

LAW No. 2019/007 OF 25 AVR 2019

TO LAY DOWN RULES GOVERNING NATIONAL ODERS

*The Parliament deliberated and adopted,
the President of the Republic hereby
enacts the law set out below:*

PART I GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1: This law lays down the rules governing national orders and medals of the Republic.

SECTION 2: (1) The National Orders of the Republic of Cameroon shall be:

- the Order of Valour;
- the Cameroon Order of Merit;
- the Agricultural Order of Merit;
- the Sports Order of Merit.

(2) Each Order shall comprise a council established and organized by decree of the President of the Republic.

SECTION 3: (1) The Medals of the Republic of Cameroon shall be:

- the Cross of Military Valour;
- the Medal of Valiancy;
- the Medal of Merit of the Forces of Law and Order.

(2) A commission shall be established and organized by decree of the President of the Republic to manage each Medal.

SECTION 4: (1) The President of the Republic of Cameroon shall be the Grand Master of all the Orders. He shall take the final decision on all matters concerning the Orders and Medals.

(2) The President of the Republic shall be entitled as of right to the Dignity of Grand Cordon of the Order of Valour.

SECTION 5: (1) The Grand Chancellery of the National Orders shall be responsible for the administration of the national orders and medals of the Republic.

(2) It shall be managed by a Grand Chancellor appointed by decree of the President of the Republic.

(3) The Grand Chancellor shall be entitled as of right to the insignia of Grand Collar of the Order of Valour.

(4) The organization and functioning of the Grand Chancellery shall be laid down by decree of the President of the Republic.

SECTION 6: The Presidents of the Houses of Parliament, Judicial authorities, Ministers and persons ranking as such, heads of administrative units and heads of Cameroon's diplomatic missions abroad shall have powers to propose for medal award, Cameroonians or foreigners who fulfil the criteria set out under this law.

SECTION 7: Any application for nomination or promotion in the National Orders submitted to the Grand Chancellery by any person other than the authorities referred to above shall be null and void.

SECTION 8: (1) The award of certificates to recipients of a decoration or medal shall be subject to payment of Chancellery fees and insignia reimbursement charges, the amount of which shall be fixed by order of the President of the Republic.

(2) Exemptions from payment of above-mentioned fees shall be specified under this law. Such exemption may also be granted on presentation of a certificate of indigence.

SECTION 9: The President of the Republic shall fix the annual quota of decorations and medals to be awarded. Such quota may be revised, as and where necessary.

SECTION 10: (1) Members of the Orders shall be appointed for life by decree of the President of the Republic.

(2) In case of sanction reported by the Council of the Orders, members may be dismissed under similar conditions.

SECTION 11: (1) Any prison sentence for a felony or misdemeanour may lead to debarment from the Order or permanent forfeiture of the medal.

(2) Debarment or permanent forfeiture shall be pronounced by decree of the President of the Republic.

PART II **ORGANIZATION OF ORDERS AND PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THEIR** **MANAGEMENT**

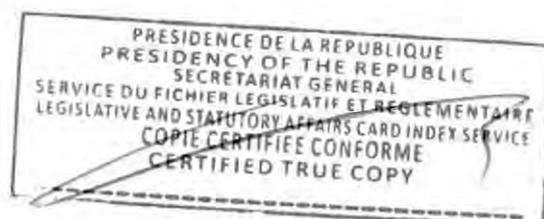
CHAPTER I **ORDER OF VALOUR**

SECTION 12: (1) The Cameroon Order of Valour shall be intended to reward, by an official decoration, outstanding services rendered to the State of Cameroon.

(2) Foreign nationals may be admitted to the Order of Valour, subject to the provisions of certain international agreements.

SECTION 13: The Order of Valour shall comprise the following grades:

- Knight;
- Officer;
- Commander;
- Grand Officer;
- Grand Cross;



- Grand Collar;
- Grand Cordon.

I – ADMISSION AND PROMOTION

SECTION 14: As a rule, to be admitted to the Order of Valour, candidates must:

- have performed public or customary duties with distinction for a period of at least 20 (twenty) years and/or attest of particularly outstanding professional practice in a corps;
- be of good character.

SECTION 15: Persons may be admitted to the Order of Valour only in the grade of Knight, save by decision of the President of the Republic.

SECTION 16: Nomination to a higher grade shall be contingent on the time spent in the lower grade, namely:

- to the grade of Officer, at least 5 (five) years in the grade of Knight;
- to the grade of Commander, at least 4 (four) years in the grade of Officer;
- to the Dignity of Grand Officer, at least 3 (three) years in the grade of Commander.

SECTION 17: The dignity of Grand Cross shall be awarded only by the President of the Republic.

SECTION 18: (1) Exceptionally, very outstanding services duly recorded in public services or private professions may exempt candidates from these conditions, expressly provided they do not skip any grade.

(2) However, the President of the Republic may award any grade to a person of his choice at any time.

SECTION 19: Any proposal made in this respect shall explain in detail the reasons for which the decoration is requested. Such proposal shall be forwarded by the competent authority and must bear the signature of the later.

SECTION 20: Except in the case of the outstanding services referred to in Section 18 above, appointments or promotions in the Orders shall be made only on the occasion of the National Day.

SECTION 21: The Grand Chancellor shall issue a circular specifying the period and conditions for submitting nominations to the National Orders.

SECTION 22: (1) The authorities referred to in Section 6 above shall, after every nomination or promotion, send notification letters to all the persons concerned within their area of jurisdiction.



(2) The letters of notification shall instruct them to contact the Grand Chancellor for the award of their certificate, subsequent to payment of chancellery fees.

SECTION 23: Nobody may wear the decoration of the grade to which he has been appointed or promoted before its official award.

SECTION 24: Persons killed in the line of duty or through an outstanding act of devotion or persons who are particularly deserving of the Fatherland may be appointed posthumously to the Order of Valour.

II – RECEPTION CEREMONIAL AND CERTIFICATE AWARD

PARAGRAPH I **RECEPTION CEREMONIAL**

SECTION 25: Commanders and Grand Officers shall receive their decorations from the President of the Republic. Where he is unavoidably absent, the Grand Chancellor, a Member of Government, the Governor with territorial jurisdiction or the head of Cameroon’s diplomatic mission abroad shall be designated to award the decoration.

SECTION 26: The authorities vested with powers to propose nominees may award the medals corresponding to the grade of Officer and Knight in their respective entities or area of jurisdiction.

SECTION 27: (1) The ceremonial shall be as follows: for grades other than that of Grand Officer, the recipient shall receive his decoration after pronouncement of the following phrase:

“In the name of the President of the Republic, and by virtue of the powers conferred on us, we hereby make you...”

or

“In the name of the President of the Republic and by virtue of the powers conferred on us, we hereby raise you to the dignity of Grand Officer...”, for this specific grade, followed by an accolade.

(2) For the award of Grand Cordon of the Order of Valour to the President of the Republic by the Grand Chancellor, the wording shall be as follows:

“Mr. President of the Republic, at this moment you are assuming the high office of President of the Republic of Cameroon, I have the great privilege and singular honour, as Grand Chancellor of the National Orders, of presenting to your Excellency the insignia of Grand Cordon of the Order of Valour of which you are the Grand Master, in accordance with the law”.

(3) A report of each ceremony, a specimen of which is provided by the Grand Chancellery, shall be drawn up for the Grand Chancellor.

SECTION 28: Where the circumstances so require, a round of applause shall mark the beginning and end of the medal award ceremony.

PARAGRAPH II
CERTIFICATE AWARD

SECTION 29: (1) Certificates bearing the signature of the President of the Republic shall be awarded to Grand Officers and Commanders of the Order of Valour.

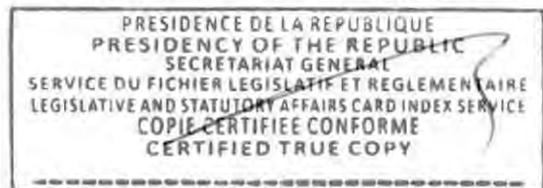
(2) Certificates of Officer and Knight shall be signed by the Grand Chancellor.

(3) In both cases, they shall be countersigned by the coordinator of the administrative services of the Grand Chancellery.

CHAPTER II
CAMEROON ORDER OF MERIT

SECTION 30: The Cameroon Order of Merit shall comprise the following grades:

- Knight;
- Officer;
- Commander;
- Grand Cordon.



SECTION 31: (1) The following persons may be appointed to the Cameroon Order of Merit after carrying out an activity for at least 16 (sixteen) years:

- Cameroonians who have distinguished themselves through an outstanding sense of civic responsibility within the family, traditional communities or in their public or professional life;
- persons who have rendered outstanding services to Cameroon through the organization of job-creation or income-generating activities;
- farmers or stockbreeders who have achieved progress in their agro-pastoral activities or who have developed vast areas of bare lands, constructed canals and drained or irrigated lands;
- business people who have contributed to developing trade by establishing new business relations with credible partners and founding or extending business establishments or branch offices;
- artists who have created, perfected or imported an art or shown outstanding proficiency in a craft;
- industrialists who have set up or introduced an industry or developed an existing industry;
- persons who have carried out benevolent work in the public interest, founded or maintained charitable institutions;

- persons who have provided their services to public administrations or to employers and have served for a long time with diligence and loyalty;
- elements of security or defence forces who have served with remarkable discipline, honour and fidelity.

(2) Exceptionally, and without any seniority requirements, elements of the forces of law and order, the security and defence forces, as well as civilians cited for their outstanding acts of courage and devotion may also be appointed to a higher grade.

SECTION 32: Persons other than Cameroonian may be appointed to the Cameroon Order of Merit if they provide evidence of a minimum of 5 (five) years of residence in Cameroon or of outstanding services rendered to the State, subject to the provisions of international agreements to which Cameroon is party.

SECTION 33: Persons killed in the line of duty or through an outstanding act of devotion or persons who are deserving of the Fatherland may be appointed posthumously to the Order of Merit.

SECTION 34: (1) Nobody may be admitted to the Cameroon Order of Merit except he/she is holder of the Medal of Knight.

(2) Nobody may be promoted to the grade of Officer except he/she has at least 5 (five) years of seniority in the grade of Knight.

(3) Nobody may be promoted to the grade of Commander except he/she has at least 4 (four) years of seniority in the grade of Officer.

(4) Nobody may be raised to the dignity of Grand Cordon except he/she has at least 3 (three) years of seniority in the grade of Commander.

(5) These provisions may however be waived in exceptional cases by the President of the Republic.

SECTION 35: Proposals for initial award or for promotion made by the authorities vested with powers to propose candidates must be reasoned.

SECTION 36: The authorities vested with powers to make proposals shall prepare the files using standard forms and forward them to the Grand Chancellery for the opinion of the Council of the Orders. The Grand Chancellor shall submit the selected proposals to the President of the Republic for appraisal.

I – AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR DECORATION AWARD AND CEREMONIAL

PARGRAPH I **AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR DECORATION AWARD**



SECTION 37: (1) The Grand Cordon of the Cameroon Order of Merit shall be awarded to recipients by the President of the Republic. In his absence, the Grand Chancellor, a Minister, the Governor of the relevant region or the Head of the Diplomatic Representation may be designated to award the decoration.

(2) Ministers or other personalities appointed for that purpose may award insignias in the other grades of the Order.

PARAGRAPH II
DECORATION AND CERTIFICATE AWARD CEREMONIAL

SECTION 38: The ceremonial shall be as follows: the recipient shall receive his decoration after pronouncement of the following phrase:

“In the name of the President of the Republic and by virtue of the powers conferred on us, we hereby make you... of the Cameroon Order of Merit”, for grades other than the Grand Cordon.”

or

“In the name of the President of the Republic and by virtue of the powers conferred on us, we hereby raise you to the dignity of Grand Cordon of the Cameroon Order of Merit”, for this specific grade.

SECTION 39: (1) The Grand Cordon of the Cameroon Order of Merit certificate shall be signed only by the President of the Republic.

(2) The Knight, Officer and Commander of the Cameroon Order of Merit certificates shall be signed by the Grand Chancellor.

CHAPTER III
AGRICULTURAL ORDER OF MERIT

I – AWARD CONDITIONS

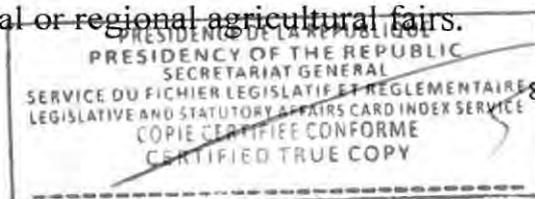
SECTION 40: The Agricultural Order of Merit shall comprise 3 (three) grades:

- Knight;
- Officer;
- Commander.

SECTION 41: The Agricultural Order of Merit shall be intended to reward persons who have rendered outstanding services in the domains of agriculture, stockbreeding, fisheries and animal industries or who have contributed to promoting agricultural development in the said domains.

SECTION 42: (1) The Agricultural Order of Merit shall be awarded annually by decree of the President of the Republic on the occasion of the National Day.

(2) It may also be awarded during national or regional agricultural fairs.



SECTION 43: Between ordinary promotions, decorations may be exceptionally awarded on the occasion of ceremonies chaired by the President of the Republic or a Member of Government.

SECTION 44: The grade of Knight may be conferred on Cameroonians as well as foreigners resident in Cameroon aged at least 25, who enjoy their civil rights and have rendered 10 (ten) years of effective service in agriculture through agro-pastoral activities or related industries, or in the public service or through scientific works or agricultural publications.

SECTION 45: Nobody may be promoted to the grade of Officer or Commander except he/she has 4 (four) years of seniority in the grade of Knight or 3 (three) years in the grade of Officer.

II – AWARD CEREMONIAL

SECTION 46: The Agricultural Order of Merit award ceremonial shall be the same as that of the Order of Valour.

III – ISSUING OF CERTIFICATES

SECTION 47: The issuance of Agricultural Order of Merit certificates shall be subject to the same rules as the issuance of Order of Valour certificates.

CHAPTER IV **SPORTS ORDER OF MERIT**

I – GENERAL PROVISIONS AND AWARD CONDITIONS

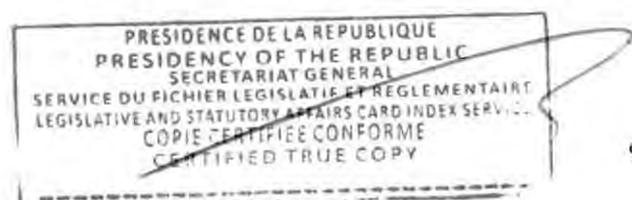
SECTION 48: The Sports Order of Merit shall comprise 3 (three) grades:

- Knight;
- Officer;
- Commander.

SECTION 49: The Sports Order of Merit shall be intended to reward Cameroonians or foreigners who have distinguished themselves through their outstanding contribution to the development of physical education and sports and all related activities in Cameroon and worldwide.

SECTION 50: (1) Initial awards shall be made annually by decree of the President of the Republic on the occasion of the National Day.

(2) Between promotions, such distinction may only be conferred in exceptional cases.



SECTION 51: Nominees for the Sports Order of Merit must be at least 25 (twenty-five) years old and enjoy their civil rights.

SECTION 52: The age requirement specified in Section 51 above may be waived if the candidate has rendered exceptional services in the practice or the development of one or several sports activities.

SECTION 53: The Sports Order of Merit may be conferred posthumously.

SECTION 54: (1) Admission to the Order must start from the grade of Knight.

(2) Nobody may be promoted to the grade of Officer except he/she has at least 3 (three) years of seniority in the grade of Knight.

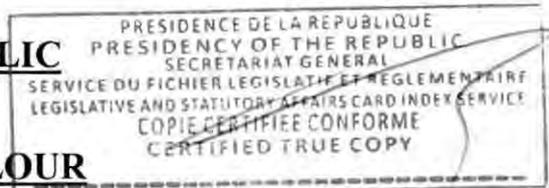
(3) Nobody may be promoted to the grade of Commander except he/she has at least 5 (five) years of seniority in the grade of Officer.

SECTION 55: The grades of Commander and Officer may also be exceptionally conferred on persons who have rendered outstanding services.

II – CERTIFICATE AWARD CEREMONIAL

SECTION 56: The Sports Order of Merit certificate issuance and award ceremonial shall be the same as in the Cameroon Order of Merit.

PART III **MEDALS OF THE REPUBLIC** **CHAPTER I** **CROSS OF MILITARY VALOUR**



I – GENERAL PROVISION

SECTION 57: The Cameroon Cross of Military Valour shall be intended to reward servicemen/servicewomen of the National Gendarmerie and the Army who are holders of a citation for feat of arms achieved in military operations.

II – CONDITIONS FOR AWARDED AND WEARING DECORATIONS

SECTION 58: The Cameroon Cross of Military Valour shall be conferred by the President of the Republic on the recommendation of the Minister in charge of defence, after consultation with the Cross of Military Valour Commission.

SECTION 59: The proposal must include a report on the feat of arms prepared by the military leader.

SECTION 60: The Commission referred to in Section 58 above shall submit to the President of the Republic its opinion on the files referred to it, present to the Grand Master of the National Orders only deserving candidates and strictly guarantee the prestige of the Cameroon Cross of Military Valour.

SECTION 61: (1) The following may not be nominated:

- persons who have been convicted of crime or intentional misdemeanour;
- persons who have been stripped of their grade, demoted or relegated from the 1st Class to the 2nd Class, as a disciplinary measure;
- persons who, in the last two years, were placed in detention or close arrest for 20 (twenty) days.

(2) However, for on-going operations, the President of the Republic may, in any event, confer the Cameroon Cross of Military Valour on the recommendation of the Minister in charge of defence.

SECTION 62: The Cameroon Cross of Military Valour shall be conferred by decree of the President of the Republic.

SECTION 63: The Cameroon Cross of Military Valour shall be awarded with citations accompanied by a certificate signed by the President of the Republic and countersigned by the Coordinator of the administrative services of the Grand Chancellery.

SECTION 64: Each citation shall entitle its holder to wear a brooch on the ribbon of the Cross under the following conditions:

- citation in the dispatches of the Nation conferring the right to wear a gilt palm-shaped brooch;
- citation in the dispatches of the National Forces conferring the right to wear a silver-gilt palm-shaped brooch;
- citation in the dispatches of the Armed Forces conferring the right to wear a silver palm-shaped brooch.

SECTION 65: Group decorations may be awarded by the President of the Republic, as and when necessary.

SECTION 66: (1) The Cameroon Cross of Military Valour shall be awarded by the President of the Republic, Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces.

(2) However, he may delegate the responsibility to the Minister of Defence or to Military Commanders.

SECTION 67: (1) The Cameroon Cross of Military Valour shall be awarded on the Armed Forces Day.

(2) However, it may be awarded at any other venue and time on the decision of the President of the Republic when circumstances so require.



SECTION 68: (1) The decoration ceremonial shall take place in front of the troops in the “*present arms!*” position.

A drum roll shall precede and follow the Cross presentation ceremonial.

(2) The authority awarding the decoration shall stand in front of the recipient and, after calling his grade and name, state: “*in the name of the President of the Republic, we confer on you the Cameroon Cross of Military Valour with citation in the dispatches of...*”

SECTION 69: (1) The decoration may be worn as soon as the person concerned has been notified of the decree conferring the decoration.

(2) The Cameroon Cross of Military Valour shall be worn immediately after the Order of Valour.

SECTION 70: (1) In the event of death of the recipient, the decoration shall be awarded to the rightful claimants of the deceased according to the order of succession.

(2) The rightful claimants may, under no circumstances, wear the medal.

SECTION 71: The Cameroon Cross of Military Valour shall be exempt from any Chancellery fees or insignia reimbursement charges.

SECTION 72: The Cameroon Cross of Military Valour shall be automatically lost as a result of conviction leading to imprisonment or loss of civil rights.

SECTION 73: The illegal wearing of the Cameroon Cross of Military Valour shall be punishable in accordance with the law.

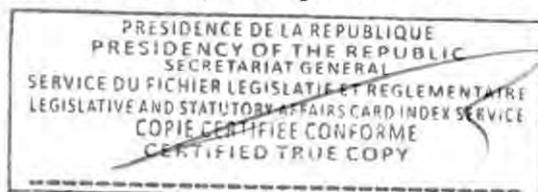
CHAPTER II **MEDAL OF VALIANCY**

I – GOALS AND PRINCIPLES

SECTION 74: (1) The Medal of Valiancy is a higher distinction intended to reward exceptional acts of bravery performed by members of the Forces of Law and Order of the Republic of Cameroon.

(2) The Medal of Valiancy may be awarded:

- to personnel of the National Gendarmerie, Army, Air Force, Navy, National Security and auxiliary forces;
- exceptionally, to any person who has performed an act of bravery during war or maintenance of law and order, irrespective of his duties or nationality.



SECTION 75: All Command levels must endeavour to maintain the prestige and moral value of the medal by ensuring that it is awarded judiciously and by proposing only deserving personnel who fulfil all the conditions laid down by this law.

II – ADMISSION CONDITIONS

SECTION 76: On an individual basis, the persons referred to in Section 74 above who, in the interests of the Republic or on the order of the Government, have performed an act of bravery or a brilliant exploit during maintenance of law and order, defence of the territory or war may be recommended, provided that such act or exploit is:

- individual;
- specific;
- established.

SECTION 77: (1) For the category of personnel referred to in Section 76 above, the recommendation must be accompanied by a report drawn up by the Unit Commander specifying the circumstances, venue and date of the brilliant exploit to be rewarded.

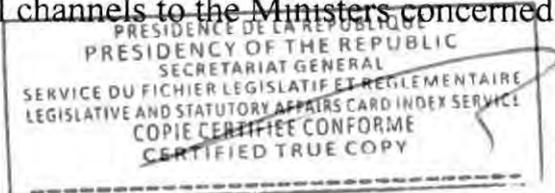
(2) Witness statements, if any, shall be appended to the report referred to in (1) above.

SECTION 78: (1) On the recommendation of the Minister in charge of defence, the Minister in charge of penitentiary administration or the Delegate General for National Security, the Medal of Valiancy may be collectively awarded to a Military or Paramilitary, Police or Penitentiary Administration Unit, where almost all the members participated in the same brilliant exploit.

(2) The Medal of Valiancy may also be awarded to a professional, administrative or private group, on the recommendation of the Minister in charge of territorial administration.

SECTION 79: (1) Units of the Defence Forces or the Forces of Law and Order as well as professional, administrative or private groups that fulfil the conditions provided for in Section 78 above shall be recommended to the competent Ministers by the immediate hierarchy of this unit or group on the occasion of the National Day. Written recommendations concerning the group shall be submitted through official channels to the Ministers for onward transmission to the Grand Chancellery of National Orders on or before the due date.

(2) No date and quota shall be fixed for candidates recommended on an individual basis. The written recommendations prepared by unit commanders shall be submitted through official channels to the Ministers concerned.



SECTION 80: (1) On the recommendation of unit commanders, the Minister in charge of defence, the Minister in charge of penitentiary administration and the Delegate General for National Security shall be authorized to immediately award the Medal of Valiancy to any serviceman, gendarme or police officer who is seriously wounded or dies in combat from injuries.

(2) On the recommendation of Regional Governors or Senior Divisional officers, the Minister in charge of territorial administration shall be authorized to immediately award the Medal of Valiancy to any civil servant and any person who, during operations against the enemy, has sustained very serious injuries leading to death or put his life in danger.

(3) In the cases provided for in (1) and (2) above, the file shall be submitted to the Grand Chancellery through normal official channels for regularization as soon as possible.

SECTION 81: (1) Each potential candidate or group must be the subject of a written recommendation as prescribed.

(2) The detailed report of the Unit Commander shall be required for persons recommended on an individual basis.

SECTION 82: (1) The Medal of Valiancy shall be awarded together with citations and shall be accompanied by a certificate issued by the Grand Chancellery.

(2) The citations shall entitle the holder to wear a brooch on the Medal ribbon under the following conditions:

- citation in the despatches of the Nation conferring the right to wear a gilt palm-shaped brooch;
- citation in the despatches of the National Forces conferring the right to wear a silver palm-shaped brooch;
- citation in the despatches of the Armed Forces or the Forces of Law and Order conferring the right to wear a gilt star-shaped brooch.

III – CONDITIONS FOR AWARDING AND ISSUING CERTIFICATES

SECTION 83: (1) Decorations conferred on an individual basis may be awarded by the Minister in charge of defence, the Minister in charge of territorial administration, the Minister in charge of penitentiary administration, the Delegate General for National Security, Heads of Administrative Units, Chiefs of the Armed Forces General Staff, a civil servant or an officer designated by the above-mentioned authorities.

(2) Decorations conferred on a unit of defence or police forces, a unit of penitentiary administration personnel or to a professional, administrative or private group may be awarded only by a Minister, the Secretary of State for Defence, the

Delegate General for National Security, Chiefs of the Armed Forces General Staff, and Administrative Authorities.

(3) The ceremonial shall take place in front of the troops in the “*present arms!*” position.

SECTION 84: (1) In the event of the death of the recipient, the decoration shall be presented to the rightful claimants of the deceased according to the order of succession. The rightful claimants may, under no circumstances, wear the medal.

(2) In the case of collective decoration of a unit, the medal shall be pinned on the emblem of the unit, on the flag, pennant or standard, or handed over to its head or legal representative.

(3) The Medal of Valiancy shall be worn after the Cameroon Order of Merit and before the Medal of Merit of the Forces of Law and Order.

SECTION 85: Certificates signed by the Grand Chancellor of National Orders shall be issued to holders of the Medal of Valiancy.

SECTION 86: The Medal of Valiancy shall be exempt from any Chancellery fees and insignia reimbursement charges.

CHAPTER III **MEDAL OF MERIT OF THE FORCES OF LAW AND ORDER**

I – GOALS AND PRINCIPLES

SECTION 87: The Medal of Merit of the Forces of Law and Order shall be intended to reward a long period of loyal services rendered by the following members of the Forces of Law and Order of the Republic of Cameroon:

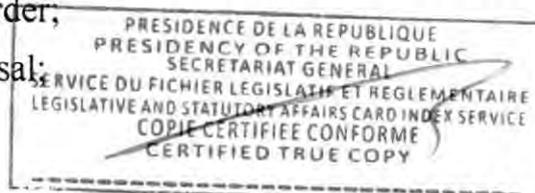
- National Gendarmerie, Army, Air Force, and Navy personnel;
- personnel of the National Security and auxiliary forces.

SECTION 88: All Command levels must endeavour to maintain the prestige and moral value of the medal by ensuring that it is awarded judiciously and responsibly and by proposing only deserving personnel who fulfil all the conditions laid down by this law.

II – ADMISSION CONDITIONS

SECTION 89: Personnel recommended by unit commanders must fulfil the following conditions:

- have completed 10 (ten) years of uninterrupted service in the Defence Forces or the Forces of Law and Order;
- have a positive performance appraisal;
- not have received any sanction.



SECTION 90: The Medal of Merit of the Forces of Law and Order may be awarded exceptionally to very deserving personnel who leave the Forces of Law and Order before completion of 10 (ten) years of service.

SECTION 91: In the cases provided for in Sections 89 and 90 of this law, the recommendation must be accompanied by a report drawn up by the Unit Commander stating the merits of the nominee.

SECTION 92: (1) The following members of the Defence Forces may not be recommended even where they fulfil the conditions provided for in Sections 89 and 90 above:

- persons who have been convicted of crime or intentional misdemeanour and have not been reinstated;
- persons who have been demoted as a disciplinary measure and have not been promoted to their former rank;
- persons who, in the last two years, were:
 - (1) placed in open arrest for 30 days, for officers;
 - (2) placed in open arrest for 50 days, for non-commissioned officers;
 - (3) imprisoned for 80 days, for gendarmerie officers or rank and file.

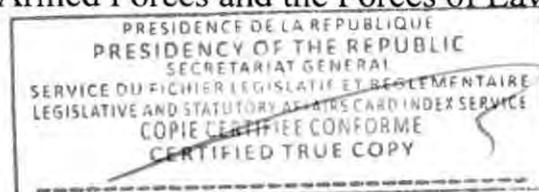
Close arrests shall count double.

(2) Personnel of the Police and Penitentiary Administration who fulfil the conditions provided for in Sections 89 and 90 above may not be proposed for promotion where they, in the past 2 (two) years,

- have received a reprimand, for personnel ranking above police constable or warder;
- have received 2 (two) reprimands, in the case of a police constables or warders;
- were demoted as a disciplinary measure and have not been promoted to their former rank.

SECTION 93: (1) Personnel who fulfil the conditions provided for in Sections 89 and 90 above shall be recommended to the competent Ministers by the unit commanders or heads on the occasion of the National Day. Written recommendations shall be submitted through official channels to the Ministers concerned for onward transmission to the Grand Chancellery on or before the due dates.

(2) The normal quota shall be allotted annually by the Head of State, Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces and the Forces of Law and Order.



(3) No date or quota shall be fixed for candidates recommended exceptionally. The files shall be submitted in the same way as for normal recommendations.

(4) On the recommendation of unit commanders, the Minister in charge of defence, the Minister in charge of penitentiary administration and the Delegate General for National Security shall be authorized to immediately award the Medal of Merit of the Forces of Law and Order to any serviceman, gendarme or civil servant of the Forces of Law and Order or Penitentiary Administration who sustains serious injury or dies in service. The file must then be submitted through normal official channels and as soon as possible to the Grand Chancellery for regularization.

III – COMPILATION OF FILES

SECTION 94: (1) Each candidate must be the subject of a written recommendation as prescribed.

(2) In any case, the detailed report of the Unit Commander shall be required for candidates recommended exceptionally.

(3) At the Corps Commander level, a nominal roll of the recommended candidates shall be drawn up in order of preference.

IV – CONDITIONS FOR AWARDING AND ISSUING CERTIFICATES

SECTION 95: The Medal of Merit of the Forces of Law and Order shall be awarded by decree of the President of the Republic, on the recommendation of the Commission.

SECTION 96: (1) The award of the Medal of Merit of the Forces of Law and Order shall be accompanied by a certificate issued by the Grand Chancellery.

(2) The decoration may be awarded by the Minister in charge of defence, the Minister in charge of penitentiary administration, the Delegate General for National Security, a civil servant or an officer designated by the above-mentioned authorities or by heads of administrative units.

(3) The ceremonial shall take place in front of the troops in the “*arms at the trail!*” position.

(4) The Medal of Merit of the Forces of Law and Order shall be worn after the Order of Valour, the Cameroon National Order of Merit and the Medal of Valiancy.

(5) In the event of the death of the recipient, the decoration shall be handed over to the rightful claimants of the deceased according to the order of succession.



SECTION 97: Certificates signed by the Grand Chancellor of National Orders shall be issued to holders of the Medal of Merit of the Forces of Law and Order.

PART IV
MISCELLANEOUS AND FINAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 98: All previous laws and regulations repugnant hereto, in particular Ordinance No.72/24 of 30 November 1972 to reorganize the National Orders and the Grand Chancellery of the United Republic of Cameroon are hereby repealed.

SECTION 99: A decree of the President of the Republic may, as and when necessary, lay down the terms and conditions for implementing this law.

SECTION 100: This law shall be registered, published according to the procedure of urgency and inserted in the Official Gazette in English and French./-

YAOUNDE, 25 AVR 2019



PAUL BIYA
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

