



New Zealand Special Service Medal (Nuclear Testing) Regulations 2002

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Pursuant to the Royal Warrant (SR 2002/224 dated 23 July 2002) instituting and creating the New Zealand Special 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 Special Service Medal (Nuclear Testing) 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 Special Service Medal (Nuclear Testing)**
The New Zealand Special Service Medal (Nuclear Testing) is awarded subject to the Royal Warrant and to these regulations.
- 4 **Ribbon**
The ribbon shall have an orange-yellow centre with crimson, red, white, and black stripes on either side.

5 Nuclear testing

The New Zealand Special Service Medal (Nuclear Testing) is awarded for service as part of an official New Zealand Government presence at an atmospheric nuclear test.

6 Eligibility

The following persons are, eligible for the Medal:-

- (a) persons who were, at any time, members of the armed forces (within the meaning of section 2(1) of the Defence Act 1971):
- (b) persons who were, at any time, members of:-
 - (i) the New Zealand Naval Forces (within the meaning of the Navy Act 1954); or
 - (ii) the New Zealand Army (within the meaning of the New Zealand Army Act 1950); or
 - (iii) the Royal New Zealand Air Force (within the meaning of the Royal New Zealand Air Force Act 1950):
- (c) New Zealand civilians:
- (d) any other persons whom the Minister of Defence, on the advice of the Chief of Defence Force, may determine.

7 Qualifications for award

A person qualifies for the award of the Medal if he or she meets the requirements of regulation 6 and was present at 1 of the following nuclear tests:-

- (a) at Maralinga, Australia, on 27 September 1956, 4 October 1956, 22 October 1956, or 25 September 1957:
- (b) at Maiden Island (now part of the Republic of Kiribati), on 15 May 1957, 31 May 1957, or 19 June 1957:
- (c) at Christmas Island (now part of the Republic of Kiribati), on 8 November 1957, 28 April 1958, 22 August 1958, 2 September 1958, 11 September 1958, or 23 September 1958:
- (d) at Nevada, United States of America, on 1 September 1957:
- (e) at Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, on 18 July 1959:
- (f) at Moruroa, on 22 July 1973 or 28 July 1973:
- (g) at any other atmospheric nuclear test that the Minister of Defence, on the advice of the Chief of Defence Force, may determine.

8 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 Service Medal (Nuclear Testing) to any eligible person who qualifies for the award of that Medal.

9 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 24th day of July 2002.

Mark Burton,
Minister of Defence.

Issued under the authority of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989.

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This warrant is administered in the New Zealand Defence Force.