



The Royal New Zealand Air Force Long Service and Good Conduct 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 by a Warrant dated 6 May 1985 (SR 1985/92), We were pleased to institute a medal, styled and designated “The Royal New Zealand Air Force Long Service and Good Conduct Medal”, for conferral on airmen and airwomen of the regular force of Our Royal New Zealand Air Force, 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 medal instituted and created by Our said Warrant, the following rules and ordinances.

1. Designation

- (1) There shall continue to be a medal designated “The Royal New Zealand Air Force Long Service and Good Conduct Medal”.
- (2) There shall also continue to be a clasp to the medal.

2. Commencement

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

3. Conferral of medal and clasp

- (1) The medal and the clasp may be conferred on persons who-
 - (a) served as members of Our New Zealand Armed Forces on or after 1 December 1977; and
 - (b) before, on, or after that date, served as airmen or airwomen in the regular force of Our Royal New Zealand Air Force.

- (2) The medal 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 medal or the clasp; and
 - (b) incorporate any material by reference.
- (4) A person who received the medal under any of the following may receive a clasp to the medal under this Warrant:
 - (a) Our Warrant dated 6 May 1985:
 - (b) Our Warrant for The Royal Air Force Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct dated 27 April 1978 (provided the medal was received for service in Our Royal New Zealand Air Force):
 - (c) Our Warrant for the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal for Our Royal Air Force dated 12 December 1947 (provided the medal was received for service in Our Royal New Zealand Air Force).

4. Description of medal

- (1) The medal 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, a representation of an eagle with outstretched wings, surmounted by a Royal Crown within the inscription "FOR LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT".
- (2) The medal shall be suspended from an ornamental scroll.

5. Description of clasps

Clasps shall be oblong in shape and shall bear an eagle with outstretched wings surmounted by a Royal Crown. 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.

6. Ribbon

- (1) The medal shall be worn from the left breast from a ribbon, 32 mm in width, of equal stripes of dark blue and red, edged in white.
- (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.

7. Miniatures

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

8. Engraving of medal

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

9. Record

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

10. Order of wear

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

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

- (1) The Minister of Defence may confer the medal 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 the medal or clasp, or both, on any person and alter the person's record accordingly; and
 - (b) order the forfeiture of a medal or clasp, or both, by any person and alter the person's record accordingly; and
 - (c) restore a medal or 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 a medal or clasp conferred under any of the following:
 - (a) Our Warrant dated 6 May 1985:
 - (b) Our Warrant for The Royal Air Force Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct dated 27 April 1978 (provided the medal was received for service in Our Royal New Zealand Air Force):
 - (c) Our Warrant for the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal for Our Royal Air Force dated 12 December 1947 (provided the medal was received for service in Our Royal New Zealand Air Force).

12. Delegated powers

- (1) The Minister of Defence may delegate powers under clause 11 to the Chief of Defence Force.
- (2) The Chief of Defence Force may delegate any powers delegated by the Minister under subclause (1) to the holder of a specified office or appointment within the New Zealand Defence Force.

13. Annulment

Our Warrant entitled “The Royal New Zealand Air Force Long Service and Good Conduct Medal” and notified in March 2013 under Our Sign Manual, which did not come into force, is annulled.

14. 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 Royal New Zealand Air Force Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (the **medal**) for long service and good conduct of persons who have served as airmen and airwomen in the regular force of the Royal New Zealand Air Force. It also continues a clasp to the medal for subsequent periods of service. It revokes and replaces the Warrant dated 6 May 1985 (The Royal New Zealand Air Force Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (SR 1985/92)). A person who received the medal under an earlier Warrant may receive a clasp to that medal under this Warrant.

This Warrant-

- empowers the Governor-General to make regulations for the administration of the medal:
- empowers the Minister of Defence to confer medals and clasps, cancel the conferral of any medal or clasp, order the forfeiture of any medal or clasp, and restore any medal or clasp:
- permits the Minister of Defence to delegate the Minister's powers in respect of medals 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 Good 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 service and good conduct of airmen of the Regular Air Force of Our Royal New Zealand Air Force, which has hitherto been recognised by the award of a Long Service and Good Conduct Medal of the same design as that awarded to Our Royal Air Force:

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

- 1. Style**
The Medal shall be designed and styled “The Royal New Zealand Air Force Long Service and Good Conduct Medal”.
- 2. Description**
The Medal shall be of silver and circular in shape, bearing on the obverse the Uncrowned Effigy of the Sovereign, and on the reverse a representation of an eagle with outstretched wings, surmounted by a Royal Crown encircled by the inscription “FOR LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT”.
- 3. Ribbon**
The Medal shall be worn from the left breast suspended from a ribbon, 32 mm in width, of equal stripes of blue and red edged white.
- 4. Eligibility**
Those eligible for the Medal shall be airmen of the Regular Air Force of Our Royal New Zealand Air Force, serving on or after the 1st day of December 1977, whose character and conduct have been irreproachable and who are recommended by their commanding officer.
- 5. Service required**
The qualifying period requisite for the Medal shall be 15 years full-time service, or an aggregate of 15 years full-time service, in the Regular Air Force of Our Royal New Zealand Air Force.

6. Clasps

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

7. Reckoning of service

- (1) Subject to subclause (2) of this clause, the following service may be reckoned towards the qualifying period for the award of the Medal or any Clasp thereof:
 - (a) Service in the Regular Air Force of Our Royal New Zealand or the regular air force of a country of the Commonwealth of which We are Queen (other than service that has been recognised by the award of a decoration or medal for long service);
 - (b) Where an airman has been appointed to a commission in the Regular Air Force of Our Royal New Zealand Air Force, the qualifying service for the Medal shall be 15 years and those 15 years shall include at least 12 years' service as an airman;
 - (c) Where an airman who has been appointed to a commission in the Regular Air Force of Our Royal New Zealand Air Force has, before being appointed, been awarded the Royal New Zealand Air Force Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, the qualifying service for the award of the Clasp shall be 15 years from the award of the Medal and those 15 years shall include at least 7 years' service as an airman;
 - (d) Service in any force not involving full-time service, being a force that is a reserve, militia, territorial, volunteer, or auxiliary air force or other force of New Zealand or of any other country of the Commonwealth of which We are Queen, if-
 - (i) The reserve or militia or force is declared liable or is otherwise liable for continuous service in an emergency; and
 - (ii) The member of the reserve or militia or force actually renders full-time service.
- (2) Service before the age of 17½ years shall not be reckonable.

8. Registration

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

9. Names of recipients

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

10. Order of wear

In the official list showing the order in which Orders, Decorations, and Medals shall be worn, the Royal New Zealand Air Force Long Service and Good Conduct Medal shall in Our Realm of New Zealand be placed immediately after Our Royal New Zealand Navy Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

11. Miniatures

- (1) Reproductions of the Medal 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 Royal New Zealand Air Force Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.
- (2) A sealed pattern of the miniature Medal shall be deposited with and kept by the Secretary of Defence in Our Realm of New Zealand.

12. Delegated powers

Delegated powers to make awards under the terms of this Our Warrant shall be vested in Our Defence Council in New Zealand, which shall be competent to make such orders as to the award of the Medal as may be necessary from time to time in amplification of this Our Royal Warrant.

13. Forfeiture and restoration

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

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

14. 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.

*Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.
Date of notification in Gazette: 16 May 1985.
This warrant is administered in the Ministry of Defence.*

Explanatory note

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

The Royal Warrant establishes "The Royal New Zealand Air Force Long Service and Good Conduct Medal".

The long service and good conduct of airmen of the Regular Air Force of the Royal New Zealand Air Force has previously been recognised by the award of the Royal Air Force Long Service and Good Conduct Medal as provided for in a Royal Warrant dated 12 December 1947.

The new medal (which is of the design traditionally awarded to airmen of the Royal New Zealand Air Force) is specific to New Zealand and is to be awarded to airmen of the Regular Air Force of the Royal New Zealand Air Force.

The conditions for the award of the new medal are similar to those for the award of the New Zealand Army Long Service and Good Conduct Medal and the Royal New Zealand Navy Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.