The New Zealand General Service 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 whom these Presents shall come, Greeting!

Whereas We are desirous of instituting a new medal for award to members of Our New Zealand Defence Force and certain civilian persons for services rendered during war, and both warlike and non-warlike (including peacekeeping) operations commenced since 1 January 2000:

We do, by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, institute and create a new medal:

1 Style

The medal shall be styled and designated "The New Zealand General Service Medal".

2 Description

The medal shall be made of silver plated base-metal and circular in shape, bearing,—

(a) on the obverse, a representation of the Effigy of the Sovereign; and

(b) on the reverse, the inscription THE NEW ZEALAND GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL within a wreath of New Zealand flora (fern fronds, pohutukawa, and kowhai blossom) ensigned by a Royal Crown.

3 Ribbon

The Medal shall be worn from the left breast suspended from a ribbon, 32 millimetres in width, of such design as the Governor-General of New Zealand, acting on the advice of the Prime Minister or a Minister of the Crown acting for the Prime Minister, may determine by regulation.

4 Regulations

The Governor-General of New Zealand, acting on the advice of the Prime Minister or a Minister of the Crown acting for the Prime Minister, may from time to time issue regulations relating to—

(a) the design of the distinctive ribbon for any specific operation; and

(b) eligibility for the medal for any specific operation.

5 Register

The names of all those persons who receive the Medal shall be recorded in a register kept by the Chief of Defence Force.

6 Order of wear

In the official list showing the order in which Orders, Decorations, and Medals shall be worn in New Zealand, the New Zealand General Service Medal shall be worn as a war medal according to the date of service.

7 Miniatures

Reproductions of the Medal, in miniature, which may be worn on certain occasions by those persons who have received the Medal, shall not exceed one-half the size of the full-size Medal.

8 Annulment

We reserve to Ourself, 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 of Saint James's, this 23rd day of July 2002, in the 51st Year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command.

Helen Clark,
Prime Minister of New Zealand.

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