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DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

NO. R. 563

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**AMENDMENT OF THE REGULATIONS FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN
POLICE SERVICE**

The Minister of Police has, under section 24(1) of the South African Police Service Act, 1995 (Act No. 68 of 1995), made the regulations in the Schedule.



**MINISTER OF POLICE
NPT/NHLEKO, MP**

SCHEDULE**1. DEFINITION**

In these Regulations "the Regulations" mean the Regulations promulgated by Government Notice R.203 of 14 February 1964, as amended.

2. SUBSTITUTION OF REGULATION 8 OF THE REGULATIONS

Regulation 8 of the Regulations is hereby amended by the substitution of regulation 8 with the following regulation:

"RANKS

8. (1) The ranks in the Service, in order of precedence, are as follows:

General (appointed as National Commissioner)
Lieutenant General (appointed as Deputy National Commissioner,
Divisional Commissioner, Regional Commissioner or Provincial
Commissioner)
Major General
Brigadier
Colonel
Lieutenant Colonel
Captain
Warrant Officer
Sergeant
Constable

(2) The National Commissioner may, in individual cases, determine a rank which is not included in subregulation (1) and provide that a particular member shall hold such rank: Provided that the National Commissioner

shall simultaneously determine that the rank shall for all purposes be equivalent to a rank included in subregulation (1).

- (3) The form of address in respect of members shall be determined by the National Commissioner.
- (4) Any reference in any law to a commissioned officer shall be interpreted to include a reference to a member holding the rank of Captain or a higher rank mentioned in subregulation (1).
- (5) Any reference in any law to a non-commissioned officer shall be interpreted to include a reference to a member holding the rank of Warrant Officer or Sergeant.
- (6) A member who, before the coming into operation of this regulation, has been appointed in the Service and held a rank mentioned in column 1 of the Schedule to this regulation, shall hold the corresponding rank mentioned in column 2 of the said Schedule.
- (7) A member who, before the coming into operation of this regulation, held a rank in the Service, shall, after the coming into operation of this regulation, retain the salary, salary scale, allowances and or benefits applicable to him or her before the coming into operation of this regulation.

SCHEDULE

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2
General (National Commissioner)	General (National Commissioner)
Lieutenant General <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy National Commissioner • Divisional Commissioner • Provincial Commissioner 	Lieutenant General <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy National Commissioner • Divisional Commissioner • Regional Commissioner • Provincial Commissioner
Major General	Major General
Brigadier	Brigadier
Colonel	Colonel
Lieutenant Colonel	Lieutenant Colonel
Major	
Captain	Captain
Lieutenant	
Warrant Officer	Warrant Officer
Sergeant	Sergeant
Constable	Constable

3. SUBSTITUTION OF SCHEDULE C OF THE REGULATIONS

Schedule C of the Regulations is hereby amended by the substitution of Schedule C with the following Schedule:

“Schedule C

DISTINCTIVE BADGES, BUTTONS, BADGES OF RANK, GORGET PATCHES AND CAP PEAKS

I. DISTINCTIVE BADGES AND BADGES —

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| (a) | Police badge | An golden eight-pointed rayed star, charged in the centre with a bezant bearing a green tree aloe, with three red flowers, within a blue annulet bearing the name “SOUTH AFRICAN”, above, and “POLICE SERVICE”, below, in golden letters. |
| (b) | Star shaped badge of rank | A golden faceted five-pointed star, charged in the centre with a bezant, bearing a green tree aloe with three red flowers. |
| (c) | Hexagonal badge of rank | A golden faceted hexagon, charged in the centre with a bezant, bearing a green tree aloe with three red flowers. |

II. BUTTONS —

Dome-shaped, embossed with the badge as described in paragraph I (a) above.

III. BADGES OF RANK —

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| General (National Commissioner) | Crossed sword and baton below four hexagons. |
| Lieutenant General (appointed as Deputy National Commissioner, Divisional Commissioner, Regional Commissioner or Provincial Commissioner) | Crossed sword and baton below three hexagons. |
| Major General | Crossed sword and baton below two hexagons. |

Brigadier	Three stars in a triangle below a hexagon.
Colonel	Two stars below a hexagon.
Lieutenant Colonel	One star below a hexagon.
Captain	Three stars.
Warrant Officer	A shoulder-flash with the coat of arms of the Republic of South Africa with words "POLICE" and "Warrant Officer".
Sergeant	A shoulder-flash with a three-bar chevron below a hexagon and with the words "POLICE" and "Sergeant".
Constable	A shoulder-flash with the badge described in paragraph I (a) and the words "POLICE" and "Constable".
IV. GORGET PATCHES —	
Brigadier to General (National Commissioner)	The gorget patch shall be of blue charged with a golden aloe plant with three racemes palewise in chevron, and four leaves, the inner pair entwined about the stem and the outer pair embowed upwards, at the mitred end a golden domed button charged with the Police badge.
Lieutenant Colonel and Colonel	The gorget patch shall be of blue charged with a golden aloe plant with three racemes palewise in chevron, and two leaves embowed upwards at the mitred end a golden dome button charged with the Police badge.
Captain	The gorget patch shall be of blue charged with a golden aloe plant with three racemes palewise in chevron, at the mitred end a golden

domed button charged with the Police badge.

V. CAP PEAKS —

Brigadier to General (National Commissioner)

The cap peak shall be of black or blue charged with a golden aloe plant with three racemes palewise in chevron, and six leaves, the inner pair entwined about the stem, the middle pair undulating and the outer pair embowed in line with the outer edge of the peak.

Lieutenant Colonel and Colonel

The cap peak shall be of black or blue charged with a golden aloe plant with three racemes palewise in chevron, and four leaves, the inner pair entwined about the stem and the outer pair embowed in line with the outer edge of the peak.

4. COMMENCEMENT

These Regulations takes effect on 1 June 2016.