
CHAPTER 208

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

**THE BAHAMAS PRISONS SERVICE
(AWARD OF MEDALS) RULES**

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(SECTION 5)

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- 1.** These Rules may be cited as the Bahamas Prisons Service (Award of Medal) Rules. Citation.
- 2.** There shall be in respect of The Bahamas Prisons Service, a Medal for Long Service And Good Conduct (hereinafter referred to as “the Medal”). Medal.
- 3.** The Medal shall be a circular silver medal $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches in diameter bearing on the obverse the Coat of Arms of The Bahamas and on the reverse an emblematic design consisting of two crossed keys in a wreath with the words “For Long Service And Good Conduct” and the designation “BPS” (denoting The Bahamas Prisons Service) and on the rim the name and rank of the person to whom it is awarded, and date of the award. Description of Medal.
- 4.** (1) The Medal and any clasp added thereto shall be awarded by the Governor-General on the advice of the Prime Minister. Award or Medal.
- (2) The name of the person to whom the Medal or clasp is awarded shall be published in the *Gazette* and a register of the names of such persons shall be kept by such persons as the Governor-General may direct.
- 5.** (1) The Medal shall be worn on the left breast suspended by means of a ribbon one and three eighths inches in width divided into five vertical bands. Wearing of Medal.
- (2) The central band shall be three-eighths of an inch in width, shall be green with two gold bands, each of one-eighth of an inch in width separating the borders from the central band and the borders shall be navy and shall each be three-eighths of an inch in width.
- 6.** (1) The Medal may be awarded to all members of The Bahamas Prisons Service who have completed eighteen years’ continuous service: Qualifications for award of Medal.

Provided that —

- (a) no period shall be reckoned as qualifying service during which a member has served in the prison service of any other country;
- (b) such service is characterised by exemplary conduct.

(2) Additional clasps may be awarded to any recipient of the Medal on the completion of twenty-five and thirty years' continuous service respectively as aforesaid and a rose on the ribbon shall denote a clasp.

Cancellation of award of Medal.

7. (1) The Governor-General may on the advice of the Prime Minister after consultation with the Superintendent of Prisons cancel the award to any person of the Medal or clasp and thereupon the register referred to in rule 4(2) shall be amended accordingly and the person shall forthwith return the Medal or clasp to such person as may be designated by the Governor-General to receive it:

Provided that the Governor-General may in like manner restore any award so cancelled and thereupon his name shall be entered once more on the register.

(2) A notice of the cancellation, forfeiture or restoration of an award of the Medal or clasp shall in every case be published in the *Gazette* by the person keeping the register pursuant to rule 4(2).

Loss of Medal.

8. If a Medal or clasp is lost it may, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Prisons be replaced at the expense of the recipient, unless the Governor-General relieves him of the requirement to pay.

Offences.

9. Any person who —

- (a) not having been awarded a Medal under these Rules, wears the Medal or any other medal or decoration so nearly resembling it as to be calculated to deceive; or
- (b) falsely represents himself to be a person who is or was entitled to wear such medal; or
- (c) without lawful authority or excuse, supplies or offers to supply such medal to any person not authorised to wear it, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty dollars and in default of payment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month.