



The New Zealand Efficiency 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 signifying Our appreciation of the long service and good conduct of officers of the Territorial Force of Our New Zealand Army, which has hitherto been recognised by the conferral of the Efficiency Decoration of the same design as that conferred on officers in Our Territorial Army or one of Our other Auxiliary Military Forces under Our Warrant dated 17 November 1952 (SR 1954/6):

AND whereas We reserved to Us, Our Heirs, and Our Successors full power of annulling, altering, abrogating, augmenting, interpreting, or dispensing with Our said Warrant, or any part thereof, by a notification under Our Sign Manual:

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

1. Designation

- (1) There shall be a decoration designated “The New Zealand Efficiency Decoration”.
- (2) There shall also be a clasp to the decoration.

2. Commencement

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

3. Conferral of decoration and clasp

- (1) The decoration 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 officers of the Territorial Force of Our New Zealand Army (or any force that is for the time being a successor to that force and that is not part of the regular force of the New Zealand Army).
- (2) The decoration 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 decoration or the clasp; and
 - (b) incorporate any material by reference.
- (4) A person who received the decoration in accordance with New Zealand regulations made under Our Warrant dated 17 November 1952 may receive a clasp to the decoration under this Warrant.

4. Description of decoration

The decoration shall be oval in shape and consist of the Royal Cypher in gilt within a silver wreath of oak leaves tied with gilt ribbons, the whole surmounted by a Royal Crown in gilt.

5. Description of clasps

Clasps shall be in gilt and oblong in shape and shall bear the Royal Cypher.

6. Ribbon

- (1) The decoration shall be worn from the left breast from-
 - (a) a bar-brooch inscribed with the words “NEW ZEALAND” in relief; and
 - (b) a ribbon, 38 mm in width, of green with a yellow centre stripe.
- (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. Post-nominal distinction

An officer on whom the decoration is conferred shall be entitled, on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary, to have placed after their name the letters “ED”.

8. Miniatures

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

9. Engraving of decoration

The name of the recipient shall be engraved on the reverse of the decoration.

10. Record

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

11. Order of wear

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

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

- (1) The Minister of Defence may confer the decoration 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 a decoration or clasp, or both, on any person and alter the person's record accordingly; and
 - (b) order the forfeiture of a decoration or clasp, or both, by any person and alter the person's record accordingly; and
 - (c) restore a decoration 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 any decoration or clasp conferred under New Zealand regulations made under Our Warrant dated 17 November 1952.

13. Delegated powers

- (1) The Minister of Defence may delegate powers under clause 12 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.

14. Annulment

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

15. 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 establishes The New Zealand Efficiency Decoration (the **decoration**) for long service and good conduct of officers of the Territorial Force of the New Zealand Army. It also establishes a clasp to the decoration for subsequent periods of service.

The long service and good conduct of officers of the Territorial Force has formerly been recognised by the conferral of the British Efficiency Decoration under a Warrant dated 17 November 1952 (SR 1954/6) and regulations dated 23 March 1966 (SR 1966/35). The decoration established by this Warrant is similar in design to the British Efficiency Decoration. A person who received the British Efficiency Decoration in accordance with those regulations may receive a clasp to that decoration under this Warrant.

This Warrant-

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

Issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2012.

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This Warrant is administered by the New Zealand Defence Force.