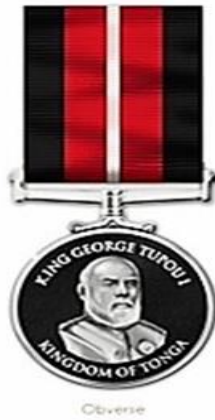
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**SCHEDULE I**

(Part II)

**TONGA POLICE LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL**



Obverse



Reverse



Miniature

**SCHEDULE II**

(Part III)

**TONGA POLICE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL**



Obverse



Reverse



Miniature

**SCHEDULE III**

(Part IV)

**TONGA POLICE OVERSEAS SERVICE MEDAL (SOLOMON ISLANDS)**



Obverse



Reverse



Miniature