

**Reprint  
as at 15 January 1954**



**The Efficiency Decoration  
(SR 1954/6)**

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**Royal Warrant**

Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Queen, Defender of the Faith, to all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting!

Whereas His late Majesty, King George V, by a Warrant under His Royal Sign Manual dated 23 September 1930, was pleased to make, ordain and establish rules and ordinances for the governance of The Efficiency Decoration, reserving to Himself, His Heirs and Successors full power of annulling, altering, abrogating, augmenting, interpreting and dispensing with these rules and ordinances or any part thereof, by a notification under Royal Sign Manual;

And Whereas the said Royal Warrant was amended by Royal Warrants dated 1 February 1940, 4 April 1946, 8 April 1949, 8 August 1949, and 6 August 1951;

And Whereas We deem it expedient that all the aforesaid Warrants, as well as the amendments now to be promulgated, should be incorporated in one Warrant;

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**Note**

Changes authorised by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 have been made in this reprint.

A general outline of these changes is set out in the notes at the end of this reprint, together with other explanatory material about this reprint.

Now Therefore We do hereby declare that the rules and ordinances contained in the said Warrants dated 23 September 1930, 1 February 1940, 4 April 1946, 8 April 1949, 8 August 1949, and 6 August 1951 shall be abrogated, cancelled and annulled and We are pleased to make, ordain and establish the following rules and ordinances in substitution for the same, which shall henceforth be inviolably observed and kept:—

*Firstly*—It is ordained that the Decoration shall be styled and designated “The Efficiency Decoration” and shall consist of an oak wreath in silver tied with gold, having in the centre the Royal Cypher and Crown in gold.

*Secondly*—It is ordained that the Decoration shall be worn suspended on the left breast from a silver bar-brooch by a green riband 1 inch and a half in width, with a yellow stripe down the centre.

*Thirdly*—It is ordained that the Decoration shall in all cases bear a subsidiary title to denote whether at the time the recipient qualified for the award of the Decoration he was serving in Our Territorial Army or in one of Our other Auxiliary Military Forces, that is to say in an Auxiliary Military Force in any of Our Colonies or a territory under Our protection, or within any other part of Our Dominions, Our Government whereof shall desire to take part in the grant of the award, or within any territory under Our protection administered by Us in such Government; such subsidiary title being specified in the regulations hereinafter mentioned and inscribed on the bar-brooch of the Decoration.

*Fourthly*—It is ordained that the Decoration may be worn by Us, Our Heirs and Successors, Queens and Kings Regnant of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas; and that it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, to confer at Our Pleasure the Decoration upon any Princes or Princesses of the Blood Royal.

*Fifthly*—It is ordained that the Decoration shall be conferred on duly qualified commissioned officers of Our Territorial Army and of any of Our other Auxiliary Military Forces in any of Our Colonies or a territory under Our protection, or within any other part of Our Dominions, Our Government whereof shall desire to take part in the grant of the award, or within any territory under Our protection administered by Us in such Government.

It is further ordained that the Decoration shall be conferred on duly qualified commissioned officers of Our former Auxiliary Territorial Service and that the provisions of this Our Warrant so far as they relate to officers of Our Territorial Army shall apply to officers of Our former Auxiliary Territorial Service.

*Sixthly*—It is ordained that the period of service requisite to qualify for the Decoration shall be 20 years' commissioned service, which shall not necessarily be continuous, on the active list of any of Our Auxiliary Military Forces of Our Commonwealth, except Our Territorial Army, Our New Zealand Territorial Force and the authorized Volunteer Forces in Our Colonies and territories under Our protection (hereinafter referred to as **Our Colonial Volunteer Forces**), and shall be 12 years' continuous efficient commissioned service on the active list of Our Territorial Army, Our New Zealand Territorial Force or Our Colonial Volunteer Forces, subject to such conditions as may be laid down in the regulations hereinafter mentioned, provided always that in the case of recipients of The Volunteer Officers' Decoration, The Territorial Decoration and The Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration no period of service rewarded by any of the Decorations aforesaid shall be reckoned as qualifying service for The Efficiency Decoration.

*Seventhly*—It is ordained that commissioned service rendered wholly in one of the aforesaid forces; or partly in Our Territorial Army or Our Colonial Volunteer Forces, partly in 1 or more of Our other Auxiliary Military Forces of Our Commonwealth, or partly in Our Naval or Air Auxiliary or Volunteer Forces of Our Commonwealth as may be defined in the regulations hereinafter mentioned shall reckon as qualifying service for the Decoration subject to such conditions as may be laid down in the regulations hereinafter mentioned.

It is further ordained that commissioned service rendered in Categories A and B of Our former Supplementary Reserve of Officers or in Categories SR I(A) and SR II(A) of Our former Supplementary Reserve of Officers as reconstituted in 1948 or in Categories ER I(A) and ER II(A) of Our Army Emergency Reserve of Officers shall, in the case of a commissioned officer serving on the active list of Our Territorial Army, reckon as qualifying service for the Decoration subject to such conditions as may be laid down in the regulations hereinafter mentioned, and provided that such time shall not have been, and shall not be, reckoned as qualifying service towards The Army

Emergency Reserve Decoration or Clasps to that award, or any similar awards.

*Eighthly*—It is ordained that half the time served on the active list in the ranks of the forces specified in the Sixth Clause of this Our Warrant shall reckon as qualifying service for the Decoration, subject to such conditions as may be laid down in the regulations hereinafter mentioned.

It is further ordained that half the time served in the ranks of Our former Supplementary Reserve or in Categories SR I(A) and SR II(A) and SR III of Our former Supplementary Reserve as reconstituted in 1948 or in Categories ER I(A) and ER II(A) and ER III of Our Army Emergency Reserve shall, in the case of a commissioned officer serving on the active list of Our Territorial Army, reckon as qualifying service for the Decoration subject to such conditions as may be laid down in the regulations hereinafter mentioned and provided that such time shall not have been, and shall not be reckoned as qualifying service for The Army Emergency Reserve Decoration or Clasps to that award, or any similar awards.

*Ninthly*—It is ordained that half the time spent after the age of 17 years in the ranks of a Cadet Force or as a cadet in an Officers' Training Corps, as defined in the regulations hereinafter mentioned, shall reckon as qualifying service for the Decoration subject to such conditions as may be laid down in the regulations hereinafter mentioned.

*Tenthly*—It is ordained that such war service as may be defined from time to time in the regulations hereinafter mentioned shall reckon as two-fold qualifying service, or as single qualifying service, or as half qualifying service towards the total service required as aforesaid; and that war service not so defined shall not reckon as qualifying service.

*Eleventhly*—It is ordained that service on the permanent staff of any of the aforesaid forces by members of Our permanent forces of Our Commonwealth, or service in a Reserve or Auxiliary Force involving a liability for service only and no liability for training in peace, shall not reckon as qualifying service for the Decoration.

*Twelfthly*—It is ordained that service shall not be reckoned as qualifying service for The Efficiency Decoration if such service has already been reckoned towards any Long Service and Good Conduct or Efficiency Medal or Clasps except as provided in the regulations hereinafter mentioned.

*Thirteenthly*—It is ordained that officers who have the necessary qualifying service shall not be awarded the Decoration unless they are recommended by the Commanding Officer of the unit in which they complete the period of service requisite to qualifying for the Decoration, and are certified by the responsible military authorities as efficient and thoroughly capable officers in every way deserving of the Decoration.

*Fourteenthly*—It is ordained that service in an honorary capacity of whatsoever nature shall not reckon as qualifying service towards the award of the Decoration in the case of commissioned officers of Our Territorial Army or Our Colonial Volunteer Forces.

*Fifteenthly*—It is ordained that a Clasp to be worn on the riband of the Decoration shall be awarded to duly qualified commissioned officers of Our Territorial Army, or Our New Zealand Territorial Force, or Our Colonial Volunteer Forces who, having had the Decoration conferred on them in respect of 12 years' continuous efficient commissioned service, complete a total of 18 years' continuous efficient service, reckoned in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Our Warrant, and a further Clasp shall be awarded for each additional completed period of 6 years' continuous efficient service reckoned as aforesaid.

It is further ordained that the Clasp to be worn on the riband of the Decoration shall be awarded to commissioned officers of Our Colonial Volunteer Forces, who, having had the Decoration conferred upon them in respect of 20 years' service which was not necessarily continuous, complete a further 6 years' continuous efficient service reckoned in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Our Warrant, and a further clasp shall be awarded for each additional completed period of 6 years' continuous efficient service reckoned as aforesaid.

*Sixteenthly*—It is ordained that the Decoration shall not confer any individual precedence but shall entitle the recipient, if an officer of Our Territorial Army, to the addition after his name of the letters "T.D." and, if an officer of one of the other Auxiliary Military Forces of Our Commonwealth, to the addition after his name of the letters "E.D."

*Seventeenthly*—It is ordained that reproductions of the Decoration and Clasps in miniature, which may be worn on certain occasions by those upon whom the Decoration or 1 or more Clasps have been

conferred, shall be half the size of The Efficiency Decoration and Clasps respectively, and that a Sealed Pattern of the said miniature Decoration shall be deposited and kept in the Central Chancery of Our Orders of Knighthood.

*Eighteenthly*—It is ordained that the names of those upon whom the Decoration or 1 or more Clasps are conferred shall be published and a Register thereof kept in the manner prescribed in the regulations hereinafter mentioned.

*Nineteenthly*—It is ordained that it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, by an Order under Our Sign Manual on a recommendation to that effect by or through Our Secretary of State for War to cancel and annul, in respect of any person upon whom the Decoration or 1 or more Clasps has been conferred for service in Our Territorial Army, the award of The Efficiency Decoration or 1 or more Clasps and that thereupon his name in the Register shall be erased, but that it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors to restore the Decoration or 1 or more Clasps when such recommendation has been withdrawn; provided that such powers shall be exercised by the Governors or Officers administering the Government, as the case may be, of Our respective Colonies or territories under Our protection, or by the Governor-General of any of Our Dominions, Our Government whereof shall so desire, on the recommendation of the appropriate Minister of State, or by the appropriate Minister of State, or within any territory under Our protection administered by Us in such Government, in relation to the Auxiliary Military Forces within their respective jurisdiction.

*Twentiethly*—It is ordained that the Decoration or 1 or more Clasps shall be conferred under such regulations as to grant, forfeiture, restoration, and other matters, in amplification of this Our Warrant as may, with Our approval signified through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, be issued from time to time by Our Army Council in regard to Our Territorial Army, or as may with Our approval be issued by the Governors or Officers administering the Government, as the case may be, of Our respective Colonies or territories under Our protection, in relation to the Auxiliary Military Forces within their respective jurisdiction, or by the appropriate Minister of State in any of Our Dominions, Our Government whereof shall so desire, or within any territory under Our protection administered by Us in such Government.

*Lastly*—We reserve to Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, full power of annulling, abrogating, augmenting, interpreting or dispensing with these rules and ordinances, or any part thereof, by a notification under Our Sign Manual.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this 17th day of November one thousand nine hundred and fifty-two, in the first year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

Antony Head.

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## Notes

### 1 *General*

This is a reprint of The Efficiency Decoration. The reprint incorporates all the amendments to the warrant as at 15 January 1954, as specified in the list of amendments at the end of these notes.

Relevant provisions of any amending enactments that contain transitional, savings, or application provisions that cannot be compiled in the reprint are also included, after the principal enactment, in chronological order. For more information, see <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/reprints/>.

### 2 *Status of reprints*

Under section 16D of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989, reprints are presumed to correctly state, as at the date of the reprint, the law enacted by the principal enactment and by the amendments to that enactment. This presumption applies even though editorial changes authorised by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 have been made in the reprint.

This presumption may be rebutted by producing the official volumes of statutes or statutory regulations in which the principal enactment and its amendments are contained.

### 3 *How reprints are prepared*

A number of editorial conventions are followed in the preparation of reprints. For example, the enacting words are not included in Acts, and provisions that are repealed or revoked

are omitted. For a detailed list of the editorial conventions, see <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/editorial-conventions/> or Part 8 of the *Tables of New Zealand Acts and Ordinances and Statutory Regulations and Deemed Regulations in Force*.

#### **4     *Changes made under section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989***

Section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 authorises the making of editorial changes in a reprint as set out in sections 17D and 17E of that Act so that, to the extent permitted, the format and style of the reprinted enactment is consistent with current legislative drafting practice. Changes that would alter the effect of the legislation are not permitted. A new format of legislation was introduced on 1 January 2000. Changes to legislative drafting style have also been made since 1997, and are ongoing. To the extent permitted by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989, all legislation reprinted after 1 January 2000 is in the new format for legislation and reflects current drafting practice at the time of the reprint.

In outline, the editorial changes made in reprints under the authority of section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 are set out below, and they have been applied, where relevant, in the preparation of this reprint:

- omission of unnecessary referential words (such as “of this section” and “of this Act”)
- typeface and type size (Times Roman, generally in 11.5 point)
- layout of provisions, including:
  - indentation
  - position of section headings (eg, the number and heading now appear above the section)
- format of definitions (eg, the defined term now appears in bold type, without quotation marks)
- format of dates (eg, a date formerly expressed as “the 1st day of January 1999” is now expressed as “1 January 1999”)

- position of the date of assent (it now appears on the front page of each Act)
- punctuation (eg, colons are not used after definitions)
- Parts numbered with roman numerals are replaced with arabic numerals, and all cross-references are changed accordingly
- case and appearance of letters and words, including:
  - format of headings (eg, headings where each word formerly appeared with an initial capital letter followed by small capital letters are amended so that the heading appears in bold, with only the first word (and any proper nouns) appearing with an initial capital letter)
  - small capital letters in section and subsection references are now capital letters
- schedules are renumbered (eg, Schedule 1 replaces First Schedule), and all cross-references are changed accordingly
- running heads (the information that appears at the top of each page)
- format of two-column schedules of consequential amendments, and schedules of repeals (eg, they are rearranged into alphabetical order, rather than chronological).

**5     *List of amendments incorporated in this reprint  
(most recent first)***

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