



The Royal New Zealand Naval Reserves Officers' Decorations

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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 1985/93), We were pleased to institute decorations, styled and designated “The Royal New Zealand Naval Reserve Decoration” and “The Royal New Zealand Naval Volunteer Reserve Decoration”, for conferral on officers of Our Royal New Zealand Naval Reserve and Royal New Zealand Naval Volunteer Reserve, 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 decorations instituted and created by Our said Warrant, the following rules and ordinances.

1. Designation

- (1) There shall continue to be decorations designated “The Royal New Zealand Naval Reserve Decoration” and “The Royal New Zealand Naval Volunteer Reserve Decoration”.
- (2) There shall also continue to be clasps to the decorations.

2. Commencement

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

3. Conferral of decorations and clasps

- (1) The decorations and the clasps 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 in Our Royal New Zealand Naval Reserve or Our Royal New Zealand Naval Volunteer Reserve (or any force that is for the time being a successor to either force and that is not part of the regular force of the Royal New Zealand Navy).
- (2) The decorations and the clasps 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 a decoration under any of the following may receive a clasp to the decoration under this Warrant:
 - (a) Our Warrant dated 6 May 1985:
 - (b) the regulations entitled “Decoration for Officers of the Royal Naval Reserve” and dated September 1909 (provided the decoration was received for service in Our Royal New Zealand Naval Reserve):
 - (c) the regulations entitled “Decoration for Officers of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve” and dated September 1909 (provided the decoration was received for service in Our Royal New Zealand Naval Volunteer Reserve).

4. Description of decorations

The decorations shall bear the Royal Cypher in gilt within a silver oval loop of rope tied at the base in a sailor's knot, 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 decorations shall be worn from the left breast from a ribbon, 38 mm in width, which,-
 - (a) for The Royal New Zealand Naval Reserve Decoration, shall be of green edged in white; and
 - (b) for The Royal New Zealand Naval Volunteer Reserve Decoration, shall be of blue with 2 narrow crimson stripes in the centre separated by a broader green 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 either of the decorations is conferred shall be entitled, on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary, to have placed after their name the letters “RD” or “VRD”, as appropriate.

8. Miniatures

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

9. Engraving of decorations

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

10 Record

The names of all those persons who receive the decorations 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 decorations 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 decorations 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 a decoration or clasp conferred under any of the following:
 - (a) Our Warrant dated 6 May 1985:
 - (b) the regulations entitled “Decoration for Officers of the Royal Naval Reserve” and dated September 1909 (provided the decoration was received for service in Our Royal New Zealand Naval Reserve);
 - (c) the regulations entitled “Decoration for Officers of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve” and dated September 1909 (provided the decoration was received for service in Our Royal New Zealand Naval Volunteer Reserve).

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 Royal New Zealand Naval Reserves Officers' Decorations” 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 continues The Royal New Zealand Naval Reserve Decoration and The Royal New Zealand Naval Volunteer Reserve Decoration (the **decorations**) for long service and good conduct of persons who have served as officers in the Royal New Zealand Naval Reserve and Royal New Zealand Naval Volunteer Reserve. It also continues a clasp to the decorations for subsequent periods of service. It revokes and replaces the Warrant dated 6 May 1985 (The Royal New Zealand Naval Reserves Officers' Decorations (SR 1985/93)). A person who received a decoration under the 1985 Warrant or the 1909 regulations referred to in *clause 3(4)* may receive a clasp to that decoration under this Warrant.

This Warrant-

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



The Royal New Zealand Naval Reserves Officers' Decorations

Elizabeth R.

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 and efficient service of Officers of Our Royal New Zealand Naval Reserve and of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve which has hitherto been recognised by the award of the Royal Naval and Royal Marine Reserve Decoration (RD) and the Royal Naval and Royal Marine Forces Volunteer Reserve Decoration (VRD):

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

1. Style

The Decorations shall be designated and styled "The Royal New Zealand Naval Reserve Decoration" and "The Royal New Zealand Naval Volunteer Reserve Decoration".

2. Description

Each Decoration shall be the Royal Cypher in gold surrounded by an oval loop of rope in silver, tied at the base in a sailor's knot, the whole surmounted by a Royal Crown in gold.

3. Ribbon

Each Decoration shall be worn from the left breast suspended from a ribbon, 38mm in width, which for the Royal New Zealand Naval Reserve Decoration shall be of green edged white and for the Royal New Zealand Naval Volunteer Reserve Decoration shall be of blue having in the centre two narrow crimson stripes separated by a broader green stripe.

4. Post-nominal distinctions

The award of each of the Decorations shall entitle the recipient, on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary, to have placed after the recipient's name the letters "RD" or "VRD", as may be appropriate.

5. Eligibility

Those eligible for the Decorations shall be Officers of our Royal New Zealand Naval Reserve and Our Royal New Zealand Naval Volunteer Reserve, serving on or after the 1st day of December 1977, who complete the requisite qualifying service.

6. Service required

- (1) The qualifying period requisite for the Decorations shall be 15 years service or an aggregated of 15 years service in Our Royal New Zealand Naval Reserve or Our Royal New Zealand Naval Volunteer Reserve.
- (2) At least 12 of those 15 years must be efficient service as determined by Our Defence Council in New Zealand.

7. Clasps

A Clasp to each decoration, to be attached to the ribbon when the Decoration itself is worn, may be awarded for each additional 10 years of service subsequent to that for which the Decoration was awarded.

- (a) At least 7 years of each such additional 10 years must be efficient service as determined by Our Defence Council in New Zealand.
- (b) For each Clasp awarded a silver rosette shall be added to the ribbon when worn alone.

8. 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 Decorations or any Clasp thereof:
 - (a) Service as an officer or rating in Our Royal New Zealand Naval Reserve or Our Royal New Zealand Naval Volunteer Reserve;
 - (b) Service in the Territorial Force of Our New Zealand Army or the Territorial Air Force of Our Royal New Zealand Air Force or in any similar naval or marine or army of air force reserve of a Commonwealth country of which We are Queen, (other than service that has been recognised by the award of a decoration or medal for efficiency or long service): Provided that a maximum of 8 years only of such service shall be reckonable.
- (2) Service before the age of 17½ years shall not be reckonable.

9. Registration

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

10. Names of recipients

The names of the recipient shall be engraved or stamped on the reverse of the Decoration.

11. Order of wear

In the official list showing the order in which Orders, Decorations, and Medals shall be worn, the Royal New Zealand Naval Reserve Decoration shall in Our Realm of New Zealand be placed immediately after the Efficiency Medal, and the Royal New Zealand Naval Volunteer Reserve Decoration shall be placed immediately after the Royal New Zealand Naval Reserve Decoration.

12. Miniatures

- (1) Reproductions of the Decorations in miniature, which may be worn on certain occasions by those to whom the Decorations are awarded, shall be approximately half the size of the Royal New Zealand Naval Reserve Decoration and the Royal New Zealand Naval Volunteer Reserve Decoration.
- (2) A sealed pattern of each of the miniature Decorations shall be deposited with and kept by the Secretary of Defence in Our Realm of New Zealand.

13. Delegated powers

- (1) Delegated powers to make awards under the terms of this Our Warrant shall be vested in Our Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Realm of New Zealand but those delegated powers shall be exercised only on a recommendation by Our Defence Council in New Zealand.
- (2) Our Defence Council in New Zealand shall be competent to make such orders as to the award of the Royal New Zealand Naval Reserve Decoration and the Royal New Zealand Naval Volunteer Reserve Decoration as may be necessary from time to time in amplification of this Our Royal Warrant.

14. Forfeiture and restoration

It shall be competent for Our Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Realm of New Zealand, on a recommendation of Our Defence Council in New Zealand, -

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

15. 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 New Zealand Naval Reserve Decoration" and "The Royal New Zealand Naval Volunteer Reserve Decoration". Long and efficient service by officers of the Royal New Zealand Naval Reserve and the Royal New Zealand Naval Volunteer Reserve has traditionally been recognised by the award of the Royal Naval and Royal Marine Decoration (RD) and the Royal Naval and Royal Marine Forces Volunteer Reserve Decoration (VRD) respectively.

However, the VRD is no longer awarded and the differences between the organisation of the Royal Navy and the organisation of the Royal New Zealand Navy are now such that Admiralty Board regulations are no longer applicable to New Zealand conditions. The new decorations (which are of traditional design) are specific to New Zealand and are to be awarded to officers of the Royal New Zealand Naval Reserve and the Royal New Zealand Naval Volunteer Reserve.