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CITIZENSHIP ACT [CAP 112]

**Honorary Citizenship (Vanuatu Economic Rehabilitation
Program) Regulation**
Order No. 34 Of 2015

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 23 of the Citizenship Act [CAP 112], I, the Honourable JOE NATUMAN, Prime Minister, make the following Regulation.

This Order commences on the day on which it is made.

Made at Port Vila this 15th day of May, 2015.


Honourable JOE NATUMAN
Prime Minister



REPUBLIC OF VANUATU
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1 Establishment of the Vanuatu Economic Rehabilitation Program

- (1) For the purpose of section 20 of the Act, the Vanuatu Economic Rehabilitation Program (VERP) is established.
- (2) Persons eligible to be conferred with honorary citizenship under the VERP are the person making the contribution and his or her spouse.

2 Procedure for conferring honorary citizenship under the Vanuatu Economic Rehabilitation Program

- (1) A person who has a criminal record must not be conferred with honorary citizenship under the VERP.
- (2) The following procedures apply in relation to conferring honorary citizenship on a person under the VERP:
 - (a) the Pacific Resource Group (PRG) is to receive and provide to the Technical Working Group (TWG) for the VERP, the names of the persons eligible to be conferred honorary citizenship;
 - (b) the TWG is to carry out intelligence checks on a person through the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU);
 - (c) once the FIU has confirmed that the person has no criminal record, the TWG is to submit the name of the person to the Commission;
 - (c) the Commission will submit to the Prime Minister the name of the person and the Prime Minister is to advise the President on the name of the person to be conferred with honorary citizenship under the VERP.

2 Period of process and issuing of a honorary citizenship certificate

The process under clause 2 and the issuing of a honorary citizenship certificate is to be completed within 3 months upon receipt of the name of the person from the PRG.

3 Privileges

A person conferred with honorary citizenship under the VERP will have the following privileges:

- (a) to have access to a Vanuatu Ordinary Passport; and
- (b) to have the right to carry out investment in Vanuatu.

4 Restrictions for Honorary Citizenship

A person conferred with honorary citizenship under the VERP must not:

- (a) hold or serve in any public office; and
- (b) be involved in Vanuatu politics; and
- (c) fund activities that would cause political instability in Vanuatu; and
- (d) affiliate with or form any political parties in Vanuatu; and
- (e) stand as a candidate and vote at any of the following elections:
 - (i) general election for Members to Parliament; and
 - (ii) provincial election for members to a Provincial Government Council; and
 - (iii) municipal election for members to a Municipal Council.

5 Quota for the VERP

The quota to be achieved under the VERP is 100 persons making the contribution (not including the spouses of these persons).

6 Fees

The fees required to be paid by a person to be conferred with honorary citizenship under the VERP are:

- (a) USD 130,000 (a non refundable contribution); and
- (b) USD 10,000 citizenship fee; and
- (c) USD 160 passport fee; and
- (d) USD 2,000 VIPA fee; and

(e) USD 1,000 checks by Government authorities.