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PART I PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

Citation

1. These Rules may be cited as the Judicature and Application of Laws (Appointment, Remuneration and Disciplinary of Mediators) Rules, 2024.

Application

2. These Rules shall apply to mediators conducting court annexed mediation or appointed as such.

Interpretation

3. In these Rules, unless the context requires otherwise-

"Judge in-charge" means the Judge in charge of the High Court Registry, Sub-Registry or Divisions;

GN. No 148 of 2021 "Code" means the Code of Conduct and Practice for Reconciliators, Negotiators, Mediators and Arbitrators, Regulations;

"professional misconduct" means any act or omission amounting to breach of the Code; and

"court annexed mediation" means mediation referred under Order VIII of the Civil Procedure Code.

PART II APPOINTMENT OF MEDIATORS

Application of this Part

4. The provisions of this Part shall apply to mediators other than serving and retired judicial officers.

Qualifications for appointment as mediator GN. No. 147 of 2021

5. A person shall be eligible for appointment as a mediator under these Rules if that person is accredited as a reconciliator, negotiator, mediator or arbitrator under the Reconciliation, Negotiation, Mediation and Arbitration (Practitioners Accreditation) Regulations.

Appointment process

GN. No. 147 of 2021

- **6.-(1)** A person who intends to be appointed a mediator shall apply to the Chief Justice for appointment.
- (2) An application under this rule shall be in Form prescribed in the First Schedule and accompanied by a certificate of accreditation issued under the Reconciliation, Negotiation, Mediation and Arbitration (Practitioners Accreditation) Regulations.

Determination of application

- 7. Upon receipt of the application, the Chief Justice shall, within thirty days from the date of receipt of the application-
 - (a) if satisfied that the applicant is eligible for appointment, grant the application and notify the applicant in writing on the appointment; or
 - (b) if not satisfied with the application-
 - (i) require the applicant to furnish further particulars for his consideration; or
 - (ii) refuse the application and notify the applicant in writing of the refusal and reasons thereof.

Register of mediators

8. The Registrar of the High Court shall keep and maintain a register of mediators appointed under these Rules.

PART III REMUNERATION

Application of this Part Cap. 33

9. The provisions of this Part shall apply to all mediators other than a mediator chosen by the parties under Order VIII rule 25(6)(f) of the Civil Procedure Code.

Mediators' remuneration

10.-(1) Subject to the provisions of this Part, the

mediator shall be entitled to be paid service fee for each mediated case as set out in the Second Schedule.

(2) Without prejudice to subrule (1), where it is necessary for the mediator to travel, he shall be entitled to travelling and subsistence allowances as set out in the Second Schedule:

Provided that, where a mediator is a serving judicial officer, expenses under this rule shall be payable in accordance with his terms of service.

Liability to pay mediators

11. Remunerations, expenses and costs payable to the mediator under these Rules shall be borne by the Judiciary.

PART IV CODE OF CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

Application and enforcement of Code

- 12.-(1) The Code shall apply mutatis mutandis to mediators under these Rules.
- (2) The Judge in-charge shall enforce the Code for the purpose of controlling the discipline of mediators.
- (3) A mediator who breaches the Code commits a professional misconduct.

Sanction for breach of Code

13. A mediator who commits a professional misconduct shall-

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- (a) in case of a serving judicial officer, be liable to such disciplinary action as prescribed for under the Judiciary Administration Act; or
- (b) in any other case, be liable to such disciplinary action as may be imposed pursuant to these Rules.

Complaints over misconduct

- 14.-(1) A person who is aggrieved by the conduct of a mediator and believes that the mediator has committed a professional misconduct may lodge a complaint to the Judge in charge against such misconduct.
- (2) The complaint shall be in writing either in English or Kiswahili supported by any other document or information as proof of the alleged complaint.
 - (3) Nothing in these Rules shall be construed to

restrict the Judge in charge from commencing disciplinary proceedings *suo mottu*.

Scrutiny of complaint

- 15.-(1) The Judge in-charge shall, within seven days of receipt of a complaint, determine whether the complaint is tenable or frivolous and vexatious.
- (2) Where the Judge in-charge is satisfied that a complaint is tenable, subject to the rights of the mediator to be heard, may impose the following sanctions against the mediator:
 - (a) issue a written warning;
 - (b) require him to pay such amount of money as may be adequate to cover the cost or loss incurred by the complainant as a result of the complaint;
 - (c) recommend to the Chief Justice for mediator's suspension or revocation; or
 - (d) any other action as the Judge in-charge may consider fit.

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FIRST SCHEDULE

(Made under rule 6(2))

FORM MD

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT AS MEDIATOR BY

	APPLICANT
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1.	follows:
2.	That, your applicant is a citizen of the United Republic of Tanzania born or
	the
3.	That, the applicant was accredited as mediator under the Reconciliation, Negotiation
	Mediation and Arbitration (Practitioners Accreditation) Regulations, 2021 or
	th e
	Copies of certificates of birth and accreditation are attached to this application.
4.	That, the applicant's areas of experience as a mediator are in (Identify areas or
	expertise eg. Land, conveyancing, construction, labour, insurance, mining, oil and gas
	etc.):
5.	The applicant prays that Your Lordship be pleased to appoint him to be a mediator
	under rule 6(1) of the Judicature and Application of Laws (Appointment
	Remuneration and Disciplinary of Mediators) Rules, 2024.
	DATED and SIGNED atthis
	(APPLICANT)
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SECOND SCHEDULE

(Made under rule 10)

COSTS AND FEES

PART A:

PROFESSIONAL FEE

SERVING JUDICIAL OFFI	CERS	MEDIATORS OTHER THAN SERVING JUDICIAL OFFICERS
Description	Fee	
For each successful mediation.	TZS. 500,000/=	TZS. 500,000/=
For each partial successful mediation.	Non-Applicable	TZS. 300,000/=
For each unsuccessful mediation.	Non-Applicable	TZS. 200,000/=

PART B: TRANSPORT AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE

S/N	MEANS OF TRANSPORT	CLASS
1	Air	Economy Class
2	Sea	First Class
3	Train	First Class
4	Road	Luxury Class
5	In case of private transport	The mediator shall be entitled to mileage allowance at the applicable government rate
6	Subsistence allowance	Not exceeding TZS 250,000/= per night

Dodoma, 26 September, 2024 IBRAHIM HAMIS JUMA, Chief Justice