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PROCLAMATION BY THE HONOURABLE PRESIDENT

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ANURA KUMARA DISSANAYAKE

Sevabhimani Padakkama

SVASTI!

To all to whom these presents shall come, I, Anura Kumara Dissanayake, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Head of State, Head of the Executive and of the Government, and the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces.

Send Greetings:

Whereas, I am desirous of revising the regulations relevant to Service Medal awarded as a reward for meritorious service to all ranks of the Regular and Volunteer Force of the Army, Navy and the Air Force of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka,

The *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 2112/32 dated 28th February 2019 and *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 2146/12 dated 21st October 2019, are hereby revoked, without prejudice to the decisions so far made under the said notifications, and wherefore I am



pleased to make, ordain and establish the following regulations for governance of the awarding of the Service Medal which be inviolably kept:

Firstly:

Style and Designation - it is ordained that, this Medal shall be styled and designated the “SEVABHIMANI PADAKKAMA”.

Secondly:

Description - It is ordained that the medal shall be of Gold colour metal and the flower of eight petals in shape, with a diameter of 3.7 cm bearing on the obverse in the centre a design comprising an Eagle in flight head to the sinister representing the Sri Lanka Air Force superimposed on an Anchor with a chain twined around it representing the Sri Lanka Navy, the whole superimposed upon two crossed swords points uppermost representing the Sri Lanka Army surrounded by the legend “SEVABHIMANI PADAKKAMA” inscribed in Sinhala, Tamil and English and in the relief on the reverse the Armorial Ensign of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka surrounded by a lotus petal border within a sheaf of paddy surrounded by the wheel of Doctrine with the filled Vessel at the base and the depiction of Sun in splendour and the Moon on the right and left respectively and the year of institution 2009 inscribed below it.

Thirdly:

Ribbon - It is ordained that the medal shall be worn on the left breast suspended from a ribbon of 3.1 cm in width and 5 cm which shall contain a Saffron stripe of 1.5 cm in width in the middle with two Light Blue and Navy Blue stripes each 0.8 cm in width on the Right side and Left side respectively.

Fourthly:

Eligibility - It is ordained that the medal shall be granted to all the Ranks of the Regular and Volunteer Forces of the Army, Navy and Air Force of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the valuable contribution made since 19.05.2009 for the post-war activities, count not less than six years of aggregate service excluding the basic training period with a good conduct, subject to the regulations hereinafter made.

Fifthly:

Registration - It is ordained that the names of all those to whom the Medal is awarded shall be published in the respective Service Orders following the approval of the Honourable President, and the register of such names shall be maintained under the direction of the respective Service Commander.

Sixthly:

Order of Wear - It is ordained that in the official list showing the order in which Orders, Decorations and Medals are to be worn, the Sevabhimani Padakkama shall be worn immediately after the Armed Service Long Service Medal.

Seventhly:

Miniatures - It is ordained that reproduction in miniature known as Miniature Medal; which may be worn on certain occasions by those to whom the medal is awarded, shall be approximately half the size of the medal and a sealed pattern of the miniature medal shall be kept in the Headquarters of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

Eighthly:

Forfeiture and Restoration - It is ordained that the President may cancel and annul the award of the medal to any person but it shall be competent for him to restore an award so forfeited under the regulations hereinafter made. The notice of cancellation or restoration in every case shall be published in the respective Service Orders

Given at Presidential Secretariat, Colombo under the Public Seal of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on this 12 day of June Two Thousand and Twenty Six.

By Order of the Honourable President,

Dr. N.S. KUMANAYAKE,
Secretary to the President.

Sevabhimani Padakkama

REGULATIONS made by the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, to grant, forfeit, restore and other matters in amplification of the Provisions set out in the Presidential Warrant.

By Order of the Honourable President,

Dr. N.S. KUMANAYAKE,
Secretary to the President.

Office of the Secretary to the President,
Colombo -01,
June 12 , 2026.

Sevabhimani Padakkama

1. The SEVABHIMANI PADAKKAMA shall be awarded to all Ranks of the Regular and Volunteer Forces of the Army, Navy and Air Force who have been in active service on Nineteen day of May Two Thousand Nine or thereafter, excluding the armed forces personnel contributed to the post-war activities since Nineteen day of May Two Thousand Nine and those who retired on or before Eighteen day of May Two Thousand Nine, and who have completed an aggregate period of Six Years excluding the basic training period.
2. Those who have retired, cashiered or resigned before the completion of six years from the Nineteenth day of May Two Thousand Nine are not eligible for the Medal.
3. The award may be conferred posthumously to the lawful next-of-kin of the recipient or to a person nominated by the next-of-kin.
4. A Board of not less than three Senior Officers nominated by the respective Service Commanders will examine the recommendations made for the award of the SEVABHIMANI PADAKKAMA. The recommendation of the Board along with the recommendations of the Service Commanders will be transmitted through the Secretary of Defence, for the approval of the Honourable President.
5. Every recommendation shall include the Number, Rank and Name in full, of the person recommended.
6. The names of persons upon whom the Medal is conferred upon, shall be published in the respective Service Orders and a register of all such recipients shall be maintained under the direction of the respective Service Commander.
7. When a person who is a recipient of the Medal suffers death by sentence of a Court Martial, or any other Court, he shall forfeit the Medal conferred to him unless the Honourable President shall direct otherwise.
8. Any Officer of the Sri Lanka Army, Navy or Air Force who is cashiered, dismissed or has been called upon to resign or retire his Commission, shall forfeit the Medal conferred on him unless the Honourable President shall direct otherwise.
9. Every soldier, seaman or airman who has been discharged from the Army, Navy and Air Force with disgrace or with ignominy, shall forfeit the Medal unless the Honourable President shall direct otherwise.
10. When a person who is a recipient of the Medal is convicted an offence of the following nature, that is to say treason, mutiny, cowardice, desertion or disgraceful conduct of an unnatural kind or is dismissed or discharged or who is called upon to resign his Commission by the Honourable President for misconduct or who whilst subject to Military, Naval or Air Force Law, is convicted by the civil power, shall forfeit the Medal conferred to him unless the Honourable President shall direct otherwise.

11. A Medal forfeited by any person may be restored by the Honourable President at his discretion.
12. A notice of forfeiture or restoration shall in every case be published in the respective Service Orders.
13. Where an officer or soldier or seaman or airman who is desirous of replacing a Medal that has been lost, a declaration must be submitted by the officer or soldier and seaman or airman concerned to his Commanding Officer/Superior Officer, stating the circumstances under which the loss occurred. This declaration should then be transmitted to the Honourable President through the due process. Where the explanation given as to the loss is considered satisfactory, another Medal may be obtained in lieu of the lost Medal after due payment.
14. The armed forces personnel awarded with the Meritorious Service Medal under the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 2112/32 dated 28th February 2019 and *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 2146/12 dated 21st October 2019, are considered as eligible to award the said medal and provisions given in this notification shall be applicable to the said personnel.
15. In those Regulations it shall be considered that:-
 - (a) “Service Commanders” means
 - The Commander of the Army,
 - The Commander of the Navy and
 - The Commander of the Air Force
 - (b) “Military Personnel” means
 - Army, Navy and Air Force personnel

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Firstly:

Style and Designation - it is ordained that, this Medal shall be styled and designated the “Service Medal”.

Secondly:

Description - It is ordained that the medal shall be of Rose Gold colour metal and square in shape curved at four corners, with four straight sides in equal length of 2.2 cm bearing on the obverse in the centre a design comprising an Eagle in flight head to the sinister representing the Sri Lanka Air Force superimposed on an Anchor with a chain twined around it representing the Sri Lanka Navy, the whole superimposed upon two crossed swords points uppermost representing the Sri Lanka Army and the legend “SERVICE MEDAL” inscribed below in Sinhala, Tamil and English and in the relief on the reverse the Armorial Ensign of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka surrounded by a lotus petal border within a sheaf of paddy surrounded by the wheel of Doctrine with the filled Vessel at the base and the depiction of Sun in splendour and the Moon on the right and left respectively and the year of institution 2009 inscribed below it.

Thirdly:

Ribbon - It is ordained that the medal shall be worn on the left breast suspended from a ribbon of 3.1 cm in width and 5 cm in length which shall contain a Lush Green stripe of 1.5 cm in width in the middle with two Dark Blue stripes each width 0.8 cm in width on the edges of it.

Fourthly:

Eligibility - It is ordained that the medal shall be granted to all Ranks of the Regular and Volunteer Forces of the Army, Navy and Air Force of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the valuable contribution made since 19.05.2009 for the post-war activities, count not less than three years of aggregate service excluding the basic training period with a good conduct, subject to the regulations hereinafter made.

Fifthly:

Registration - It is ordained that the names of all those to whom the Medal is awarded shall be published in the respective Service Orders following the approval of the Honourable President, and the register of such names shall be maintained under the direction of the respective Service Commanders.

Sixthly:

Order of Wear - It is ordained that in the official list showing the order in which Orders, Decorations and Medals are to be worn, the Tri-Forces Service Medal shall be worn immediately after the Sevabhimani Padakkama.

Seventhly:

Miniatures - It is ordained that reproduction in miniature known as Miniature Medal; which may be worn on certain occasions by those to whom the medal is awarded, shall be approximately half the size of the medal and a sealed pattern of the miniature medal shall be kept in the Headquarters of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

Eighthly:

Forfeiture and Restoration - It is ordained that the President may cancel and annul the award of the medal to any person but it shall be competent for him to restore an award so forfeited under the regulations hereinafter made. The notice of cancellation or restoration in every case shall be published in the respective Service Orders.

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Dr. N.S. KUMANAYAKE,
Secretary to the President.

Office of the Secretary to the President,
Colombo -01,
12th June , 2026.

Service Medal

1. The Service Medal shall be awarded to all Ranks of the Regular and Volunteer Forces of the Army, Navy and Air Force who have been in active service on Nineteen day of May Two Thousand Nine or thereafter, excluding the armed forces personnel contributed to the post-war activities since Nineteen day of May Two Thousand Nine and those who retired on or before Eighteen day of May Two Thousand Nine, and who have completed an aggregate period of Three Years excluding the basic training period with a good conduct.
2. Those who have retired, cashiered or resigned before the completion of three years from the Nineteenth day of May Two Thousand Nine are not eligible for the Medal.
3. The award may be conferred posthumously to the lawful next-of-kin of the recipient or to a person nominated by the next-of-kin.
4. A Board of not less than three Senior Officers nominated by the respective Service Commanders will examine the recommendations made for the award of the SERVICE MEDAL. The recommendation of the Board along with the recommendations of the Service Commanders will be transmitted through the Secretary of Defence, for the approval of the Honourable President.
5. Every recommendation shall include the Number, Rank and Name in full, of the person recommended.

6. The names of persons upon whom the Medal is conferred upon, shall be published in the respective Service Orders and a register of all such recipients shall be maintained under the direction of the respective Service Commander.
7. When a person who is a recipient of the Medal suffers death by sentence of a Court Martial, or any other Court, he shall forfeit the Medal conferred to him unless the Honourable President shall direct otherwise.
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