



The New Zealand Special 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 New Zealanders who undertake special services that are not normally recognised by a campaign medal:

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

1. Style

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

2. Description

The Medal shall be made of gold plated base-metal and circular in shape, bearing, -

- (a) on the obverse, a representation of the New Zealand Coat of Arms; and
- (b) on the reverse, a representation of a bouquet of New Zealand flora, composed of fern fronds and sprigs of blossom of Pohutukawa, Manuka, Kowhai, and Mt Cook Lilies with a scroll below inscribed with the words “FOR SPECIAL SERVICE”.

3. Regulations

The Medal shall be awarded for those special services under Regulations that the Governor-General of New Zealand, acting on the advice of the Prime Minister or a Minister of the Crown acting for the Prime Minister, may determine.

4. Operational service

Operational service shall not count as qualifying service for the Medal nor shall service towards qualification for the Medal count as qualifying service towards the New Zealand Operational Service Medal.

5. Ribbon

The Medal shall be worn from the left breast suspended from a ribbon, 32 millimetres in width, of a design that the Governor-General of New Zealand, acting on the advice of the Prime Minister or a Minister of the Crown acting for the Prime Minister, may determine by Regulation.

6. Register

The names of all those persons who receive the Medal shall be recorded in a register kept by the Chief of Defence Force.

7. Order of wear

In the official list showing the order in which Orders, Decorations, and Medals shall be worn in New Zealand, the New Zealand Special Service Medal shall be worn in order of date of award after war medals but before Coronation, Jubilee, and New Zealand Commemoration Medals.

8. Miniatures

Reproductions of the Medal, in miniature, which may be worn on certain occasions by those persons who have received the Medal, shall not exceed one-half of the size of the full-size Medal.

9. 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 of it, by a notification under Our Sign Manual.

Given at Our Court at Saint James's, this 23rd day of July 2002, in the 51st Year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command.

Helen Clark,
Prime Minister of New Zealand.

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.