New Zealand Operational Service Medal Regulations 2002

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Pursuant to the Royal Warrant (SR 2002/223 dated 23 July 2002) instituting and creating the New Zealand Operational Service Medal, the Governor-General of New Zealand, under authority delegated by The Queen, has been pleased to make the following regulations.

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Regulations

1 Title

These regulations are the New Zealand Operational Service Medal Regulations 2002.

2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on the 28th day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

3 New Zealand Operational Service Medal

The New Zealand Operational Service Medal is awarded subject to the Royal Warrant and to these regulations.

4 Eligibility

The following persons are eligible for the Medal:

(a) persons who were, at any time, members of the armed forces (within the meaning of section 2(1) of the Defence Act 1971):

(b) persons who were, at any time, members of—

(i) the New Zealand Naval Forces (within the meaning of the Navy Act 1954); or

(ii) the New Zealand Army (within the meaning of the New Zealand Army Act 1950); or

(iii) the Royal New Zealand Air Force (within the meaning of the Royal New Zealand Air Force Act 1950):

(c) persons who were, at any time, members of—

(i) the Defence Forces (within the meaning of the Defence Act 1909); or

(ii) the Naval Forces (within the meaning of the Naval Defence Act 1913); or

(iii) the Royal New Zealand Air Force (within the meaning of the Air Force Act 1937):

(d) civilian members of the New Zealand Defence Force and other civilian persons, including persons who were, at any time, members of—

(i) the New Zealand Police Force (within the meaning of the Police Force Act 1908); or

(ii) the New Zealand Police Force (within the meaning of the Police Act 1947); or

(iii) the New Zealand Police (within the meaning of the Police Act 1958):

(e) any other persons whom the Minister of Defence, on the advice of the Chief of Defence Force, may determine.

5 Qualifications for award

A person qualifies for the award of the Medal if he or she meets the requirements of regulation 4 and—

(a) has been awarded either—

(i) a New Zealand or a Commonwealth, British, or other non-New Zealand medal for service in a war, or warlike or non-warlike (including peacekeeping) operation, and that medal has been approved for wearing as a war or campaign

medal in the official list in which orders, decorations, and medals must be worn in New Zealand; or

(ii) the Rhodesia Medal (1980); or

(b) has served 7 days or more, continuous or aggregated, on the posted strength of a unit or formation on land and that service was a qualifying service towards 1 or more medals in paragraph (a); or

(c) has served 7 days or more, continuous or aggregated, in a ship or craft and that service was a qualifying service towards 1 or more medals in paragraph (a); or

(d) has completed 7 sorties or more as aircrew or supernumerary crew and that service was qualifying service towards 1 or more medals in paragraph (a); or

(e) has served 30 days, continuous or aggregated, for official service visits, inspections, or other occurrences of a temporary nature on duty and that service was a qualifying service towards 1 or more medals in paragraph (a); or

(f) has served 7 days, continuous or aggregated, on the posted strength of a unit permanently based in Singapore between 1 February 1959 and 31 July 1960; or

(g) has served 7 days either—

(i) while posted to the New Zealand contribution to Operation Plainfare (Berlin airlift) in West Germany between 1 September 1948 and 11 August 1949; or

(ii) was seconded to the Royal Air Force in West Germany and participated in Operation Plainfare; or

(h) any other operational service, irrespective of whether a war or campaign medal has been awarded for that service, that the Minister of Defence, on the advice of the Chief of Defence Force, may determine.

6 Accumulated service

The Medal shall be awarded for only the first period of operational service that qualifies a person for a Medal.

7 Delegation

The Chief of Defence Force or an officer of the New Zealand Defence Force authorised by the Chief of Defence Force may award the New Zealand Operational Service Medal to any eligible person who qualifies for the award of that Medal.

8 Forfeiture and restoration

It shall be competent for the Chief of Defence Force or a Chief of Staff acting for the Chief of Defence Force to—

(a) cancel and annul the conferment of the Medal on a person; and

(b) if the conferment of the Medal on a person has been cancelled or annulled, restore the Medal to that person.

Dated at Wellington this 24th day of July 2002.

Mark Burton,
Minister of Defence.

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