REGULATIONS SURVIVING IN TERMS OF
Police Act 19 of 1990
section 45(2)

Regulations relating to the South African
Police Cross for Bravery
Government Notice 990 of 1963
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The Regulations relating to the South African Police Cross for Bravery were originally made in terms of section 33 of the Police Act 7 of 1958, which was repealed by the Police Act 19 of 1990. Pursuant to section 45(2) of the Police Act 19 of 1990, the Regulations relating to the South African Police Cross for Bravery are deemed to have been made under that Act.

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

[Most of the individual regulations have no headings.]

Scope of application of regulations and definitions

1. The provisions of these regulations shall apply in respect of all decorations, medals, bars, clasps and ribbons which may be awarded exclusively to a person who is or was a member of the South African Police Force established in terms of section two of the Police Act, 1958 (Act No. 7 of 1958), and unless the context otherwise indicates -

(a) “Commissioner” means the Commissioner of the South African Police appointed under section three of the aforesaid Act;

(b) “prescribe” or “prescribed” means prescribed by the Commissioner.

Wearing of decorations and medals
2. (1) Decorations, medals, bars, clasps and ribbons shall, with due regard to the provisions of the WARRANTS in terms of which they are instituted, be worn in the prescribed manner.

(2) The occasions on and the circumstances under which decorations, medals, bars and clasps as well as any miniature reproductions thereof may be worn, may be prescribed.

(3) A decoration or medal as well as the bar, clasp and ribbon in respect thereof, may be worn only by a person to whom such award has been made.

Certificate of award and undertaking by recipient

3. A certificate of Award, in the prescribed form and signed by the Commissioner or an officer designated by him, shall be issued in respect of each decoration, medal, bar or clasp awarded.

[The word “by” is repeated above.]

4. Except in the case of a posthumous conferment, the Commissioner may require any person to whom a decoration, medal, bar or clasp has been awarded, to give a written undertaking that he will -

(a) not, at any time, give away, throw away, sell, pledge, barter or in any way other than by bequest, alienate such decoration, medal, bar, clasp or certificate of Award in respect thereof;

(b) immediately report the loss thereof to the Commissioner in writing; and

(c) immediately return to the Commissioner any such conferment which, in terms of these regulations, may be cancelled, annulled or declared forfeited.

5. A decoration, a medal, bar or clasp and a certificate of Award in respect thereof, shall, if at all possible, be presented -

(a) to the person himself on whom it is conferred, and in the case of a posthumous conferment, to the next-of-kin, other relative or legal heir of the deceased person, as the Commissioner may decide;

(b) on parade or at a special gathering.

Forfeiture

6. (1) The award of a decoration or medal may be cancelled, annulled or declared forfeited if the person to whom it was made -

[The word “annulled” is misspelt in the Official Gazette, as reproduced above.]

(a) deserts from the Police Force or is discharged or dismissed therefrom on account of misconduct; or
(b) is found guilty of treason, crimen laesae majestatis, sedition or any other offence, either under the common law or any statute, which clearly endangers the safety of the State; or

(c) is found guilty of any other offence of a dishonest or disgraceful nature.

(2) The cancellation, annulment and forfeiture of a decoration or medal in terms of sub-regulation (1), shall also result in the forfeiture of any bar or clasp in respect thereof as well as any certificates of Award.

(3) A decoration or medal as well as any bar, clasp and certificate of Award in respect thereof shall, upon cancellation, annulment or forfeiture, be returned to the Commissioner immediately.

7. Any recommendation for the restoration of a forfeited decoration or medal as well as any bar, clasp and certificate of Award in respect thereof, shall be considered on its merits.

[The word “recommendation” is misspelt in the Official Gazette, as reproduced above.]

Theft, loss, destruction or damage

8. (1) The theft, loss, destruction of or damage to a decoration, medal, bar, clasp or certificate of Award, shall immediately be reported to the Commissioner.

(2) The Commissioner may authorise replacement, at the expense of a recipient, of a decoration, medal, bar or clasp as well as the ribbon in respect thereof, which has been stolen, lost, destroyed or irreparably damaged; provided that such replacement at the expense of the State, may be authorised if the Commissioner, after due inquiry and upon sworn information, is satisfied that the theft, loss, destruction or damage was not due to the recipient’s neglect or carelessness.

Reproductions in miniature

9. A miniature reproduction of a decoration, medal, bar or clasp shall be issued only at the expense of the recipient.

Specimens for museums

10. Specimens of a decoration, medal, bar, clasp, ribbon, as well as miniature reproductions thereof may, with the approval of the Commissioner, be made available to recognised museums or similar institutions.

Procedure

11. A recommendation for the award, cancellation, annulment, forfeiture, restoration or replacement of a decoration, medal, bar or clasp, shall be submitted in accordance with the prescribed procedure.

Police good service medals already awarded

12. The award of the “POLICE GOOD SERVICE MEDAL” as well as the bar thereto, shall cease with effect from the first day of September, 1963, and the provisions of regulations 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 shall, in so far as they are not inconsistent with the provisions
of regulation 64 of the regulations published under Government Notice No. 3250 of 1951, *mutatis mutandis* apply to such a medal which has been awarded prior to that date.