

Law 14/2009

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Regulation on the Remuneration of Political Office Holders

Preamble

UNTAET Directive nr 2001 /13, from 6 December regulates the Remuneration of the Members of Government and of the Constituent Assembly.

The present law establishes a set of standards designed to reward fairly the activities of political appointees, make the exercise more transparent and less susceptible to undue exploitation and to ensure a responsible, dignified and independent status to those who dedicate their service and skills to the nation and to the public cause.

Therefore, as provided for on Section 95 item k) and Section 97 number 1 item a) of the Constitution, the Parliament hereby enacts, to rule as law the following:

Remuneration of Political Office Holders

CHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

Holding and Exercising the Political Power

The power lies in the people and its exercise is ruled by the Constitution.

Article 2

Holders of Political Offices

1. This law governs the remuneration of the holders of political offices.
2. For purposes of this Decree-Law, the holders of political offices are:
 - a) The President of the Republic
 - b) The Members of the National Parliament;
 - c) The Members of Government

Article 3

Wages and Remunerations of Political Offices

1. Holders of public offices are entitled to monthly wages, entertainment allowances, subsistence allowances and other additional or extraordinary complementary allowances provided for in this law.
2. Holders of political office are entitled to receive an extraordinary salary, equal to one monthly salary in December of each year.
3. Holders of public office can not obtain any salary or other remuneration for the performance of any function, including functions not covered by the incompatibilities established by law.

CHAPTER II
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

Article 4
Remuneration of the President of the Republic

1. The President of the Republic is the Head of State and the symbol and guarantor of national independence, the union of the State, the smooth functioning of democratic institutions and the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces.
2. The President of the Republic shall receive a monthly salary of US\$ 2,500 (two thousand five hundred American dollars).
3. The President of the Republic is entitled to a monthly entertainment allowance on the amount of 100% of the monthly salary.

Article 5
Official Residence

1. The President of the Republic is entitled to an official residence.
2. Public buildings assigned to the President of the Republic for the performance of his duties, namely the duty of representation are defined by law.

CHAPTER III
NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

Article 6
Definition

The National Parliament is the organ of sovereignty of the Democratic Republic of East Timor that represents all Timorese citizens and is vested with legislative supervisory and political decision making powers.

Article 7
Remuneration of the President of the National Parliament

1. The President of the National Parliament shall receive a monthly salary corresponding to 90% of the salary of the President of the Republic.
2. The President of the National Parliament is entitled to a monthly entertainment allowance on the amount of 100% of the monthly salary.

Article 8
Official Residence

1. The President of the National Parliament is entitled to an official residence.
2. Public buildings assigned to the President of the National Parliament for the performance of his duties, namely the duty of representation are defined by law.

Article 9
Remuneration of the Vice-President of the National Parliament

1. The Vice-President of the National Parliament shall receive a monthly salary corresponding to 80% of the salary of the President of the Republic.
2. The Vice-President of the National Parliament is entitled to a monthly entertainment allowance on the amount of 80% of the monthly salary.

Article 10
Remuneration of National Parliament Secretaries

1. National Parliament Secretaries shall receive a monthly salary corresponding to 75% of the salary of the President of the Republic.
2. National Parliament Secretaries are entitled to a monthly entertainment allowance on the amount of 75% of the respective monthly salaries.

Article 11
Remuneration of National Parliament Vice-Secretaries

1. National Parliament Vice-Secretaries shall receive a monthly salary corresponding to 70% of the salary of the President of the Republic.
2. National Parliament Vice-Secretaries are entitled to a monthly entertainment allowance on the amount of 70% of the respective monthly salaries.

Article 12
Parliament Members with other Functions

1. National Parliament Members shall receive a monthly salary corresponding to 65% of the salary of the President of the Republic.
2. The chairmen of special standing commissions and chairmen of parliamentary groups are entitled to a monthly entertainment allowance on the amount of 80% of the respective monthly salaries.
3. The deputy-chairmen of special standing commissions and deputy-chairmen of parliamentary groups are entitled to a monthly entertainment allowance on the amount of 75% of the respective monthly salaries.
4. The secretaries of special standing commissions are entitled to a monthly entertainment allowance on the amount of 70% of the respective monthly salaries.
5. The remaining members not referred to in the previous numbers are entitled to a monthly entertainment allowance on the amount of 65% of the respective monthly salaries.

CHAPTER IV
GOVERNMENT

Article 13
Remuneration of the Prime-Minister

1. The Prime-Minister shall receive a monthly salary corresponding to 90% of the salary of the President of the Republic.

2. The Prime-Minister is entitled to a monthly entertainment allowance on the amount of 100% of the monthly salary.

Article 14
Official Residence

1. The Prime-Minister is entitled to an official residence.
2. Public buildings assigned to the Prime-Minister for the performance of his duties, namely the duty of representation are defined by law.

Article 15
Remuneration of the Vice Prime-Minister

1. The Vice Prime-Minister shall receive a monthly salary corresponding to 80% of the salary of the President of the Republic.
2. The Vice Prime-Minister is entitled to a monthly entertainment allowance on the amount of 80% of the monthly salary.

Article 16
Remuneration of the Ministers

1. Ministers shall receive a monthly salary corresponding to 75% of the salary of the President of the Republic.
2. Ministers are entitled to a monthly entertainment allowance on the amount of 75% of the monthly salary.

Article 17
Remuneration of the Vice-Ministers and Secretaries of State

1. Vice-Ministers and Secretaries of State shall receive a monthly salary corresponding to 70% of the salary of the President of the Republic.
2. Vice-Ministers and Secretaries of State are entitled to a monthly entertainment allowance on the amount of 70% of the monthly salary.

CHAPTER IV
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Article 18
Subsistence Allowances

The President of the Republic, the Members of Parliament and the Members of Government travelling outside of Dili, in the country or abroad, are entitled to subsistence allowances ruled by specific legislation.

Article 19
Accommodation and Mobile Communications Subsidy

1. The President of the Republic, the Members of Parliament and the Members of Government are entitled to a monthly accommodation subsidy, ruled by specific legislation, as long as that accommodation is not provided for by the State.

2. The President of the Republic, the Members of Parliament and the Members of Government are entitled to a monthly mobile communications subsidy, ruled by specific legislation.

Article 20
Wage update

The remunerations set forth in the present Law shall be updated in accordance with the general rules applicable to the civil service.

CHAPTER V
FINAL AND TRANSITORY DISPOSITIONS

Article 21
Tax regime

Salaries and allowances received by holders of political offices covered by this law are subject to the applicable tax.

Article 22
Revocatory Rule

Directive No 2001/13 UNTAET of 6 December on the Remuneration of Members of the Government and of the Constituent Assembly and all rules contained in previous legislation that include provisions contrary to those adopted by the present law are hereby revoked.

Article 23
Efficacy

The rights consigned in the present document are applicable from January 1, 2009.

Article 23
Entry into force

The present law enters into force in the following day of its publication in the Official Gazette.

The President of the National Parliament

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