



New Zealand General Service Medal (Afghanistan) Regulations 2003

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Pursuant to the Royal Warrant (SR 2002/226) dated 23 July 2002 instituting and creating the New Zealand General Service Medal, the Governor-General of New Zealand, under authority delegated by The Queen, has been pleased to make the following regulations.

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REGULATIONS

- 1 Title**
These regulations are the New Zealand General Service Medal (Afghanistan) Regulations 2002.
- 2 Commencement**
These regulations come into force on the 28th day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.
- 3 New Zealand General Service Medal (Afghanistan)**
The New Zealand General Service Medal (Afghanistan) is awarded subject to the Royal Warrant and to these regulations.

4 Ribbon

The Medal shall be worn on the left breast suspended from a ribbon, 32 millimetres in width, composed of:-

- (a) in the case of qualifying service in the primary operational area, green with 3 narrow central stripes of red, black, and red; or
- (b) in the case of qualifying service in the secondary operational area, green with 3 narrow central stripes of red, black, and red and with a narrow light blue stripe on either edge.

5 Operational areas

In these regulations:-

primary operational area means the area within the political boundaries and airspace of the country of Afghanistan

secondary operational area comprises all the areas not included in the primary operational area that are within:-

- (a) 48°00'N latitude, 81°00'E longitude:
- (b) 48°00'N latitude, 35°00'E longitude:
- (c) 12°00'N latitude, 35°00'E longitude:
- (d) 12°00'N latitude, 81°00'E longitude.

6 Eligibility

The following persons are eligible for the Medal:-

- (a) members of the Armed Forces (within the meaning of section 2(1) of the Defence Act 1990);
- (b) New Zealand civilians;
- (c) any other persons whom the Prime Minister, on the advice of the Minister of Defence, may determine.

7 Qualifying service in primary operational area

A person qualifies for the award of the Medal under this regulation if he or she meets the requirements of regulation 6 and:-

- (a) has served, on or after 18 December 2001, a day or more on land in the primary operational area, while a member of a New Zealand Government contribution to an International Force based in the primary operational area; or
- (b) has served, on or after 18 December 2001, 7 days or more, continuous or aggregated, on land in the primary operational area, while a member of an overseas-based New Zealand contribution that is directly commanding or supporting a New Zealand Government contribution to an International Force in the primary operational area; or
- (c) has completed, on or after 18 December 2001, 1 sortie or more into the primary operational area as aircrew or supernumerary aircrew, while posted or attached to a unit allocated for direct support of operations with an International Force; or
- (d) has served 30 days or more, continuous or aggregated, while on staff visits, familiarisation tours, escort duties, or other non-essential tasks in the primary operational area; or
- (e) has had his or her period of service in the primary operational area terminated, before the completion of qualifying service, by death or evacuation owing to wounds or other disability caused by that service; or
- (f) did not complete qualifying service, but has been given a New Zealand Royal Honour for gallantry or bravery in the primary operational area; or

- (g) if the mission directive stated that the deployment was to be greater than the qualifying service in the primary operational area, has had his or her period of service in the primary operational area terminated before the completion of the qualifying service at the direction of the New Zealand Government department or agency that deployed him or her, where that termination is for official reasons (not personal or compassionate); or
- (h) has served in the primary operational area with a New Zealand Government contribution to an International Force that the Minister of Defence approves on the advice of the Chief of Defence Force.

8 Qualifying service in secondary operational area

A person qualifies for the award of the Medal under this regulation if he or she meets the requirements of regulation 6 and:-

- (a) has served, on or after 18 December 2001, 30 days or more, continuous or aggregated, on land, ships, or craft in the secondary operational area, while a member of a New Zealand Government contribution to an International Force conducting operations against international terrorism; or
- (b) has completed, on or after 18 December 2001, 7 sorties or more into the secondary operational area as aircrew or supernumerary aircrew, while posted or attached to a unit allocated for direct support of a New Zealand Government contribution to an International Force conducting operations against international terrorism; or
- (c) has served 30 days or more, continuous or aggregated, while on staff visits, familiarisation tours, escort duties, or other non-essential tasks in the secondary operational area; or
- (d) has had his or her period of service in the secondary operational area terminated, before the completion of qualifying service, by death or evacuation owing to wounds or other disability caused by that service; or
- (e) did not complete qualifying service, but has been given a New Zealand Royal Honour for gallantry or bravery in the secondary operational area; or
- (f) if the mission directive stated that the deployment was to be greater than the qualifying service in the secondary operational area, has had his or her period of service in the secondary operational area terminated before the completion of the qualifying service at the direction of the New Zealand Government department or agency that deployed him or her, where that termination is for official reasons (not personal or compassionate); or
- (g) has served in the secondary operational area with a New Zealand Government contribution to an International Force conducting operations against international terrorism organisations that the Minister of Defence approves on the advice of the Chief of Defence Force.

9 Qualifying service in respect of visits, etc, to both primary and secondary operational areas

- (1) This regulation applies to a person:-
 - (a) who meets the requirements of regulation 6; and
 - (b) who has served in both the primary and secondary operational areas while on staff visits, familiarisation tours, escort duties, or other non-essential tasks; and
 - (c) whose period of service in either the primary or secondary operational area, continuous or aggregated, is less than 30 days; and
 - (d) whose period of service in both of those areas, if combined, is 30 days or more.
- (2) A person to whom this regulation applies qualifies for the award of the Medal with the ribbon for the secondary operational area.

10 Service in both primary and secondary operational areas

- (1) This regulation applies to a person who qualifies for the award of the Medal in respect of:-
 - (a) qualifying service in the primary operational area; and
 - (b) qualifying service in the secondary operational area.
- (2) A person to whom this regulation applies shall be awarded the Medal:-
 - (a) only in respect of qualifying service in the primary operational area; and
 - (b) with the ribbon for that area.

11 Delegation

The Chief of Defence Force or an officer of the New Zealand Defence Force authorised by the Chief of Defence Force may award the New Zealand General Service Medal (Afghanistan) to any eligible person who qualifies for the award of that Medal.

12 Forfeiture and restoration

It shall be competent for the Chief of Defence Force or a Chief of Staff acting for the Chief of Defence Force to:-

- (a) cancel and annul the conferment of the Medal on a person; and
- (b) if the conferment of the Medal on a person has been cancelled or annulled, restore the Medal to that person.

Dated at Wellington this 20th day of December 2002.

Mark Burton,
Minister of Defence.

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