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PART I  
PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fire and Rescue Force (Volunteers) Regulations, 2017.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires-

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“Act” means the Fire and Rescue Force Act;

“Commissioner-General” means Commissioner-General of the Force appointed under section 14(1) of the Act;

“Firefighter” has the same meaning as ascribed to it under the Act;

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“Fire Officer” has the same meaning as ascribed to it under the Act;

“Force” means Fire and Rescue Force established under section 4 of the Act;

“Operational duties” means fire fighting and rescue tasks including wearing of breathing apparatus, and other tools associated with acting as a member of a fire crew dealing with an incident; and

“Fire Volunteer Unit” means a person or a group of people who organized themselves in their communities with the purposes of protecting life and property of the citizen of Tanzania, and who freely contributes their services occasionally or regularly, without a desire for material or financial gain or any social, economic or political affiliation.

PART II  
ESTABLISHMENT, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF FIRE  
VOLUNTEERS UNIT

Registration

3.-(1) The Commissioner General shall register a person or group of people who has a desire to form a fire volunteer unit for the purpose of protecting life, property or any other hazards in case of fire.

(2) A person shall be qualified to be a volunteer if he possess the following qualifications-

- (a) a Tanzanian, resides within a local jurisdiction;
- (b) age of 18 years and above;
- (c) of good character;
- (d) meet and maintain all requirements of fire fighters; and
- (e) posses such aptitude and other testes as may be required by the Commissioner-General.

Application

4.-(1) The registration shall be by way of written application supported by the following documents:

- (a) the constitution of the fire volunteer unit;
- (b) the curriculum vitae and passport size pictures of the Chairman, Secretary and treasurer of the fire volunteer unit;
- (c) minute of the first meeting for the establishment of the volunteer fire unit together with the names and signature of the members who are the founders;
- (d) any other information as may be required by the Commissioner General.

(2) The application shall be in the prescribed form as stipulated in the First Schedule to these Regulations.

Recruitment

5.-(1) A volunteer can be recruited through dissemination, during events, meetings or one to one basis, programmers, mass media.

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Function and  
duties of  
volunteer

6. The function and duties of volunteers shall be as follows-
- (a) take all necessary measures to prevent, suppress and minimize death rate in the occurrence of fire;
  - (b) give information to the Force as soon as possible in case of fire;
  - (c) give fire report to the Commissioner-General when required;
  - (d) implement safety awareness education with consultation from the Commissioner-General;
  - (e) respond to the needs of beneficiaries and strengthen their capacity for self-help and active volunteering;
  - (f) establish a positive working relationship with other co-volunteers and staff by improving communication and being aware of the importance of interaction;
  - (g) exercise teamwork, ready to learn and share experiences with other volunteers;
  - (h) promote mutual understanding with people they work with;
  - (i) seek advice from the appropriate authority before taking a decision;
  - (j) strive and work for the highest standards of quality;
  - (k) behave according to code of conduct and ethics for volunteers;
  - (l) be available to assigned duties as agreed with the substations, stations or headquarters according to their skills and abilities; and
  - (m) any other duties as directed by the Commissioner-General.

Termination

by-

7. A volunteer may be terminated from the service
- (a) resignation;
  - (b) when attained the age of 55 years old;

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- (c) upon completion of service in the Fire and Rescue Force;
- (d) when he is incapable of performing his duties; or
- (e) commits the disciplinary offence.

Disciplinary  
offence

8. The volunteer may be dismissed to perform the duties after being involved in the following:

- (a) any criminal offence;
- (b) dishonesty;
- (c) use of alcohol or substance abuse;
- (d) insubordination;
- (e) inefficiency;
- (f) disruptive behavior;
- (g) wilful damage of Force property; or
- (h) for non-compliance with any of the provisions of these Regulations.

Training

9. Upon completion of registration, the volunteers shall be attend the basic fire training course as the Commissioner-General may direct.

Local  
jurisdiction

10.-(1) The volunteer shall be allowed to work within the local jurisdiction of his residence.

(2) The Commissioner-General may direct any volunteer or volunteers to work outside of their local limits at any time as the needs may arise.

Equipments  
used by  
volunteer

11.-(1) Buildings, Fire equipments and other recreation equipments owned or controlled by volunteer may from time to time be used for other than regular volunteer uses as directed by the Commissioner-General.

(2) The Commissioner-General may provide the volunteer fire equipments.

Awards

12. Bravery Awards may be given to the volunteers who courageously perform the distinguished duties through their efforts.

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Protection

13.-(1) The fire fighter acting *bona fide* under powers conferred to him by these Regulations or any other law, shall not be liable to any damage for any act done, or omitted to be done by him in connection with his duties on the occasion of a fire, or other calamity and or in response to a fire alarm.

Compensation

14. For the purpose of these Regulations the volunteer firefighter injured or dies in the provision of such service shall be compensated accordingly.

Station

15.-(1) The principal station of the fire volunteer unit shall be clearly indicated in the constitution which establishes that volunteer unit.

(2) The volunteer unit may also have station or stations in such other place or places as the business of the volunteer unit may require or as may be directed by the Board of Directors.

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**SCHEDULES**

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**FIRST SCHEDULE**



FORM VI

THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
FIRE AND RESCUE FORCE

**APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS FIRE VOLUNTEERS**

*(Made under regulation 4(2))*

To the Commissioner General:

I/We.....  
.....

Apply to work at Fire Station or within the Force as Fire Volunteer.

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.....  
Of P.O. Box .....

Physical Location of Head Office .....  
.....  
.....

Hereby make an application to be registered as a Fire Volunteer Unit pursuant to regulation 3 these Regulations. I/We apply to be known by the name of ..... and shall operate within the area of .....

The Mission of the Unit is .....

Attached herewith is a copy of:-

- (a) Certificate of incorporation (For Fire Volunteer Unit);
- (b) Founding members;
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(d) Personal particulars of office bearers (CV);

(e) Other (Specify if any) .....

I/We humbly submit:

Name..... Signature..... Date.....

Name..... Signature..... Date.....

**FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**

I hereby approve .....

As Fire Volunteer from..... to.....

Name of the Officer..... Rank/Position.....

Signature..... Date.....

SECOND SCHEDULE



FORM V2

THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
FIRE AND RESCUE FORCE

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS FIRE VOLUNTEERS UNIT

(Made under regulation 5(2))

I, .....  
Do solemnly and sincerely declare:-

1. That I was born at ..... in ..... and my age 18 years and above.
2. That I am a citizen of Tanzania by \*birth/descent/registration/naturalization and am also a national of ..... by \*birth/descent/registration/naturalization/marriage.
3. That as I am desirous of retaining my status as a citizen of Tanzania, I hereby renounce so far as it lies within my power my status as a \*citizen/national of .....  
And any claim I have to the protection of that country.
4. That I meet and maintain all requirements of Fire fighter.
5. That am, of good character.
6. That I pass such aptitude and other tastes as may be required by the Commissioner General.

.....  
Signature of Applicant

.....  
Date of Application



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I hereby approve that ..... (Name)  
As fulfilled all requirement as Fire Volunteer.  
Name of the Officer.....  
Rank/Position.....  
Signature.....  
Date.....

**\*Delete inapplicable**

Dodoma,  
8<sup>th</sup> February, 2017

MWIGULU L. NCHIEMBA,  
*Minister for Home Affairs*