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It is notified for general information that Her Majesty The Queen has approved the establishment of the *Afghanistan Medal* as detailed in the following Letters Patent and Regulations.

The medal is to be worn in *The Order of Wearing Australian Honours and Awards* under the title 'War medals, campaign medals, active service medals and service medals, (see annex 1)' and then in order after the '*International Force East Timor Medal*'.



Elizabeth II

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God Queen of Australia and Her other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth:

TO ALL to whom these Presents shall come,

GREETING:

WHEREAS it is desirable that there be instituted an Australian medal for the purpose of according recognition to members of the Australian Defence Force and certain other persons who render service in operations in Afghanistan and support operations in surrounding areas:

KNOW YOU that We do, by these Presents, institute a medal to be designated and styled the Afghanistan Medal:

AND WE DO ordain that the award of the Afghanistan Medal is governed by the Regulations set out in the Schedule:

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

GIVEN under the Great Seal
of Australia at Our Court at
St James's on

30 September 2004.

By Her Majesty's Command

John Howard
Prime Minister

Schedule

Afghanistan Medal Regulations 2004

1 Name of Regulations

These Regulations are the *Afghanistan Medal Regulations 2004*.

2 Definitions

In these Regulations:

Defence Force means the Defence Force constituted under the *Defence Act 1903*.

Medal means the Afghanistan Medal instituted under the Letters Patent establishing these Regulations.

Minister means the Minister of State for Defence or the Minister Assisting the Minister of State for Defence.

operational area of Afghanistan means the area determined by the Governor-General, on the recommendation of the Minister, for the purposes of this definition.

prescribed operation means an operation declared to be a prescribed operation under regulation 3.

Register means the Register maintained under subregulation 10 (2).

Registrar means the Registrar of Awards appointed under subregulation 10 (1).

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3 Declaration of prescribed operations

The Governor-General, on the recommendation of the Minister, may declare an operation in Afghanistan, including a support operation in the surrounding areas, in which members of the Defence Force are engaged or have been engaged on or after 11 October 2001, to be a prescribed operation for the purposes of these Regulations.

4 Design of Medal

The design of the Medal is as determined by the Governor-General.

5 Conditions for award of Medal

- (1) The Medal may be awarded for service in the operational area of Afghanistan in connection with a prescribed operation.
- (2) The persons to whom the Medal may be awarded are:
 - (a) persons who served in a prescribed operation as members of the Defence Force; and
 - (b) persons included in a class of persons determined by the Minister for the purposes of this regulation.
- (3) The other conditions for the award of the Medal are the conditions determined by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Minister.
- (4) The Medal may only be awarded to a person who fulfils the conditions for the award of the Medal.

6 Making of awards

Awards of the Medal shall be made by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Chief of the Defence Force or his or her delegate.

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7 Cancellation of award

- (1) On the recommendation of the Chief of the Defence Force or his or her delegate, the Governor-General may cancel an award of the Medal.
- (2) If an award of the Medal is cancelled:
 - (a) the Registrar must note the cancellation in the Register; and
 - (b) the person holding the Medal must return the Medal to the Registrar.

8 Reinstatement of award

- (1) On the recommendation of the Chief of the Defence Force or his or her delegate, the Governor-General may reinstate an award that has been cancelled under regulation 7.
- (2) If an award is reinstated, the Registrar must:
 - (a) note the reinstatement in the Register; and
 - (b) return the Medal to the person to whom it was awarded.

9 Wearing of Medal

The manner of wearing the Medal is as determined by the Governor-General.

10 Registrar of Awards

- (1) The Governor-General must appoint a Registrar of Awards.
- (2) The Registrar must maintain:
 - (a) a Register containing the name of each person to whom the Medal has been awarded; and
 - (b) such other records, relating to the Medal, as the Governor-General directs.