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**THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES (TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE) (OMBUDSMAN) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2024****Table of provisions**

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**CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES (TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE) ACT**

(Cap. 84)

**CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES (TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE) (OMBUDSMAN) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2024**

I, Hon. Manasseh Damukana Sogavare, Prime Minister, under section 3 of the *Constitutional Offices (Terms and Conditions of Service) Act* (Cap. 84), make the following Regulations:

**1 Citation**

These Regulations may be cited as the *Constitutional Offices (Terms and Conditions of Service) (Ombudsman) (Amendment) Regulations 2024*.

**2 Commencement**

These Regulations commence on the date of these Regulations are published in the *Gazette*.

**3 Amendment of the *Constitutional Offices (Terms and Conditions of Service) (Ombudsman) Regulations***

These Regulations amend the *Constitutional Offices (Terms and Conditions of Service) (Ombudsman) Regulations* (LN No. 146 of 1990) (“**Principal Regulations**”).

**4 Regulation 4 amended**

Regulations 4 of the Principal Regulations is amended by substituting the figure “\$5,250.00.” with “\$8,000.00.”.

**5 Regulation 7 amended**

Regulations 7 of the Principal Regulations is amended by substituting the figure “\$5,000.00” with “\$12,000.00”.

**6 Regulation 8 amended**

Regulation 8 of the Principal Regulation is amended by substituting the figure “\$1,300.00” with “\$4,000.00”.

**7 Regulation 10 repealed and substituted**

Regulation 10 of the Principal Regulations is repealed and substituted by the following:

“**Vehicle**

10 The Government must provide the following to the Ombudsman:

- (a) one Government vehicle free of charge and a fuel allowance of \$2,000.00 per month; and
- (b) a transport allowance of \$6,000.00 each fortnight if the Government is unable to provide a vehicle; and
- (c) the Ombudsman may purchase the vehicle under paragraph (a) at a fair market price, if the Ombudsman’s contract has ended and is not renewed.”.

**8 Regulation 12 amended**

Regulation 12 of the Principal Regulations is amended by substituting “two return trips” with “one return trip”.

**9 Regulation 14 amended**

Regulation 14 of the Principal Regulations is amended by substituting the figure “US\$250.00” with “USD\$300.00”.

**10 Regulation 15 amended**

Regulations 15 of the Principal Regulations is amended by substituting the

figure “\$150.00” with “\$300.00”.

## **11 Regulation 16 repealed and substituted**

Regulations 16 of the Principal Regulations is repealed and substituting the following:

### **“Class of travel (overseas)**

- 16 (1) The Ombudsman is entitled to travel business class for all official overseas travels.
- (2) The spouse of the Ombudsman is entitled to travel business class:
- (a) when accompanying the Ombudsman for official overseas travel; and
  - (b) when the spouse is officially required to perform an official role in the Ombudsman official program of travel; and
  - (c) where subregulations (2)(a) and (b) are met, the spouse is also entitled to claim subsistence allowance at half the rate payable to the Ombudsman in regulation 14(1) and 14(2).
- (3) Where subregulations(2)(a) and (b) are not met, the Ombudsman and the spouse are responsible for the spouse’s travels.”.

## **12 Regulation 18 amended**

Regulation 18 of the Principal Regulations is amended by repealing all words after “entertainment allowance” and substituting the repealed words with “of \$10,000.00 per annum.”.

## **13 Regulation 19 repealed and substituted**

Regulation 19 of the Principal Regulations is repealed and substituting with the following:

### **“Medical treatment**

- 19 If the Ombudsman is not covered by medical insurance, the Ombudsman is entitled to \$10,000.00 each year for outpatient and general practice treatments; and where hospitalisation is required, the Ombudsman is entitled to be covered under a Government approved Health Care Scheme.”.

## **14 Regulation 20 repealed**

The Principal Regulations is amended by repealing regulation 20.

**15 Regulation 24 repealed and substituted**

Regulation 24 of the Principal Regulations is repealed and substituting with the following:

**“Gratuity**

24 The Ombudsman is entitled to a gratuity of 35% of the basic salary under regulation 4, payable at the end of every 12 months of service, or at the end of the term.”.

**16 New Regulation 25 amended**

Regulation 25 of the Principal Regulations is amended by substituted “\$5,000.00” with “\$10,000.00”.

Made this eighteenth-day of March 2024.

**HON. MANASSEH DAMUKANA SOGAVARE**  
PRIME MINISTER

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