



## **The New Zealand General Service Medal**

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### **Royal Warrant**

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, By the Grace of God Queen of New Zealand and Her Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, to all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting!

WHEREAS We are desirous of instituting a medal to award to members of Our New Zealand Defence Force and certain other civilian persons for services rendered during both warlike and non-warlike (peacekeeping) operations:

WE do by these presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, institute and create a new Medal.

#### **1. Style**

The Medal shall be designated and styled “The New Zealand General Service Medal”.

#### **2. Description**

- (1) Subject to subclause (2) of this clause, the Medal shall be circular in shape, bearing on the obverse the Crowned Effigy of the Sovereign, and on the reverse the inscription “The New Zealand General Service Medal” within a wreath of New Zealand flora (pohutukawa blossom, fern fronds, and kowhai blossom) ensigned by a Royal Crown.
- (2) The Medal -
  - (a) When issued for warlike operations, shall be of silver; and
  - (b) When issued for non-warlike operations, shall be of bronze.

#### **3. Ribbons**

- (1) Subject to subclause (2) of this clause, the Medal in silver shall be worn from the left breast suspended from a ribbon, 32 millimetres in width, of dark blue with a light red centre and a narrow central black stripe.
- (2) The Medal in bronze shall be worn from the left breast suspended from a similar ribbon to that prescribed by subclause (1) of this clause, save that the narrow central stripe shall be white.

#### **4. Clasps**

On all occasions on which the Medal is awarded (being occasions approved by Us), the Medal shall be awarded with a clasp bearing the name of the operation for which the Medal has been sanctioned.

**5. Conditions of award**

- (1) The Medal shall be awarded in accordance with such regulations as We, from time to time, may be pleased to determine.
- (2) Where the Medal is awarded for warlike operations, both the Medal and the clasp shall be in silver.
- (3) Where the Medal is awarded for non-warlike operations, both the Medal and the clasp shall be in bronze.

**6. Duplicate awards**

- (1) Where a person who is in possession of the Medal and the clasp in bronze qualifies for the Medal for a subsequent operation, that person,
  - (a) If the subsequent operation is a non-warlike operation, shall receive only the appropriate clasp in bronze for attachment to the Medal; but
  - (b) If the subsequent operation is a warlike operation, shall receive both the Medal in silver and the appropriate clasp in silver.
- (2) Where a person who is in possession of the Medal and the clasp in silver qualifies for the Medal for a subsequent operation, that person, -
  - (a) If the subsequent operation is a warlike operation, shall receive only the appropriate clasp in silver for attachment to the Medal; but
  - (b) If the subsequent operation is a non-warlike operation, shall receive both the Medal in bronze and the appropriate clasp in bronze.

**7. Registration**

The names of all those to whom the Medal and clasp thereof are awarded shall be recorded in a register kept by the Chief of Defence Force in Our Realm of New Zealand.

**8. Names of recipients**

The name of the recipient shall be engraved or stamped on the rim of the Medal.

**9. Order of wear**

In the official list showing the order in which Orders, Decorations, and Medals shall be worn, the New Zealand General Service Medal shall in Our Realm of New Zealand be worn, according to the date of award, as a war medal.

**10. Miniatures**

- (1) Reproductions of the Medal and any clasp thereof in miniature, which may be worn on certain occasions by those to whom the Medal is awarded, shall be approximately half the size of the New Zealand General Service Medal and clasp thereof.
- (2) A sealed pattern of the miniature Medal shall be deposited with and kept by the Chief of Defence Force in Our Realm of New Zealand.

**11. Delegated powers**

- (1) Subject to subclause (2) of this clause, delegated powers to make awards under the terms of this Our Warrant and Regulations We, from time to time, may be pleased to determine, shall be vested in Our Ministers of Defence, Foreign Affairs, and External Relations and Trade, or a Minister of the Crown acting for Our Ministers of Defence, Foreign Affairs, or External Relations and Trade.
- (2) Our Minister of Defence may delegate powers to make awards to members of Our New Zealand Defence Force to the Chief of Defence Force or a Chief of Staff acting for the Chief of Defence Force.

**12. Forfeiture and restoration**

It shall be competent for Our Minister of Defence or Minister of Foreign Affairs or Minister of External Relations and Trade in New Zealand -

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

**13. Annulment**

We reserve to Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, full power of annulling, altering, abrogating, augmenting, interpreting, or dispensing with this Our Royal Warrant, or any part thereof, by a notification under Our Sign Manual.

GIVEN At Our Court at Saint James's this 7th day of May 1992 in the 41st Year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

Jim Bolger,  
Prime Minister of New Zealand.

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

*Date of notification in Gazette: 14 May 1992.*

*This warrant is administered in the Ministry of Defence.*



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ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God Queen of New Zealand and Her Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, to all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting!

WHEREAS by a Warrant under Our Sign Manual dated the Seventh day of May, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two, We were pleased to institute and create a Medal designated "The New Zealand General Service Medal" and did make, ordain and establish rules and ordinances for the governance of the same, reserving to Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, full power of annulling, altering, abrogating, augmenting, interpreting or dispensing with the rules and ordinances, or any part thereof, by a notification under Our Sign Manual:

AND WHEREAS We deem it expedient that the said Warrant should be amended to extend the eligibility for the Medal to include persons who are not members of Our New Zealand Defence Force but who have served as members of the Armed Forces of New Zealand prior to the said Seventh day of May, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two:

NOW THEREFORE, We, by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, are graciously pleased to ordain that Our Warrant shall be altered by inserting, after clause 4, the following clause:

#### **4A Eligibility**

The following persons are eligible for the Medal for services rendered during both warlike and non-warlike (peacekeeping) operations -

- (a) Members of the New Zealand Defence Force and other civilian persons:
- (b) Persons who were at any time members of the Armed Forces, within the meaning of the Defence Act 1971:
- (c) 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

The Royal New Zealand Air Force, within the meaning of the Royal New Zealand Air Force Act 1950.

And it is Our Will and Pleasure that these amendments shall be taken and received as part and parcel of the Warrant for the said Medal and shall henceforth be inviolably observed and kept.

GIVEN at Our Court at Saint James's this Fourth day of August 1997 in the 46th Year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

Jim Bolger,  
Prime Minister of New Zealand.

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