

Statutes of the Queen's Service Order

Preamble

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ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God Queen of New Zealand and Her Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, to all to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING!

Recites WHEREAS by a Warrant under Our Sign Manual, Warrant, dated the 13th day of March, One 13 March 1975. 13 March Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy five,¹ We 1975. were pleased to institute and create a Civil Order of Distinction styled and designated "THE QUEEN'S SERVICE ORDER", and did make, ordain, and establish Statutes and Ordinances for the governance of the same, reserving to Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, full power of annulling, altering, abrogating, augmenting, interpreting or dispensing with those Statutes and Ordinances, or any part thereof, by a notification under the Sign Manual of the Sovereign of the Order:

Cancel- WE, therefore, in pursuance and exercise of Statutes lation of of the power vested in Us, do annul the Fifth, Sixth, Statutes Seventh, Fifteenth, Twenty-eighth, and Twenty-ninth V, VI, Statutes of the said Warrant, and in substitution VII, XV, thereof We, by these Presents, sealed with the Seal of XXVIII, Our Realm of New Zealand, do make, ordain, and XXIX. establish the following Statutes and Ordinances:

¹ SR 1975/200

- Persons eligible for appointment to the Order. V. It is Ordained that the persons for eligible for appointment to Our Service Order shall consist of Our faithful subjects under Our Protection in a civilian capacity within Our Realm of New Zealand, or in other Realms and Territories of which We are Queen.
- Qualifications. VI. It is Ordained that the persons to be admitted as Companions of Our Service Order shall be such subjects who have rendered valuable voluntary service to the community or who have rendered meritorious and faithful services to the Crown or similar services within the public sector, whether in elected or appointed office, of Our Realm of New Zealand, or in other Realms and Territories of which We are Queen.
- Appointments not to exceed 30 in any one year. Additional appointments. VII. It is Ordained that not more than 30 persons shall be appointed Companions of Our Service Order in any one year, except that on those occasions when We admit into the Order Our Governor-General of New Zealand and Principal Companion of this Our Service Order or his wife, such appointments shall be additional to the prescribed annual allocation.
- Precedence. XV. It is Ordained that Companions of this Order shall in Our Realm of New Zealand rank next to and immediately before Officers of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.
- Principal Companion: Duties. XXVIII. It is Ordained that the Principal Companion of this Order shall be the Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Realm of New Zealand, who shall countersign all Statutes, Ordinances, and Instruments of the Order to which the Seal of Our Realm of New Zealand is affixed;

Badge and that on all appropriate occasions he shall wear pendent from a silver-gilt chain round his neck a representation of the Badge of the Order, save that the silver-gilt medallion bearing the crowned effigy of the Sovereign shall be within a plain circle of red enamel and that St Edward's Crown shall be jewelled, but as may be convenient the said Badge may be worn pendent from the prescribed ribbon.

Secretary and Registrar: Duties XXIX. It is Ordained that the Secretary and Registrar of this Order shall be the Clerk, for the time being, of Our Executive Council of New Zealand, that he shall collect and tabulate the names of all those persons who are to be submitted to Us, Our Heirs or Successors for admission to this Order or to be awarded the Medal of the Order, that he shall maintain a Register of all those persons appointed to this Order or upon whom has been conferred the Medal of the Order;

Badge and that on all appropriate occasions he shall wear pendent from a silver-gilt chain round his neck a representation of the Badge of the Order, save that the silver-gilt medallion bearing the crowned effigy of the Sovereign shall be within a silver-gilt circle engraved "SECRETARY AND REGISTRAR" and that St Edward's Crown shall be jewelled, but as may be convenient the said Badge may be worn pendent from the prescribed ribbon.

AND it is Our Will and Pleasure that these Statutes shall be taken and received as part and parcel of the Warrant of the said Order and shall henceforth be inviolably observed and kept.

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GIVEN under the Seal of
New Zealand at our Court
of Government House,
Wellington, this 15th day
of October 1981, in the
Thirtieth year of Our
Reign.

By Her Majesty's
Command,

DAVID BEATTIE

Principal Companion

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