

CHAPTER 234

THE MINISTERS (SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES) ACT

[PRINCIPAL LEGISLATION]

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An Act to make provision for the salaries and allowances to be paid to the holders of the offices of Vice-President, Prime Minister, Minister, Minister of State and Deputy Minister.¹

[1st July, 1988]

[s. 1]

Acts Nos.
4 of 1988
14 of 2008

Short title
Act No.
14 of 2008 s. 41

1. This Act may be cited as the Ministers (Salaries and Allowances) Act.

Interpretation
Cap. 2
Act No.
14 of 2008 s. 41

2. In this Act, unless the context requires otherwise-
“Constitution” means the Constitution of the United Republic.

“Office of Minister” includes the offices of Vice-President, Prime Minister, Minister, Minister of State and Deputy Minister;

Salaries of
Ministers

3.–(1) There shall be paid in any year to the holder of the Office of Minister such a salary based on the salary scales applicable to the public service of the United Republic and at such levels as the President may by order published in the *Gazette*, determine.

(2) The President may determine different levels of salaries for the holders of the different offices in accordance with the weight of responsibility which in his opinion, attaches to those offices.

¹ Act No. 14 of 2008 s. 41

Holder may opt for higher salary

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3 of this Act, a holder of an office entitled to be paid a salary prescribed under this Act who, by operation of any other law or by virtue of holding any other office or for any other reason, would have been entitled to receive a salary higher than that prescribed under this Act, may opt to receive that higher salary.

Allowances of Ministers

5.—(1) There shall be paid to the holder of the office of Minister, such allowances as the President may, by writing under his hand, prescribe.

(2) The President may, determine different allowances or different rates of allowances to be paid to the holders of the different offices of Minister in accordance with the weight of responsibility which in his opinion is attached to those offices.

Repealed

6. [Repealed by Act No. 14 of 2008 s. 41.]

President may review salaries and allowances
Act No.
14 of 2008 s. 41

7.—(1) The President may if in his opinion, the circumstances permit, review any salary or allowance determined under this Act.

(2) In the exercise of powers to review salary and allowances pursuant to the provisions of subsection (1), the President shall take into account the following attributes—

- (a) the national economy; and
- (b) any relevant consideration necessary for arriving at or making appropriate decision.

Charge and payment of salaries and allowances

8. Any salary or allowance payable under this Act shall be charged on and paid out of the Consolidated Fund.

Health insurance for Minister and family
Act No.
14 of 2008 s. 41

9.—(1) There shall be established a comprehensive health insurance scheme for the Minister, his spouse and up to four children of his family who are below the age of eighteen years, for medical treatment within the United Republic and abroad.

(2) The health insurance scheme established pursuant to subsection (1) shall be carried out by a competent and reliable health care provider within the United Republic.

Life assurance
policy
Act No.
14 of 2008 s. 41
Cap. 2

10.—(1) The appropriate authority shall make arrangement for a group life assurance policy for the Minister during the period when a person is appointed to be a minister pursuant to Article 55 of the Constitution and shall mature in relation to any of such Minister who dies while holding the office of the Minister and shall lapse upon dissolution of the National Assembly pursuant to Article 65 of the Constitution.

(2) The term “appropriate authority” referred to in subsection (1), shall have the meaning ascribed to it under the Political Service Retirement Benefits Act.

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