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THE NATIONAL AWARDS RULES

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THE NATIONAL AWARDS ACT

NATIONAL AWARDS RULES MADE UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE NATIONAL AWARDS ACT.

1. These Rules may be cited as the National Awards Rules.

2. In these Rules—

Interpretation.

“Committee” means the National Awards Committee established by paragraph 6 of the Schedule to the National Awards Act;

“the Order of the Nation”, “the Order of Distinction”, “the Order of Honour” and “the Order of Merit” means the Orders set out in the Schedule to the National Awards Act.

Designation of
medals of the
Orders.

3. (1) The Order of the Nation shall be designated by a medal in the form of an eight point star with four greater and four lesser points which shall be called The Star of Antigua and Barbuda and shall be awarded in gold. The medal shall be inscribed with the words “*Each Endeavouring All Achieving*”.

(2) The Order of Distinction shall be designated by a medal in the form of a cross which shall be called The Cross of Antigua and Barbuda and shall be awarded in gold. The medal shall be inscribed with the words “*Each Endeavouring All Achieving*”.

(3) The Order of Honour shall be designated by a medal depicting an old sugar mill tower and shall be awarded in gold, silver and bronze as follows—

- (a) the Order of Honour, gold award;
- (b) the Order of Honour, silver award;
- (c) the Order of Honour, bronze award.

The medal shall be inscribed with the words “*Each Endeavouring All Achieving*”.

(4) The Order of Merit shall be designated by a medal in the form of a sailing boat and shall be awarded in gold, silver and bronze as follows—

- (a) the Order of Merit, gold award;
- (b) the Order of Merit, silver award;
- (c) the Order of Merit, bronze award.

The medal shall be inscribed with the words “*Each Endeavouring All Achieving*”.

4. (1) An award of the Order of the Nation, the Order of Distinction, the Order of Honour and the Order of Merit may be made once every year to citizens of Antigua and Barbuda in respect of Independence Day.

(2) An honorary award may be made at any time by the Governor-General on the advice of the Prime Minister.

5. (1) On the 1st day of November every year, the names of persons to whom awards are made shall be published in the *Gazette*.

(2) Any other award made under the Act shall in like manner be published in the *Gazette*.

6. (1) The Governor-General may, on the advice of the Prime Minister, given after consideration of the recommendation of the Committee, revoke the award of any person—

Revocation of award.

(a) who is convicted of the crime of treason; or

(b) who, in the opinion of the Committee, has conducted himself in a manner which tends to bring the Order into disrepute.

7. The seal of the Order shall be as determined by the Governor-General and shall be kept at all times in his custody.

Seal of the Order.

8. (1) Subject to paragraph 6 of the Schedule to the National Awards Act, the Prime Minister may, in the absence or inability of a member to act, appoint another person to act in a temporary capacity until such member returns or is able to act in this office.

Temporary appointments and resignations.

(2) A member of the Committee other than the Chairman may, at any time, by an instrument in writing addressed to the Prime Minister through the Chairman resign his office.

(3) The Chairman may, at any time resign his office by an instrument in writing addressed to the Prime Minister.

(4) A resignation under this paragraph shall take effect from the date the Prime Minister receives the instrument of resignation.

Termination of office.

9. (1) Any person appointed by virtue of his office shall cease to be a member when he ceases to hold that office.

(2) The Prime Minister may revoke the appointment of any member if he considers it expedient to do so.

Meetings of the Committee.

10. (1) The Committee shall meet from time to time to—

(a) discharge the functions conferred upon it by the Act, or

(b) carry out any other duty directed by the Prime Minister in accordance with the Act.

(2) The Committee may consult any person or such other bodies as it considers necessary in the performance of its functions.

(3) The Committee shall regulate its own procedure.

(4) The validity of the proceedings of the Committee shall not be affected by any vacancy among the members thereof or by any defect in the appointment of a member thereof.

Maintenance of a minutes book.

11. (1) The Committee shall keep and maintain a minutes book in which the secretary to the Committee shall record all the proceedings of the Committee.

(2) The minutes book shall be kept in the custody of the secretary to the Committee.

12. Decisions of the Committee shall be determined by the votes of the majority of the members present and voting, and in addition to an original vote the chairman or other person presiding at the meeting shall have a casting vote in case there is an equality of votes. Decisions of the Committee.

13. (1) There shall be a register for each Order. Records of the Order.

(2) Each register shall be kept in a form determined by the Governor-General and shall contain such particulars as he may direct.

Made this 19th day of October, 1988.
