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Decorations and Uniforms Act 1922

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An Act to prevent the unauthorised use of or wearing of certain orders, decorations, medals, emblems and uniforms and for purposes connected therewith.

[10 March 1922]

Short title

1. This Act is the Decorations and Uniforms Act 1922.

Unauthorised use of insignia, uniforms, etc.

- 2.—(1) If any unauthorised person uses or wears —
 - (a) any insignia of any order instituted by the President;
 - (b) any decoration or medal, or the ribbon of any decoration or medal, so instituted;
 - (c) any naval, military or air force decoration, medal, bar, clasp or ribbon;
 - (d) any badge, stripe or emblem supplied or authorised by the Armed Forces Council or by the President;
 - (e) any uniform or part of a uniform of the naval, military, air or police forces; or

- (f) anything so nearly resembling any insignia, decoration, medal, bar, clasp, ribbon, badge, stripe, emblem or uniform or part of a uniform as abovementioned that it is calculated to deceive,

and if any unauthorised person assumes or uses any title of rank in the military, naval or air forces, or any letters after his name indicating the possession of any order, decoration or medal, that person shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction before a Magistrate's Court to a fine not exceeding \$400 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months.

(2) If any person —

- (a) falsely represents himself to be a person who is or has been entitled to use or wear any such insignia, decoration, medal, bar, clasp, ribbon, badge, stripe, emblem or uniform or part of a uniform; or
- (b) without lawful authority or excuse supplies or offers to supply any insignia, decoration, medal, bar, clasp, ribbon, badge, stripe, emblem or uniform or part of a uniform to any person whom he knows or has good reason to believe not to be authorised to use or wear it,

that person shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction before a Magistrate's Court to the like penalties as if he had been convicted of an offence under subsection (1).

Unauthorised use of foreign insignia and uniforms

3.—(1) Any unauthorised person who uses or wears any foreign insignia, decoration, medal, bar, clasp, ribbon, badge, stripe, emblem, or foreign uniform or part thereof shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction in the like manner and to the like penalties mentioned in section 2(1).

(2) If any person —

- (a) falsely represents himself to be a person who is or has been entitled to use or wear any such foreign insignia, decoration, medal, bar, clasp, ribbon, badge, stripe, emblem or foreign uniform or part thereof; or

- (b) without lawful authority or excuse supplies or offers to supply any such foreign insignia, decoration, medal or foreign uniform or part thereof to any person whom he knows or has good reason to believe not to be authorised to use or wear it,

that person shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction in the like manner and to the like penalties mentioned in section 2(2).

Exceptions

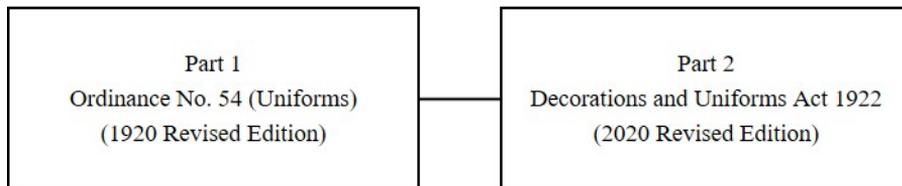
4.—(1) Nothing in this Act shall be construed so as to prohibit the wearing, use or supply of ordinary regimental badges or any brooch or ornament representing them.

(2) Nothing in this Act shall be construed so as to prohibit the wearing, use or supply of any insignia, decoration or uniform for the purposes of any bona fide theatrical or similar performance.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY
DECORATIONS AND UNIFORMS
ACT 1922

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PICTORIAL OVERVIEW OF PREDECESSOR ACTS



LEGISLATIVE HISTORY DETAILS

PART 1
ORDINANCE NO. 54 (UNIFORMS)
(1920 REVISED EDITION)

1. Ordinance IV of 1895 — The Uniforms Ordinance 1895

Bill	:	G.N. No. 404/1895
First Reading	:	2 September 1895
Second Reading	:	5 September 1895
Third Reading	:	9 September 1895
Commencement	:	9 September 1895

2. 1920 Revised Edition — Ordinance No. 54 (Uniforms)

Operation	:	28 November 1921
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PART 2
DECORATIONS AND UNIFORMS ACT 1922
(2020 REVISED EDITION)

3. Ordinance 5 of 1922 — Decorations and Uniforms, etc. (Unauthorised Use) Ordinance, 1922

Bill	:	G.N. No. 1953/1921
First Reading	:	19 December 1921
Second Reading	:	23 January 1922

Third Reading	:	20 February 1922
Commencement	:	8 March 1922 (assent) 10 March 1922 (publication)

4. 1926 Revised Edition — Ordinance No. 54 (Decorations and Uniforms)

Operation	:	1 August 1926
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5. 1936 Revised Edition — Decorations and Uniforms Ordinance (Chapter 171)

Operation	:	1 September 1936
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6. Ordinance 37 of 1952 — Law Revision (Penalties Amendment) Ordinance, 1952

(Amendments made by section 2 read with item 55 of the Schedule to the above Ordinance)

Bill	:	32/1952
First Reading	:	16 September 1952
Second and Third Readings	:	14 October 1952
Commencement	:	30 April 1955 (section 2 read with item 55 of the Schedule)

7. 1955 Revised Edition — Decorations and Uniforms Ordinance (Chapter 267)

Operation	:	1 July 1956
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8. 1970 Revised Edition — Decorations and Uniforms Act (Chapter 303)

Operation	:	31 August 1971
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9. 1985 Revised Edition — Decorations and Uniforms Act (Chapter 74)

Operation	:	30 March 1987
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10. 2013 Revised Edition — Decorations and Uniforms Act (Chapter 74)

Operation	:	31 October 2013
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Abbreviations

C.P.	Council Paper
G.N. No. S (N.S.)	Government Notification Number Singapore (New Series)
G.N. No.	Government Notification Number
G.N. No. S	Government Notification Number Singapore
G.N. Sp. No. S	Government Notification Special Number Singapore
L.A.	Legislative Assembly
L.N.	Legal Notification (Federal/Malaysian Subsidiary Legislation)
M. Act	Malayan Act/Malaysia Act
M. Ordinance	Malayan Ordinance
Parl.	Parliament
S.S.G.G. (E) No.	Straits Settlements Government Gazette (Extraordinary) Number
S.S.G.G. No.	Straits Settlements Government Gazette Number