Regulations for Establishment of Good Service Medal for Subordinate Officers of the South African Prisons Service
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The Regulations for Establishment of Good Service Medal for Subordinate Officers of the South African Prisons Service were originally made in terms of section 88(1)(b) of the Prisons and Reformatories Act 13 of 1911, which was repealed by the Prisons Act 8 of 1959, which was then repealed by the Prisons Act 17 of 1998, which was subsequently repealed by the Correctional Service Act 9 of 2012. Pursuant to section 127 of the Correctional Service Act 9 of 2012, the Regulations for Establishment of Good Service Medal for Subordinate Officers of the South African Prisons Service are deemed to have been made under that Act

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

[These individual regulations do not have headings.]

1. On the recommendation of the Director of Prisons a medal, to be known as the Prisons Good Service Medal, may be awarded by the Minister to a subordinate officer of the Prisons Service who (a) has served for not less than eighteen years with an irreproachable character, or (b) has performed service of a particularly gallant or distinguished nature. In the case of an award under (b), a bar bearing the words “Merit - Verdienste” shall be added, and similarly, bars may be added to any medal granted on account of further distinguished conduct.

2. The medal shall be of silver, circular, and one and seven-sixteenth inches in diameter, and shall have on one side the Arms of the Union and the words “Prison Service - Gevangenis Dienst”, and on the other side the words “For faithful service - Voor trouwe dienst.”
The riband, which shall be green-white-blue-white-green, and one inch and a quarter in width, shall be affixed two inches above the pocket on the left breast, and shall be one inch in length. In the case of medals with bars, one inch riband shall be visible above the top bar. When the riband only is worn, the depth of riband shall be half an inch.

3. The Minister may permit prison service in other than the Union Prison Service to count towards the earning of a medal, provided that service in the Prisons Branch of the Natal Police which has already been counted for the award of a Natal Police Medal, shall not be included.

4. The Director of Prisons shall recommend to the Minister for an award of a medal for long service only officers whose characters he can certify as having been exemplary, and who are considered to be in every way worthy of the distinction. Commendations noted on the officer’s record may be taken as diminishing the number of entries against the officer. An officer guilty of a crime or disgraceful conduct shall be ineligible for an award.

5. The medal shall be presented on parade or at a gathering specially convened for the purpose, and shall be worn by the recipient as an honourable testimonial.

6. The names of the recipients shall be published in Orders, and shall be entered in a register to be kept in the Office of the Director of Prisons, which register shall show the number, name, and rank of the officer, and particulars of the reasons for the award of the medal.

7. A recipient who is subsequently found guilty of desertion or of any offence of a fraudulent or disgraceful nature or is discharged for misconduct shall forfeit the medal, which shall be returned to the Director of Prisons, who shall cause the officer’s name to be struck off the register.

The Minister may restore a forfeited medal on the recommendation of the Director of Prisons.

8. When a medal is lost or destroyed, the recipient may apply to the Director of Prisons to be provided with a new medal at his own expense. Applications for new medals to replace those which have been lost or destroyed must be accompanied by a sworn declaration as to the circumstances under which the loss or destruction took place. If satisfied as to the reasons given, the Minister may order a new medal to be issued in place of that lost or destroyed, either at the cost of the recipient or at the public expense.