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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7 Regulation 10 repealed and substituted

Regulation 10 of the Principal Regulations is repealed and substituted by the following: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11 Regulation 16 repealed and substituted

Regulations 16 of the Principal Regulations is repealed and substituting the following: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