

REGULATIONS RESPECTING THE ACCEPTANCE AND WEARING BY CANADIANS  
OF COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS

GENERAL

1. The acceptance by Canadian citizens of foreign orders, decorations and medals, of whatever kind or class, is subject in each instance to prior approval by the Government of Canada and publication in the Canada Gazette.

2. Approval is NOT given to accept an order or decoration -

- (a) which carries with it a title of honour or any implication of precedence or privilege;

(Note: These regulations do not apply to the acceptance of academic degrees and the use of professional and academic titles conferred by institutions in other countries.)

- (b) which is conferred otherwise than by the Head or Government of a State recognized by Canada as such;
- (c) which is in recognition of services by a member of the Canadian Armed Forces or by an officer or employee of any agency of the Crown in Canada in the fulfillment of his normal duties and offered before, on or after the completion of a tour of duty in the donor country;
- (d) which is in relation to events more than five years prior to the proposal for the award;
- (e) which is at variance with considerations of general policy or public interest.

3. Approval is, otherwise, contemplated in the case of any Canadian citizen (including members of the Canadian Armed Forces and of the public services of Canada and the provinces of Canada) to whom an honour or decoration is offered on one of the following grounds:

- (a) for an extraordinary service to mankind;
- (b) for conspicuous bravery in saving or attempting to save life;
- (c) for important and personal service to the reigning Sovereign or to other members of the Royal Family;
- (d) for services rendered while in the salaried employment of the donor country;

or in recognition of an exceptional achievement or service.