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The President of the Republic of Kosovo,
Pursuant to Article 84 (28) of the Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo, Article 6 of the Law No. 03/L-094 on the President of the Republic of Kosovo (Official Gazette Nr. 47, January 25, 2009) and Articles 5 and 18 of Law No. 04/L-072 on the Grant of Awards by the President of the Republic of Kosovo (Official Gazette No. 02, January 20, 2012), issues the following:

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I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1
Aim

The aim of this regulation is to determine the types of Awards and procedures for their grant and revocation.

Article 2
Scope

The provisions prescribed by this regulation are valid for the Awards granted and revoked by the President of the Republic of Kosovo.

Article 3
Definitions

1. Expressions used in this regulation have the following definitions:
 - 1.1. **President** – implies the President of the Republic of Kosovo;
 - 1.2. **Award** – implies the Orders, Medals, Prizes, Honorary Titles and Recognitions granted by the President;
 - 1.3. **Revocation of the Award** – removal of the right to carry the Award granted by the President;

- 1.4. **Person** – if the context does not define it differently, it includes both physical and legal persons;
 - 1.5. **Department of Legal Issues (DLI)**- means the Department of Legal Issues and International Relations of the Office of the President;
 - 1.6. **Awards Officer**- means the Officer within the Department of Legal Issues;
 - 1.7. **Commission** – means the Award Evaluations Commissions;
 - 1.8. **Law** – means the Law Nr. 04/L-070 on the Grant of Awards by the President of the Republic of Kosovo (Official Gazette No. 02, January 20, 2012).
2. Other expressions used in this Regulation have the same meaning as in the definitions of the Law.

II. TYPES OF AWARDS

Article 4 Types of Awards

1. The President may grant the following Awards:
 - 1.1. Orders;
 - 1.2. Medals;
 - 1.3. Prizes;
 - 1.4. Honorary Titles and,
 - 1.5. Recognitions.
2. The President may also grant different types of Awards, which are not prescribed by this Regulation.
3. For the Awards granted by the President, from sections 1.1 to 1.4 of the Paragraph 1 of this Article, the decision and certificate must be issued, which is accompanied by the corresponding medal. The awardee is presented both the certificate and corresponding medal, at a ceremony determined by the President.
4. For Recognitions a decision and a certificate are issued. The person awarded with a Recognition is presented with the certificate, at a ceremony determined by the President.

Article 5 Orders

1. Types of Orders are as follows:
 - 1.1. The Order “Hero of Kosovo”;
 - 1.2. The Order of Freedom;
 - 1.3. The Order of Independence;
 - 1.4. The Order “Hasan Prishtina”;
 - 1.5. The Order “Shote Galica”;
 - 1.6. The Order “Adem Jashari-Freedom Fighter”;
 - 1.7. The Order “Dr. Ibrahim Rugova”.

Article 6

Medals

1. Types of Medals are as follows :
 - 1.1. The Presidential Medal “Saint Teresa”;
 - 1.2. The Presidential Medal for Rule of Law;
 - 1.3. The Presidential Military Medal;
 - 1.4. The Presidential Medal for Security;
 - 1.5. The Presidential Medal “Anton Çetta”;
 - 1.6. The Presidential Medal for Merits;

Article 7

Prizes

1. Types of Prizes are as follows:
 - 1.1. The Prize for Innovation, Research and Development;
 - 1.2. The Prize “Merited Master”.

Article 8

Honorary Titles

1. Types of Honorary Titles are as follows :
 - 1.1. Title: Honour of the Republic of Kosovo ;
 - 1.2. Title: Honorary Ambassador of the Republic of Kosovo;
 - 1.3. Title: Merited Citizen of the Republic of Kosovo.

Article 9

Recognitions

Recognitions are awarded to persons who through their work, have contributed and continue to contribute in various fields.

III. ORDERS

Article 10

The Order “Hero of Kosovo”

The Order “Hero of Kosovo” is awarded to persons who have committed acts of valour and sacrifice and for activities or acts of civic bravery in times of war and peace.

Article 11
The Order of Freedom

The Order of Freedom is awarded to persons who have provided great contribution to the freedom of Kosovo.

Article 12
The Order of Independence

The Order of Independence is awarded to persons who have provided great contribution to the independence of Kosovo.

Article 13
The Order “Hasan Prishtina”

The Order “Hasan Prishtina” is awarded to persons who have contributed and continue to contribute on patriotic issues.

Article 14
The Order “Shote Galica”

The Order “Shote Galica” is awarded to persons for acts of valour or acts of bravery on gender equality.

Article 15
The Order “Adem Jashari-Freedom Fighter”

The Order “Adem Jashari-Freedom Fighter” is awarded to persons for bravery, sacrifice or loss of life in action in a war of liberation.

Article 16
The Order “Dr. Ibrahim Rugova”

The Order “Dr. Ibrahim Rugova” is awarded to persons for their contribution to peace building or development of democracy.

IV. MEDALS

Article 17
The Presidential Medal “Saint Teresa”

The Presidential Medal “Saint Teresa” is awarded to persons for their contribution in the field of humanitarianism and peace.

Article 18
The Presidential Medal for Rule of Law

The Presidential Medal for Rule of Law is awarded to persons for their contribution in the field of rule of law in the Republic of Kosovo.

Article 19
The Presidential Military Medal

The Presidential Military Medal is awarded to persons for their contribution in the field of defense of the Republic of Kosovo and of its citizens.

Article 20
The Presidential Medal for Security

The Presidential Medal for Security is awarded to persons for their contribution in the field of security of Republic of Kosovo and of its citizens.

Article 21
The Presidential Medal “Anton Çetta”

The Presidential Medal “Anton Çetta” is awarded to persons for their contribution to the reconciliation and peace between people or their contribution to human rights.

Article 22
The Presidential Medal for Merits

The Presidential Medal for Merits is awarded to persons for contributions in specific fields, such as: education, science, art, culture, youth, sports, healthcare and civil service.

V. PRIZES

Article 23
Prize for Innovation, Research and Development

The Prize for Innovation, Research and Development is awarded to persons for contribution and innovative, research and developmental results in specific fields.

Article 24
The Prize “Merited Master”

The Prize “Merited Master” is awarded to person for their contribution in various fields: science, education, art, sport, culture, labour, productivity and business, for exceptional professional work and exceptional life-time contribution to the development of the respective sector.

VI. HONOURARY TITLES

Article 25
Title: Honour of the Republic of Kosovo

Title: Honour of the Republic of Kosovo is awarded to persons who through their activities and name honour the Republic of Kosovo.

Article 26
Title: Honorary Ambassador of the Republic of Kosovo

Title: Honorary Ambassador of the Republic of Kosovo is awarded to persons who have contributed and continue to contribute to the interests and affirmation of the Republic of Kosovo.

Article 27
Title: Merited Citizen of the Republic of Kosovo

Title: Merited Citizen of the Republic of Kosovo is awarded to persons who through their activities, both within and outside the borders of the country, have contributed and continue to contribute in protection and promotion of the interests of the Republic of Kosovo and perform activities beneficial to the country.

VII. PROCEDURES FOR THE GRANT OF AWARDS

Article 28
Granting the Award

1. The Granting of the Award is done by taking into consideration the contributions and merits of persons.
2. Those proposed for an Award must be distinguished for special contribution and merits in service to the society, the Republic of Kosovo and its interests
3. The same Award cannot be granted twice to the same person.

Article 29

Granting the Award through self-initiative

1. The President may grant an award through self-initiative.
2. In cases when the President decides to grant an Award to a person, the Department of Legal Issues prepares the decision, the certificate and provides the corresponding medal.

Article 30

Evaluation of the proposal for an Award

1. Subjects with the right to propose the granting of an Award of the President, by law, must fulfill the following the criteria:
 - 1.1. They must be submitted 2 (two) months prior to the activity, anniversary of historic events related to the person or institution;
 - 1.2. Is signed by the proposer with the right to propose, inclusive of proposers contact details (name and surname, position or profession, address, phone number, e-mail address);
 - 1.3. Is accompanied by the relevant justification, which includes the specific achievements and merits of the proposed individual inclusive of their biography;
 - 1.4. Opinion of the relevant Ministry of Interior Affairs and Ministry for the Kosovo Security Force, in cases when such an opinion is required by law;
2. The proposers are responsible for all submitted data and evidence, presented with the proposal.
3. All proposals addressed to the President, by subjects determined by law, are submitted to the Department of Legal Issues for further procedure, unless the President decides otherwise.
4. If the President considers it necessary, he may not submit a proposal made by the subjects determined by law for further procedure to the Commission and grant an Award to that person. These cases are considered as granting an Award through self-initiative.
5. The Department of Legal Issues verifies if the proposal fulfills the respective criteria.
6. If the proposal is incomplete, the Department of Legal Issues requests from the proposer to complete it.
7. If the proposal is made by subjects which do not hold the right to propose the grant of an Award, the Department of Legal Issues advises the proposer on the legal procedures and informs the Presidential Cabinet.
8. If the President considers it necessary, he may grant an Award through self-initiative acting on a proposal which has been made by subjects which do not hold the right to propose the grant of an Award.
9. When a proposal for the granting of an Award is completed, the Department of Legal Issues submits it to the Commission.
10. The Commission, in accordance with the respective rules and procedures, evaluates and considers the proposal and prepares a recommendation to the President.

11. The President evaluates the Commission recommendation, may approve or not approve the recommendation, or decide to grant a different Award than the proposed one or reformulates the motivation.
12. In cases when the recommendation is approved by the President, the Department of Legal Issues prepares the decision, certificate and provides the corresponding medal.

VIII. PROCEDURE FOR THE REVOCATION OF AWARDS

Article 31 Revocation of the Award

1. The revocation of the Award is carried out as determined by Article 14 of the law:
 - 1.1. The awardees may have their Award revoked if they act in contravention with public order and morals and commit such activities which may deem them unworthy for carrying of such an Award;
 - 1.2. The President revokes the Award through a decision, in accordance with paragraph 1.1 of this Article.
 - 1.3. The proposal for revocation of an Award may be made by the proposer of the Award or the Commission;
 - 1.4. The President may revoke the Award through self-initiative.

IX. RECORD KEEPING, PUBLICATION OF DECISIONS ON THE GRANT AND REVOCATION OF AWARDS BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE CARRYING OF THE AWARD

Article 32 Record keeping on the granted and revoked Awards by the President

1. The Awards granted by the President are recorded in a special register, which is administered and updated by the Department of Legal Issues, respectively by the respective Awards Officer.
2. The Awards Officer keeps evidence on name and surname of awarded person, type of granted Award, the proposer, justification and other remarks on the granting of the Award.
3. The Awards Officer also records the same data in case of the revoking of the Award.

Article 33 Recording of the granted Awards by other states to the citizens of the Republic of Kosovo

1. The Awards Officer also keeps evidence on citizens of Republic of Kosovo who have been granted an Award by other states or international organizations.
2. Citizens of the Republic of Kosovo should inform the Awards Officer if they have been granted an Award by any other state or international organization.

Article 34
Publication of granting or revocation of an Award

The Decision on granting or revocation of an Award by the President is published in the Official Gazette and the official web page of the President of the Republic of Kosovo.

Article 35
Carrying of the Award

The Award may be carried only by the awardees, in compliance with the conditions and criteria prescribed by law.

X. FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 36
Selection of Award templates

1. The Selection of Award templates, prescribed by this regulation, shall be made through an open public call.
2. The Secretary of the Office of the President, shall in a time frame of three months, after the entry into force of this Regulation, make an open call for selection of template models for the above mentioned Awards.
3. The President nominates a Commission for the evaluation of proposals received via an open call.
4. The Commission, after reviewing of proposals, recommends to the President up to three templates for each Award.
5. The President decides on the final model of the Award template.
6. The production of each model select by the President is carried out, in accordance with the laws in force.
7. After the production, photographs of each model become part of this regulation, and the Department of Legal Issues publishes them as annex to this regulation.

Article 37
Previous Awards

Awards granted previously continue to remain valid, and the awardees have the right to carry them, but their revocation must be made in accordance with the law and this regulation.

Article 38
Abrogation

1. After entry into force of this Regulation, the following will be abrogated:
 - 1.1. Regulation with Protocol No. 101, dated 29.01.2013 on types of Awards granted by the President of the Republic of Kosovo and the procedures of their issuance.
 - 1.2. Regulation (P) no. 01/2016 on the amendment and supplementation of the Regulation on Awards granted by the President of the Republic of Kosovo and the procedures for their issuance (July 28, 2016).
2. Until the completion of the production of the Awards prescribed by this Regulation the types of Awards defined in the mentioned regulations in Paragraph 1 of this Article continue to be utilized.

Article 39
Entry into force

This Regulation enters into force on the date of signature

Hashim THAÇI,
President of the Republic of Kosovo

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Appendix 1 - Photographs of the award types



The Order “Hero of Kosovo”



The Order of Freedom



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The Order "Hasan Prishtina"



The Order "Shote Galica"



The Order "Adem Jashari-Freedom Fighter"



The Order “Dr. Ibrahim Rugova”



The Presidential Medal “Saint Teresa”



The Presidential Medal for Rule of Law



The Presidential Military Medal



The Presidential Medal for Security



The Presidential Medal "Anton Çetta"



The Presidential Medal for Merits



The Prize for Innovation, Research and Development



The Prize “Merited Master”



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