



New Zealand Distinguished Service Decoration Regulations 2007

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Pursuant to the Royal Warrant dated 14 May 2007 instituting and creating The New Zealand Distinguished Service Decoration, the Governor-General of New Zealand, under authority delegated by Her Majesty The Queen, makes the following regulations.

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REGULATIONS

1 Title

These regulations are the New Zealand Distinguished Service Decoration Regulations 2007.

2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on the day after the date of their notification in the Gazette.

3 New Zealand Distinguished Service Decoration and Bars to Decoration

The New Zealand Distinguished Service Decoration and Bars to the Decoration are awarded subject to the Royal Warrant and to these regulations.

4 Interpretation

In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, -

distinguished means the outstanding performance of military duties through the application of 1 or more of the following:

- (a) exceptional devotion to duty:
- (b) dedication to the completion of a task despite difficulties that may arise:
- (c) the application of sound professional judgment over a prolonged period of time or under difficult circumstances:
- (d) the application of skills or performance far beyond that expected of a person of the rank held by the proposed recipient.

meritorious means an act or conduct that is considered worthy of a reward or formal acknowledgement.

operation means-

- (a) any military tasking or military assistance provided in support of a New Zealand interest; or
- (b) an operation such as peacemaking, peacekeeping, search and rescue, civil defence, maritime surveillance, and fisheries patrols.

5 Qualifications for Decoration and Bar

- (1) This regulation sets out the qualifications-
 - (a) in respect of serving members of the New Zealand Armed Forces, Regular, Territorial, and Reserve (who are eligible under clause 14 of the Warrant); and
 - (b) in respect of Commonwealth and foreign military personnel serving with, alongside, or on exchange with the New Zealand Armed Forces (who are eligible under clause 15 of the Warrant).
- (2) The Decoration or Bar to the Decoration may be awarded to persons who have rendered distinguished or meritorious service to New Zealand that consists of outstanding performance of military duties in either warlike or non-warlike operations, or individual efforts toward peacetime and humanitarian service, and that-
 - (a) brings great credit to the New Zealand Armed Forces; and
 - (b) contributes significantly, through exceptional devotion to duty, dedication, judgment, or application of skills, to 1 or more of the following:
 - (i) the conduct of an operation:
 - (ii) the conduct of military training:
 - (iii) the management and implementation of a project or activity with significant implications for the current or future capability of the New Zealand Armed Forces.

6 Period of qualifications referred to in regulation 5

The Decoration or Bar to the Decoration may be awarded for either-

- (a) a singular accomplishment or instance of extraordinary performance of duty; or
- (b) superior cumulative efforts over a sustained period of time.

Dated at Auckland this 29th day of May 2007.

Helen Clark,
Prime Minister of New Zealand.

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These regulations are administered by the New Zealand Defence Force.