

# REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE AWARD OF THE POLICE EXEMPLARY SERVICE MEDAL

## Short Title

1. These Regulations may be cited as the *Police Exemplary Service Medal Regulations*.

## Interpretation

2. In these Regulations,

“Bar” means the Bar described in section 4; (*Barrette*)

“Committee” means the Decorations Committee of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police; (*comité*)

“Exemplary Service” means service characterized by good conduct, industry and efficiency that serves as a model for others; (*services distingués*)

“Medal” means the medal described in section 3; (*Médaille*)

“Police Officer” means any individual duly sworn as such by a recognized Canadian Police force; (*agent de police*)

“Recognized Canadian Police Force” means a police force established in Canada by an Act of Parliament or by or under an Act of legislature of a province. (*corps de police canadien reconnu*)

## Description

3.

- (1) The Police Exemplary Service Medal shall consist of a circular medal, on the obverse a stylized maple leaf bearing the Scales of Justice, circumscribed with the words “Exemplary Service—Services distingués”, on the reverse the Royal CIPHER, suspended by a ribbon of five equal stripes, two gold, three blue.
- (2) The Medal shall be awarded only for exemplary service.

4.

- (1) The Bar to the Medal shall consist of a plain bar with a stylized maple leaf centred.
- (2) A Bar shall be awarded only for exemplary service.

## Eligibility for Medal and Bar

5.

- (1) Subject to section 6, a person is eligible to be awarded the Medal if the person
  - i. is a serving police officer; and
  - ii. has completed a minimum of twenty years of full-time service with one or more recognized Canadian police forces, including full-time police-cadet training, of such good standard as to warrant an award, if such period of service, in whole or in part, has not been recognized by any other official, national long service, good conduct or efficiency decoration or medal.
- (2) Subject to section 6, a person is eligible to be awarded the Medal if the person
  - i. was a serving officer on August 1, 1980; and
  - ii. had completed a minimum of twenty years of full-time service with one or more recognized Canadian police forces, including full-time police-cadet training, of such good standard as to warrant an award, if such period of service, in whole or in part, has not been recognized by any other official, national long service, good conduct or efficiency decoration or medal.

6.

- (1) Members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or the Canadian Forces are ineligible to be awarded the Medal.
- (2) Full-time exemplary service of former members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police may qualify as exemplary service for the purpose of the award of the Medal where that service has not been recognized by award of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal and bars thereto.
- (3) Full-time exemplary service of former members of the Canadian Forces with the Military Police of the Canadian Forces may qualify as exemplary service for the purpose of the award of the Medal where that service has not been recognized by award of the Canadian Forces Decoration and clasps thereto.

7. A person who has been awarded the Police Exemplary Service Medal is eligible to be awarded a Bar in respect of each ten-year period of full-time service with one

or more recognized Canadian police forces, following the twenty-year period in respect of which he or she was awarded the Medal if his or her exemplary service is of such good standard as to warrant an award.

### **Nomination Procedure**

8.

- (1) A nomination of a person for the Medal or a Bar shall be made to the Director, Chancellery of Canadian Orders and Decorations, by the chief or the director of the police force in which the nominee has served or by the chairman of the authority in charge of the police force.
- (2) A person making a nomination referred to in subsection (1) shall submit the nomination together with a recommendation in respect of the nominee, in the form of a certificate,
  - a) setting out the date on which the required period of service for the Medal or Bar was completed by the nominee;
  - b) stating that, during that period of service, no serious disciplinary action has been taken or is pending in respect of the nominee;
  - c) affirming that the conduct and performance of the nominee have been judged as being exemplary and deserving of recognition by the award of the Medal or Bar; and
  - d) signed by the person making the nomination.

### **Decorations Committee**

9. On receipt of nominations for Medals or Bars, the Director, Chancellery of Canadian Orders and Decorations, shall submit the nominations to the Committee and the Committee shall
- a) consider whether a person nominated is eligible to receive a Medal or Bar; and
  - b) compile and submit to the Governor General a list of those nominees who, in the opinion of the Committee, are so eligible.

10.

- (1) In addition to its responsibilities under section 9, the Committee shall advise the Governor General on such other matters concerning the award of the Medal or a Bar as he or she may refer to the Committee for consideration.
- (2) Notwithstanding sections 5 and 8, the Committee may recommend to the Governor General an extraordinary award of the Medal, including a posthumous award to a police officer who died in the performance of his or her duties, where the police officer is not entitled to any other official award.

## **Awards**

11. An award of the Medal or a Bar shall be made, on the recommendation of the Committee, by Instrument signed by the Governor General.
12. Notwithstanding sections 5 and 8, the Governor General on the recommendation of the Committee, may award the Police Exemplary Service Medal.
13. Nothing in these Regulations limits the right of the Governor General to exercise all powers and authorities in respect to the Medal.

## **Presentation**

14. Unless the Governor General otherwise directs, the Medal or a Bar shall be sent to the person who nominated the police officer or former police officer for award of the Medal or a bar for formal presentation, on behalf of the Governor General, to the recipient.

## **Wearing of Medals**

15.
  - (1) The Medal or Bar shall be worn in the sequence prescribed in the “Canadian Order of Precedence of Orders, Decorations and Medals” and in the manner described in “A guide to the Wearing of Orders, Decorations and Medals”.
  - (2) When the ribbon of the Medal is worn alone and the wearer has been awarded a Bar, a small silver maple leaf shall be attached to the center of the ribbon.
16. A person to whom the Medal has been awarded may wear a miniature of the Medal, to be one-half the size of the Medal, on all occasions when the wearing of miniatures is customary.

## **Cancellation and Reinstatement**

17.
  - (1) The Governor General may, on the advice of the Committee,
    - a) cancel or annul the award to any person of the Medal or Bar;
    - b) restore the award of the Medal or Bar that has been cancelled or annulled under paragraph (a).
  - (2) Where the award of the Medal is cancelled or annulled under subsection (1), the name of the person to whom the Medal was awarded shall be deleted from the Register referred to section 18.

## **Administration**

18. The Director, Chancellery of Canadian Orders and Decorations, shall:
- a) maintain a Register containing the name of each person to whom the Medal or a Bar is awarded and such other records relating to the award as the Director considers necessary;
  - b) arrange for award ceremonies or for Medals and Bars to be sent in accordance with section 14, for presentation to the recipients;
  - c) have the names of recipients of Medals engraved on their Medals;
  - d) issue a certificate to accompany the Medal or the Bar;
  - e) perform such other functions in respect of awards of the Medals and Bars as the Governor General may require him or her to perform.