

**LAW No. 04/L-070
FOR THE CONFERMENT OF DECORATIONS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO**

Assembly of Republic of Kosovo,

Based on Article 65 (1) of the Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo;

Approves:

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**CHAPTER I
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Article 1
Purpose**

The purpose of this Law is a legal arrangement as regards conferment and revocation of decorations by the President of the Republic of Kosovo, given to the citizens of the Republic of Kosovo, legal persons, foreign citizens and various organizations which are distinguished for special merits by the Republic of Kosovo and its interests.

**Article 2
Scope of Law**

This Law regulates the procedures and criteria for the conferment and revoking of Decorations by the President of the Republic of Kosovo and the rights and duties of the decorated.

**Article 3
Definitions**

1. Terms used in this Law shall have the following meanings:

1.1. **Decoration** - orders, medals, prizes, recognitions and honorific titles given by the President of the Republic of Kosovo.

1.2. **Revocation of decoration** - the abolition of someone's right for transferring of the Decoration given by the President of the Republic of Kosovo.

**CHAPTER II
DECORATIONS**

**Article 4
Conferment of Decorations**

1. Decorations may be awarded to citizens of the Republic of Kosovo, known public personalities, legal persons and other subjects.

2. Decorations may be given to citizens even after death.
3. Decorations may be awarded to foreign nationals, world-known personalities and international organizations.
4. The same decoration cannot be given twice for the same person.
5. Conferment of decorations may be awarded in cash, according to the criteria set by the President of the Republic of Kosovo.

Article 5
Types of Decorations

President of the Republic of Kosovo shall determine types of Decorations with the special regulation.

CHAPTER III
PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR THE CONFERMENT OF DECORATIONS BY THE
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO

Article 6
Conferment of Decorations on its own initiative

1. President of the Republic at his own initiative can decorate:
 - 1.1. The President of the Assembly;
 - 1.2. Prime Minister;
 - 1.3. The President of the Supreme Court;
 - 1.4. The president of the Constitutional Court;
 - 1.5. The Chief Prosecutor of the Republic of Kosovo;
 - 1.6. Ministers of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo;
 - 1.7. The Commander of the Security Force of the Republic of Kosovo;
 - 1.8. The General Director of the Police;
 - 1.9. Personalities from various fields of life, civil society and other organizations;
 - 1.10. Foreign citizens with high positions in their country and
 - 1.11. Foreign citizens who have made an extraordinary contribution to the Republic of Kosovo.

Article 7
Proposal for the conferment of decorations

1. The following have the right to submit nominations for decoration to the president of the Republic of Kosovo:

- 1.1. The President of the Assembly;
 - 1.2. Prime Minister;
 - 1.3. The President of the Constitutional Court;
 - 1.4. Deputy of the Assembly of Kosovo;
 - 1.5. The President of the Supreme Court;
 - 1.6. The Chief Prosecutor of the Republic of Kosovo;
 - 1.7. Minister of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo;
 - 1.8. The Commander of the Security Force of the Republic of Kosovo;
 - 1.9. The General Director of the Police;
 - 1.10. Mayor;
 - 1.11. The President of the Kosovo Academy of Sciences and Arts;
 - 1.12. Rectors of the Public Universities of the Republic of Kosovo;
 - 1.13. Persons of public reputation and other organizations.
2. Foreign citizens who have made an extraordinary contribution to the Republic of Kosovo.

Article 8
Criteria to be fulfilled by the proposal for decoration

1. Proposal for decoration is complete in due time and it fulfils the following criteria:
 - 1.1. shall be submitted two (2) months before the activity, anniversary or historical circumstances relevant to the person or institution;
 - 1.2. shall be signed by an official of the institution with the right of proposal;
 - 1.3. shall be accompanied with the appropriate justification setting out the achievements and special worth of the proposal and the proposals CV/Resume.
- 2 .Proposal for decoration of the foreign citizen who are in the service of the state institutions of the Republic of Kosovo shall be made by the institution where employed.
3. Proposal for decoration of citizens of the Republic of Kosovo living outside the country and foreign personalities who have given or provide assistance to the Republic of Kosovo and its image, the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister shall make proposal for decoration.
4. Proposal for decoration of the member of the police except the proposal justification should be attached also the opinion of the respective Ministry of Interior Affairs.
- 5 Proposal for decoration of the member of the police except the proposal justification should be attached also the opinion of the respective Ministry of Kosovo Security Force.

Article 9
Evaluation Committee for Conferment of Decorations

1. The Decoration Assessment Committee consists of eminent personalities appointed by the President of the Republic of Kosovo.
2. The Committee consists of five (5) members, of whom at least one member must be from non-majority communities in Kosovo
3. Members from the non-majority communities shall be proposed by the Community consultative Council.
4. Committee shall analyse proposals, justifications on giving the Decoration.
5. Justifications on the revocation of the Decoration and along with their suggestions for proposal shall submit to the President of the Republic of Kosovo.
6. The President of the Republic of Kosovo shall determine the work of the Decoration Assessment Committee with a special regulation.

Article 10
Approval of proposals for decorations

- 1 .The right for the approval of proposals for decoration falls under the competence of the president of the Republic of Kosovo.
2. President evaluates the proposal, approves or rejects it, decides to award a different decoration to that proposed or reformulates the justification.
3. Awarded decorations by the President shall be published in Official Gazette and in the official website of the President of Kosovo.

CHAPTER IV
CONFERMENT OF DECORATIONS, RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF DECORATIVES

Article 11
Decoration Awarding Ceremony

1. Decoration Awarding Ceremony is organized by the institution that has proposed the decoration in cooperation with the Secretariat of the President, where the decoration shall give the President of the Republic, or persons delegated personally by President.
- 2 In special cases, for personalities with very special merit, the award ceremony is organized at the President's Residency, where the President shall give the decoration itself.
3. Decoration awarding Ceremony outside the country shall be organized by the representative of the Republic of Kosovo in cooperation with the proposal, where the decoration is given by the president, the person delegated or the highest diplomatic representative of the Republic of Kosovo, in that state.
4. If the refuses to take decoration than shall be acted as the decoration was not given at all.

Article 12
Decoration awarding after death

1. Decoration awarding after the death of the decorated shall be given to its family: spouse, children, adapting, nephews/nieces, parents, adopters, brothers and sisters of the decorated.
2. If decorated does not have a family member according to paragraph 1 of this Article; decoration awarding shall be made public through media.
3. With the decision of the President the Decoration shall be given at the Museum to be preserved as a cultural assets of the country.

Article 13
Transfer of Decorations

1. Decoration shall transfer only by the decorated.
2. Decorations are usually transferred during the festive state and other state events.
3. Decoration holder who have lost the Decoration without his fault, or it is damaged has the right to request for a copy of Decoration.
4. Decoration holders during the possession of a sentence have no right to transfer the Decoration.
5. If the Decoration holder dies and does not have legal successor, the Decoration should return to the President which with the decision shall give to the Museum to preserve as cultural assets of the country.

Article 14
Revocation of Decorations

1. Decoration of the decorated may be revoked if he acts against the public rule, moral and performs other deeds that makes unworthy for the transfer of the Decoration.
2. Proposal for revocation may do the proposer for Decoration.
3. The President may revoke the Decoration on its own initiative.
4. If decorated refuses to take the Decoration than shall act as the Decoration was not given at all.
5. The announcement to revoke the decoration shall be published in the Official Gazette and in the official website of the President of Kosovo.

Article 15
Official for decorations

1. Official concerned for decorations within the Office of the President shall support the Evaluation Committee for Decorations.
2. Official concerned for decorations within the Office of the President shall keep records of the name and surname of the person decorated, type of the Decoration, proposer, justification and

other notes for awarding the decoration, also keeps records in case of revocation (assumption) of Decoration.

3. Official concerned for decorations within the Office of the President shall keep the record for the citizens of the Republic of Kosovo who have taken Decorations from other countries or international organizations.

4. Citizen of the Republic of Kosovo should notify the Official concerned for decorations within the Office of the President if receives decoration from any other country or international organization.

CHAPTER V FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 16 Sanctions

The work, sale, transfer of other items that imitate Decorations of the Republic of Kosovo is strictly prohibited and punishable by Law.

Article 17 Previous decorations

Previously awarded decorations before the entry into force of this Law have the right to carry their Decorations, but receiving the Decorations shall be done by this Law.

Article 18 Responsible authority for the issuing of secondary legislations

The Office of the President of the Republic of Kosovo within (90) days shall issue sub-legal acts for implementation of this Law.

Article 19 Repealing Provisions

From the day of the entry into force of this Law all provisions coming into conflict with this Law are void.

Article 20 Entry into force

This Law shall enter into force fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Kosovo.

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Promulgated by Decree No.DL-002-2012, dated 06.01.2012, President of the Republic of Kosovo Atifete Jahjaga.