



## The New Zealand Distinguished Service Decoration

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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 Decoration to honour those members of the New Zealand Armed Forces who render distinguished or meritorious service.

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

**1. Style**

The Decoration shall be styled and designated "The New Zealand Distinguished Service Decoration".

**2. Description**

The Decoration shall be a silver representation of eight blades of a Kotiate (lobed club) in a circle, bearing-

- (a) on the obverse, in the centre, a Royal Crown; and
- (b) on the reverse, the inscription "FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE - MO NGA MAHI KAHURANGI".

**3. Ribbon**

The Decoration shall be worn from the left breast suspended from a ribbon, 32 mm in width of five stripes of dark blue, yellow, red, yellow and dark blue.

**4. Post Nominal letters**

Recipients of the Decoration shall have the privilege of placing the letters "DSD" after their name.

**5. Bar**

- (a) Persons to whom the Decoration has been awarded who for further services qualify for the Decoration, shall be awarded a Bar to their Decoration.
- (b) The Bar to the Decoration shall be of silver, oblong in shape, and bearing two New Zealand fern fronds.

**6. Posthumous Awards**

The Decoration and Bar to the Decoration may be awarded posthumously.

**7. Promulgation**

Awards of the Decoration and Bars to the Decoration shall be promulgated in "*The New Zealand Gazette*".

**8. Register**

The names of all those persons who receive the Decoration and Bars to the Decoration shall be recorded in a register kept by the Clerk of the Executive Council of Our Realm of New Zealand.

**9. Engraving of Decoration and Bar**

- (a) The name of the recipient and date of award shall be engraved on the reverse of the Decoration; and
- (b) The date of award of a Bar shall be engraved on the reverse of the Bar.

**10. Certificate**

Every award of the Decoration and Bar to the Decoration shall be accompanied by a certificate signed by Us, Our Heirs and Successors, and countersigned by Our Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Realm of New Zealand.

**11. Order of Wear**

It shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, to determine from time to time, the order of wear of the Distinguished Service Decoration in relation to the insignia of Orders of Chivalry and Orders, Decorations and Medals that have been or may be conferred in Our Realm of New Zealand.

**12. Miniatures**

Reproductions of the Decoration and Bars to the Decoration in miniature, which may be worn on certain occasions by those to whom the Decoration and Bar is awarded, shall not exceed one half the size of the full-size Decoration and Bar.

**13. Lapel Badge**

- (a) A Lapel Badge may be worn by recipients of the Decoration, on those occasions it is inappropriate to wear the full-size or miniature Decoration, except that the Lapel Badge shall not be worn with official uniform.
- (b) The Lapel Badge shall not exceed 18 mm in diameter, and shall consist of a red enamel disc with, in the centre, a representation of the Decoration.

**14. Eligibility**

Serving members of the New Zealand Armed Forces, Regular, Territorial, and Reserve, shall be eligible for the Decoration and Bars to the Decoration.

**15. Eligibility: Honorary**

Commonwealth and foreign military personnel serving with, alongside, or on exchange with the New Zealand Armed Forces shall be eligible for an Honorary Decoration or Bars to the Decoration.

**16. Making of Awards**

Awards of the Decoration and Bars to the Decoration shall be made by Us, Our Heirs and Successors, only on a recommendation by our Prime Minister of New Zealand or a Minister of the Crown acting for our Prime Minister.

**17. Delegated powers**

Delegated powers to make awards of the Decoration and Bars to the Decoration under the terms of this Our Warrant shall also be vested in Our Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Realm of New Zealand.

**18. Forfeiture and restoration**

It shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, or Our Governor-General of New Zealand under Our delegated authority, on a recommendation by our Prime Minister of New Zealand or a Minister of the Crown acting for our Prime Minister-

- (a) To cancel and annul the conferment of the Decoration or Bar to the Medal, or both, thereof on any person and remove their name from the Register; and
- (b) Where the conferment of the Decoration or Bar to the Decoration, or both, on any person has been cancelled or annulled, to restore the Decoration or Bar to the Decoration, or both, to that person and restore their name to the Register.

**19. 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.

**20. Regulations**

The Decoration shall be awarded 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.

Given At Our Court of Saint James's this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007 in the 56th 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 by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.*