

L.N. 222 of 2009

**ĠIEĦ IR-REPUBBLIKA ACT
(CAP. 251)**

Amendment Rules for Honours, Awards and Decorations, 2009

IN virtue of the powers conferred on him by article 26 of the ĠieĦ ir-Repubblika Act, and of all other powers him enabling, the President of Malta has, on the advice of the Prime Minister, made the following rules:-

1. The title of these rules is the Amendment Rules for Honours, Awards and Decorations, 2009 and they shall be read and construed as one with the Rules for Honours, Awards and Decorations, 1990, hereinafter referred to as “the principal rules”. Citation.
L.N. 105 of 1990.

2. For rule 9 of the principal rules, for the words “bow with tails.” there shall be substituted the words “bow with tails:” and immediately thereafter there shall be added the following proviso to the said rule: Amends rule 9 of the
principal rules.

“Provided that when the award is given to a group or organization:

(a) the Committee shall indicate who the recipient of the award on behalf of the group or organisation shall be, provided that such individual shall not be entitled to have the letters M.Q.R. placed after his name nor will such person be entitled to wear the medal as a decoration. However, the group or organisation may use the letters M.Q.R. (*Midalja għall-Qadi tar-Repubblika*) in all its official correspondence;

(b) the Medal shall be kept in a prominent place at the group’s or organisation’s headquarters, or, where no such building exists, the Chancellor shall, on the request of the organisation, indicate in which premises the Medal is to be kept; and

(c) when the recipient is no longer part of the group or organisation, in the first instance it shall be the responsibility of such recipient or, as the case may be, the recipient’s heirs to inform the Chancellor of such fact, but without prejudice to the fact that the Secretary

to the group or organisation is likewise obliged to inform the Chancellor of such fact so that the Chancellor can issue such directives as he may deem fit.”.

Adds new rule 11A to the principal rules.

3. Immediately after rule 10 of the principal rules, there shall be added the following new rule:

“Distinguished Service Medal.

11A. The Distinguished Service Medal shall be circular, in cupro-nickel, and 36mm in diameter, bearing on the obverse the Emblem of Malta in relief and on the reverse in relief a mural crown with five turrets with a semi-circular inscription beneath bearing the words “GHAL SERVIZZ DISTINT” all surrounded by a wreath of laurels suspended at the top; the whole is suspended from a bar. The Medal is suspended from a riband of 32mm in width as follows:

(a) for the Armed Forces of Malta five equal parts, the first blue, the second red, the third subdivided into blue, white, blue, the fourth red and the fifth blue;

(b) for the Malta Police Force five equal parts, the first blue, the second white, the third subdivided into blue, white, blue, the fourth white and the fifth blue;

(c) for the Malta Correctional Services five equal parts, the first blue, the second grey, the third subdivided into blue, grey, blue, the fourth grey and the fifth blue.”.

Substitutes heading and adds new rule 12A to the principal rules.

4. Immediately after rule 11 of the principal rules the heading “QUALIFYING SERVICE FOR LONG AND EFFICIENT SERVICE MEDALS” is deleted and there shall be added the following new heading and new rule:

“QUALIFYING SERVICE FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDALS AND LONG AND EFFICIENT SERVICE MEDALS

12A. (1) Distinguished Service Medals shall be awarded in those cases the Minister responsible for the particular disciplined force, on the recommendation of the officer commanding the force, so decides.

(2) The recommendation mentioned in sub-rule (1) hereof shall be made in writing and the officer commanding the force shall set out the detailed reasons for the recommendation, provided that such recommendation shall only be made when the officer has:

(a) in the opinion of the officer commanding the force, shown exceptional motivation and resolve; and

(b) has not received a warning or charge during the period of two years prior to the recommendation.”.

5. Sub-rule (3) of rule 12 of the principal rules shall be deleted and sub-rule (4) thereof shall be renumbered as sub-rule (3). Amends rule 12 of the principal rules.

6. For sub-rule (1) of rule 14 of the principal rules there shall be substituted the following: Amends rule 14 of the principal rules.

“(1) Insignia of the Xirka and of the Order and wearing medals shall be worn in the following order -

(a) Insignia of a Companion of Honour of the Order

(b) Insignia of the Xirka

(c) Insignia of a Companion of the Order

(d) Insignia of an Officer of the Order

(e) Insignia of a Member of the Order

(f) Midalja għall-Qlubija

(g) Midalja għall-Qadi tar-Repubblika

(h) National Commemorative Medals

(i) Distinguished Service Medals

(j) Long and Efficient Service Medals.”.

Amends rule 16 of
the principal rules.

7. For sub-rule (1) of rule 16 of the principal rules there shall be substituted the following:

“(1) Distinguished Service Medals and Long and Efficient Service Medals shall normally be presented by the Minister responsible for a specific disciplined force.”.

