



The New Zealand Armed Forces Award

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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 by a Warrant dated 6 May 1985 (SR 1985/89), We were pleased to institute an award, styled and designated “The New Zealand Armed Forces Award”, for conferral on officers of Our New Zealand regular forces, and reserved to Us, Our Heirs, and Our Successors full power of annulling, altering, abrogating, augmenting, interpreting, or dispensing with Our Warrant, or any part thereof, by a notification under Our Sign Manual:

AND WHEREAS it appears to Us expedient to make new provisions and amendments to Our said Warrant:

WE do by these presents for Us, Our Heirs, and Our Successors revoke Our Warrant of 6 May 1985 and establish, in respect of the award instituted and created by Our said Warrant, the following rules and ordinances.

1. Designation

- (1) There shall continue to be an award designated “The New Zealand Armed Forces Award”.
- (2) There shall also continue to be a clasp to the award.

2. Commencement

This Our Warrant comes into force on the day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*.

3. Conferral of award and clasp

- (1) The award and the clasp may be conferred on persons who have served, on or after 6 February 1952, as officers in-
 - (a) the regular forces of Our New Zealand Armed Forces; or
 - (b) a New Zealand military force raised in time of war or other like emergency.
- (2) The award and the clasp shall be conferred in accordance with regulations that the Governor-General, acting on the advice of the Prime Minister, may determine.

- (3) Regulations made under this Our Warrant may, without limitation,-
 - (a) empower the Chief of Defence Force to determine or clarify any matters relating to the conferral of the award or the clasp; and
 - (b) incorporate any material by reference.
- (4) A person who received the award under Our Warrant dated 6 May 1985 may receive a clasp to the award under this Warrant.

4. Royalty

The award may be worn by Us, Our Heirs, and Our Successors and it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs, and Our Successors to confer at Our Pleasure the award and the clasp upon any Princes or Princesses of the Blood Royal and any other members of the Royal Family.

5. Governor-General

It shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs, and Our Successors to confer at Our Pleasure the award and the clasp on the Governor-General.

6. Description of award

The award shall be in silver and circular in shape and shall bear,-

- (a) on the obverse, the effigy of the Sovereign; and
- (b) on the reverse, the Badge of the New Zealand Defence Force, within the inscription "NEW ZEALAND ARMED FORCES AWARD".

7. Description of clasps

Clasps shall be oblong in shape and shall bear a Royal Crown in the centre. The first 3 clasps shall be in silver. Where a fourth clasp is conferred, the silver clasps shall be replaced by a single gilt clasp. An additional gilt clasp shall be worn for each subsequent clasp conferred.

8. Ribbon

- (1) The award shall be worn from the left breast from a ribbon, 32 mm in width, composed of 7 stripes: dark blue, crimson, light blue, black (narrow), light blue, crimson, and dark blue.
- (2) When the ribbon is worn alone, a small silver rosette may be worn on the ribbon for each of the first 3 clasps conferred. Where a fourth clasp is conferred, the silver rosettes shall be replaced by a single gilt rosette. An additional gilt rosette shall be worn for each subsequent clasp conferred.

9. Miniatures

Reproductions in miniature of the award and clasp, which may be worn on certain occasions by those on whom the award and clasp are conferred, shall not exceed one-half of the size of the full-size award and clasp.

10. Engraving of award

The name of the recipient shall be engraved on the rim of the award.

11. Record

The names of all those persons who receive the award and any clasps shall be recorded by the Chief of Defence Force (or a person appointed by the Chief of Defence Force).

12 Order of wear

The Governor-General, acting on the advice of the Prime Minister, may determine the order of wear of the award in relation to the insignia of orders, decorations, and medals that have been or may be conferred in Our Realm of New Zealand.

13. Powers of conferral, cancellation, forfeiture, and restoration

- (1) The Minister of Defence may confer the award and any clasps under the terms of this Our Warrant and regulations made under clause 3.
- (2) The Minister of Defence may-
 - (a) cancel the conferral of an award or a clasp, or both, on any person and alter the person's record accordingly; and
 - (b) order the forfeiture of an award or a clasp, or both, by any person and alter the person's record accordingly; and
 - (c) restore an award or a clasp, or both, to a person and alter the person's record accordingly.
- (3) The Minister of Defence may exercise the powers conferred under this clause in respect of any award or clasp conferred under Our Warrant dated 6 May 1985.

14. Delegated powers

- (1) The Minister of Defence may delegate powers under clause 13 to the Chief of Defence Force.
- (2) The Chief of Defence Force may delegate any powers delegated by the Minister of Defence under subclause (1) to the holder of a specified office or appointment within the New Zealand Defence Force.

15. Annulment

Our Warrant entitled “The New Zealand Armed Forces Award” and notified in March 2013 under Our Sign Manual, which did not come into force, is annulled.

16. Powers reserved

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

Given at Our Court at Saint James's, this 14th day of August 2020, in the 69th Year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern,
Prime Minister of New Zealand.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the Warrant, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

This Warrant continues The New Zealand Armed Forces Award (the **award**) for long service and good conduct of persons who have served as officers in the New Zealand regular forces and enables the award to also be conferred on officers who served, on or after 6 February 1952, in a New Zealand military force raised in time of war or other like emergency. It also continues a clasp to the award for subsequent periods of service. It revokes and replaces the Warrant dated 6 May 1985 (The New Zealand Armed Forces Award (SR 1985/89)). A person who received the award under the Warrant dated 6 May 1985 may receive a clasp to that award under this Warrant.

This Warrant-

- empowers the Governor-General to make regulations for the administration of the award:
- empowers the Minister of Defence to confer the award and clasps, cancel the conferral of any award or clasp, order the forfeiture of any award or clasp, and restore any award or clasp:
- permits the Minister of Defence to delegate the Minister's powers in respect of the award and clasps to the Chief of Defence Force.

Issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2012.

Date of notification in Gazette. 18 August 2020.

This Warrant is administered by the New Zealand Defence Force.



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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 We are desirous of signifying Our appreciation of the long and faithful service of officers of Our Royal New Zealand Navy, the regular force of Our New Zealand Army, and the regular air force of Our Royal New Zealand Air Force:

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

1. Style

The Award shall be designated and styled "The New Zealand Armed Forces Award".

2. Description

The Award shall be a medal of silver and circular in shape, bearing on the obverse the Crowned Effigy of the Sovereign, and on the reverse two swords in saltire, points upwards, superimposed in the centre of which is a representation of an eagle, with wings outstretched, with above a Naval Crown, and below two fern fronds, with stems crossed at the base, the whole surrounded by the inscription "New Zealand Armed Forces Award".

3. Ribbon

The medal shall be worn from the left breast suspended from a ribbon, 32 mm in width, of dark blue, crimson, and light blue parallel stripes with a central stripe of black.

4. Eligibility (Royalty)

The Award may be worn by Us, Our Heirs and Successors, and it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, to confer at Our Pleasure the Award upon any Princes or Princesses of the Blood Royal and any other members of the Royal Family.

5. Eligibility (Commander-in-Chief)

It shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, to confer at Our Pleasure the Award on Our Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Realm of New Zealand.

6. Eligibility (General)

Those eligible for the Award shall be officers of Our Royal New Zealand Navy, the regular force of Our New Zealand Army, and the regular air force of Our Royal New Zealand Air Force serving on or after 1 December 1977, whose character and conduct have been irreproachable, and who are recommended by their commanding officer.

7. Service required

The qualifying period requisite for the Award shall be 15 years full-time service, or an aggregate of 15 years full-time service, in Our Royal New Zealand Navy, the regular force of Our New Zealand Army, or the regular air force of Our Royal New Zealand Air Force.

8. Clasps

- (1) A Clasp to the Award, to be attached to the ribbon when the Award itself is worn, may be granted for each additional 15 years of full-time service subsequent to those for which the Award was granted.
- (2) For each Clasp granted a silver rosette shall be added to the ribbon when worn alone.

9. Reckoning of service

- (1) Subject to subclause (2), the following service may be reckoned towards the qualifying period for the grant of the Award or any Clasp thereof:
 - (a) service in Our Royal New Zealand Navy, the regular force of Our New Zealand Army, or the regular air force of Our Royal New Zealand Air Force that includes at least 3 years' service as an officer (other than any service, commissioned or non-commissioned, that has been recognised by the award of a medal for long service):
 - (b) service in the permanent forces of a country of the Commonwealth of which We are Queen up to a maximum of 7 years (other than service that has been recognised by the award of a decoration or medal for long service):
 - (c) where an officer who has been commissioned from the ranks has, before being commissioned, been awarded a medal for long service and good conduct, the qualifying service for the award shall be 15 years from the award of that medal and those 15 years shall include at least 8 years' service as a commissioned officer:
 - (d) service in a New Zealand reserve or in any territorial volunteer or auxiliary military force or in any other force not involving full-time military service if-
 - (i) the New Zealand reserve or force is declared liable or is otherwise liable for continuous service in an emergency; and
 - (ii) the member of the New Zealand reserve or force actually renders full-time service.
- (2) Service before the age of 17½ years shall not be reckonable.

10. Registration

The names of all those to whom the Award is granted shall be recorded in a register kept by the Secretary of Defence in Our Realm of New Zealand.

11. Names of recipients

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

12. Order of wear

In the official list showing the order in which Orders, Decorations, and Medals shall be worn, the New Zealand Armed Forces Award shall in Our Realm of New Zealand be placed immediately after Our New Zealand Meritorious Service Medal.

13. Miniatures

- (1) Reproductions of the Award in miniature, which may be worn on certain occasions by those to whom the Award is granted, shall be approximately half the size of the New Zealand Armed Forces Award.
- (2) A sealed pattern of the miniature Award shall be deposited with and kept by the Secretary of Defence in Our Realm of New Zealand.

14. Delegated powers

Delegated powers to make awards under the terms of this Our Warrant (other than the terms of clauses 4 and 5) shall be vested in Our Defence Council in New Zealand, which shall be competent to make such orders as to the grant of the Award as may be necessary from time to time in amplification of this Our Royal Warrant.

15. Forfeiture and restoration

It shall be competent for Our Defence Council in New Zealand-

- (a) to cancel and annul the conferment of the Award or any Clasp thereof on any person; and
- (b) where it has cancelled and annulled the conferment of the Award on any person, to restore the Award or Clasp to that person.

16. 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 6th day of May 1985, in the 34th Year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

David Lange,
Prime Minister of New Zealand.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the Warrant, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

The Royal Warrant establishes the New Zealand Armed Forces Award.

The Award is to be granted to officers of the regular forces of the Armed Forces of New Zealand on completion of 15 years full-time service.

Before the making of the Royal Warrant there was no provision for an award for long service to these officers.