

Warrant 2 of 2023

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**WARRANT**

by

HIS EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE EMMERSON D. MNANGAGWA, G.C.Z.M., President of Zimbabwe and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces of Zimbabwe.

WHEREAS it is desirable to grant recognition for the highest possible achievement of accomplishments in fields of human endeavour;

AND WHEREAS, in terms of the Honours and Awards Act [*Chapter 10:11*], it is provided that the President may, by warrant issued under his hand, create honours and awards:

NOW, THEREFORE, under and by virtue of the powers vested in the President as aforesaid, I do, by this my warrant, hereby create an Order of the highest category of commendation awards to be styled the Order of the Star of Zimbabwe comprising *four* awards and specify in relation thereto the following rules:—

**RULES RELATING TO THE ORDER**

*Interpretation of terms*

1. In these rules—

“appropriate head of department” means in relation to—

- (a) a person in the employ of the State, the Secretary of the Ministry concerned, the Commander of the Army or Air Force, the Commissioner-General of the Police or the Prisons and Correctional Services as the case may be;
- (b) a person in the employ of a body corporate established directly by any enactment for special purposes, the head of that body corporate;
- (c) any other person, a minister or deputy minister, a chief or a mayor;

“Bronze Medal” means the Order of the Star of Zimbabwe Bronze Medal Award referred to in rule 2;

“Gold Medal” means the Order of the Star of Zimbabwe Gold Medal Award referred in rule 2;

“Medal” means the Platinum Medal, Gold Medal, Silver Medal or Bronze Medal Award referred to in rule 2 as the case may be;

“Order” means the Order of the Star of Zimbabwe an order of the highest category of commendation medals comprising of the Platinum Medal, Gold Medal, Silver Medal and Bronze Medal referred to in rule 2;

“Platinum Medal” means the Order of the Star of Zimbabwe Platinum Medal Award referred to in rule 2;

“Silver Medal” means the Order of the Star of Zimbabwe Silver Medal Award referred to in rule 2;

*The order*

2. The Order shall comprise of the following awards—
- (a) Order of the Star of Zimbabwe Platinum Medal Award;
  - (b) Order of the Star of Zimbabwe Gold Medal Award;
  - (c) Order of the Star of Zimbabwe Silver Medal Award; and
  - (d) Order of the Star of Zimbabwe Bronze Medal Award.

*Description of decoration*

3. (1) The decoration which shall be issued in connection with Order of the Star of Zimbabwe Platinum Medal Award decoration shall be in the form of a circular medal which—

- (a) is of shinny platinum with a gloss finish;
- (b) is 35 millimetres in diameter;
- (c) bears on the observe the star within *four* concentric rings the last of which forms the outer edge of the medal while the reverse is inscribed the words “Order of the Star of Zimbabwe”;

(2) The decoration which shall be issued in connection with Order of the Star of Zimbabwe Gold Medal Award decoration shall be in the form of a circular medal which—

- (a) is of shiny gold with a gloss finish;
- (b) is 35 millimetres in diameter;
- (c) bears on the obverse the star within *four* concentric rings the last of which forms the outer edge of the medal while the reverse is inscribed the words “Order of the Star of Zimbabwe”;

(3) The decoration which shall be issued in connection with Order of the Star of Zimbabwe Silver Medal Award decoration shall be in the form of a circular medal which—

- (a) is of shiny silver with a gloss finish;
- (b) is 35 millimetres in diameter;
- (c) bears on the obverse the star within *four* concentric rings the last of which forms the outer edge of the medal while the reverse is inscribed the words “Order of the Star of Zimbabwe”;

(4) The decoration which shall be issued in connection with Order of the Star of Zimbabwe bronze Medal Award decoration shall be in the form of a circular medal which—

- (a) is of shiny bronze with a gloss finish;
- (b) is 35 millimetres in diameter;
- (c) bears on the obverse the star within *four* concentric rings the last of which forms the outer edge of the medal while the reverse is inscribed the words “Order of the Star of Zimbabwe”;

(5) Every Medal shall be attached by a suspender- bar to a ribbon thirty-three millimetres in width consisting of eleven vertical stripes of equal width coloured, where the recipient is—

- (a) a member of the Police Force, the first two and last two stripes in old gold and oxford blue, with the old gold constituting first stripe on either edge and the middle stripes constituting the stripes of the flag of Zimbabwe;
- (b) a member of the Army of Zimbabwe, the first two and last two stripes in gold and scarlet, with the gold constituting first stripe on either edge and the middle stripes constituting the stripes of the flag of Zimbabwe;

- (c) a member of the Air Force of Zimbabwe, the first two and last two stripes in adonis blue and navy blue, with the adonis blue constituting first stripe on either edge and the middle stripes constituting the stripes of the flag of Zimbabwe;
- (d) a member of the Prison and Correctional Services, the first two and last two stripes in silver and tartan green, with the silver constituting first stripe on either edge and the middle stripes constituting the stripes of the flag of Zimbabwe;
- (e) a person not referred to in item (a), (b), (c) or (e), the first two and last two stripes in cream and brown, with the cream constituting first stripe on either edge and the middle stripes constituting the stripes of the flag of Zimbabwe.

(6) The suspender-bar referred to in sub-rule (5) shall be as given at sub-rule 2 of Warrant 5 of 1981, published as Statutory Instrument 676 of 1981.

(7) A bar awarded in terms sub-rule 5 shall be made of the same material as the medal to which it relates.

(8) The recipient's title and name, or number, rank and name, as the case may be, shall be impressed on the rim of the metal.

(9) When ribbons alone are worn, the award of a bar, or bars, to the Medal shall be indicated by a Zimbabwe bird within a wreath of laurel, of the same material as the medal, for each bar awarded.

#### *Eligibility for Medal or Bar to Medal*

1. (1) The Platinum Medal may be awarded to any citizen who distinguishes themselves in the fields of Politics and Diplomatic Services as well as all persons declared national heroes in Zimbabwe.

(2) The Gold Medal may be awarded to any citizen who registers exceptional performance in the fields of Public Service, Defence and Security.

(3) The Silver Medal may be awarded to any citizen who distinguishes themselves in the areas of Academic Research, Business and Economics, and Social Services.

(4) The Bronze Medal may be awarded to any citizen that distinguishes themselves in Arts, Culture, Sports and Entertainment.

(5) Where a person who has been awarded a Medal performs further acts which, in terms of sub-rules (1), (2), (3) and (4) would result in the award of the same Medal, he shall only be awarded a bar to the Medal.

*Award of Medals*

1. (1) The Medals shall be awarded on the authority of the President, following upon the recommendation of the appropriate head of department.

(2) The Medals may be awarded posthumously in accordance with regulations made in terms of the Act.

(3) The Chief Secretary to the President and Cabinet shall advise the Registrar of Honours and Awards of names of persons to whom the Medal, and any bar thereto has been awarded.

*Effective date*

6. These Honours and Awards shall be effective from 1st January, 2005.

Given under my hand and public seal of Zimbabwe at Harare this fourth day of August, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three.

E. D. MNANGAGWA,  
President.

