



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

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 certain Australian medals for the purpose of according recognition to persons who render long and efficient service as members of the Defence Force and to certain other persons who render long and efficient service in association with the Defence Force:

KNOW YOU that We do by these Presents institute three medals to be designated and styled, respectively, the Defence Force Service Medal, the Reserve Force Decoration and the Reserve Force Medal:

AND WE DO ordain that the award of the medals so instituted shall be governed by the Defence Force Service Awards Regulations set out in the Schedule.

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

(L.S.) GIVEN under the Great Seal of Australia at Our Court at St. James's on 20 April 1982.

By Her Majesty's Command,  
MALCOLM FRASER  
Prime Minister

SCHEDULE  
DEFENCE FORCE SERVICE AWARDS  
REGULATIONS

Short Title

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Defence Force Service Awards Regulations.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

“officer” has the same meaning as in the *Defence Act 1903*;

“Permanent Forces” means the Permanent Naval Forces, the Australian Regular Army, the Regular Army Supplement and the Permanent Air Force;

“Reserve Forces” means the Australian Naval Reserve, the Australian Army Reserve and the Australian Air Force Reserve.

General Provisions regarding Service

3. (1) For the purpose of determining whether a person has rendered efficient service as a member of the Defence Force but without limiting the matters that may be taken into account for that purpose, regard shall be had to such matters (if any) as are for the time being specified in directions given by the Chief of Defence Force Staff or his delegate for the purposes of this sub-regulation.

(2) For the purposes of these Regulations, a person shall be taken to have rendered service in the Reserve Forces throughout a year if—

- (a) the person, by virtue of his membership of the Reserve Forces, was required to undergo training or render service in the capacity of a member of the Reserve Forces for a period not less than, or for periods that, in the aggregate, were not less than, a period determined by the Chief of Defence Force Staff or his delegate; and
- (b) the person completed that training or rendered that service, as the case may be.

(3) For the purpose of the application of sub-regulation (2) in relation to a particular person, “year” means the period of 12 months that commenced on the day on which the person became a member of the Reserve Forces or on any anniversary of that day.

Conditions for Award of the Defence Force Service Medal

4. The Defence Force Service Medal may be awarded to a person who has, on or after 14 February 1975, completed the qualifying service as a member of the Defence Force required by regulation 5.

5. (1) Subject to sub-regulation (2), the qualifying service as a member of the Defence Force required for the award of the Defence Service Medal is efficient service as a member of the Defence Force for a period of 15 years or for periods that in the aggregate, amount to 15 years, being service that includes efficient service as a member of the Permanent Forces for a period not less than 12 years or for periods that, in the aggregate, amount to not less than 12 years.

(2) Service that has been taken into account as part of the qualifying service for the award of the Reserve Force Decoration, the Reserve Force Medal or a clasp to the decoration or medal shall not be taken into account for the purpose of sub-regulation (1).

6. A clasp to the Defence Force Service Medal may be awarded to a member of the Defence Force after the completion of each period of 5 years' efficient service as a member of the Permanent Forces after the completion of the qualifying service required by regulation 5.

Conditions for Award of the Reserve Force Decoration

7. The Reserve Force Decoration may be awarded to a person who has, on or after 14 February 1975, completed the qualifying service as a member of the Defence Force required by regulation 8.

8. (1) Subject to sub-regulation (2), the qualifying service as a member of the Defence Force required for the award of the Reserve Force Decoration is efficient service as an officer of the Defence Force for a period of 15 years or for periods that, in the aggregate, amount to 15 years, being service that includes efficient service as an officer of the Reserve Forces for a period not less than 12 years or for periods that, in the aggregate, amount to not less than 12 years.

(2) Service that has been taken into account as part of the qualifying service for the award of the Defence Force Service Medal or a clasp to that medal shall not be taken into account for the purpose of sub-regulation (1).

9. A clasp to the Reserve Force Decoration may be awarded to a person after the completion of each period of 5 years' efficient service as an officer of the Reserve Forces after the completion of the qualifying service required by regulation 8.

**Conditions for Award of the Reserve Force Medal**

10. The Reserve Force Medal may be awarded to a person who has, on or after 14 February 1975, completed the qualifying service as a member of the Defence Force required by regulation 11.

11. (1) Subject to sub-regulation (2), the qualifying service as a member of the Defence Force required for the award of the Reserve Force Medal is efficient service as a member of the Defence Force for a period of 15 years or for periods that, in the aggregate, amount to 15 years, being service that includes efficient service as a member of the Reserve Forces for a period not less than 12 years or for periods that, in the aggregate, amount to not less than 12 years.

(2) Service that has been taken into account as part of the qualifying service for the award of the Reserve Force Decoration, the Defence Force Service Medal or a clasp to that decoration or medal shall not be taken into account for the purpose of sub-regulation (1).

12. A clasp to the Reserve Force Medal may be awarded to a member of the Defence Force after the completion of each period of 5 years' efficient service as a member (other than an officer) of the Reserve Forces after the completion of the qualifying service required by regulation 11.

**Members of Commonwealth forces serving with the Defence Force**

13. (1) In this regulation, "Commonwealth force" means the naval, military or air forces of one of The Queen's Realms, other than Australia.

(2) Where—

(a) a member of a Commonwealth force serves with the Defence Force by way of secondment or exchange; and

(b) that member subsequently becomes a member of the Defence Force, the service of that person with the Defence Force by way of secondment or exchange shall, for the purposes of these Regulations, be taken to be service as a member of the Defence Force.

**Members of philanthropic organizations**

14. A medal or clasp may be awarded to a person who, as a member of a philanthropic organization, has been engaged in the performance of philanthropic services for the Defence Force as if the person, while so engaged, had been a member of the Defence Force.

**Eligibility not affected by other awards**

15. The eligibility of a person for the award of a medal or clasp under these Regulations is not affected by the making of any other award to the person.

**Making of awards**

16. The award of a medal or clasp under these Regulations may be made by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Chief of Defence Force Staff or his delegate.

**Design of Medals**

17. The designs of the Defence Force Service Medal, the Reserve Force Decoration and the Reserve Force Medal, and of clasps to those medals, shall be as prescribed.

**Wearing of Medals**

18. The manner of wearing a medal or clasp awarded under these Regulations shall be as determined by the Governor-General.

19. Where—

(a) a person who is the holder of the Reserve Force Medal completes the qualifying service for the award of the Reserve Force Decoration; and

(b) that qualifying service includes service that was taken into account as part of the qualifying service for the Reserve Force Medal,

the Reserve Force Decoration may not be awarded to the person unless the award of the Reserve Force Medal has been cancelled.

**Register of Awards**

20. (1) There shall be a Registrar of Awards who shall be appointed by the Governor-General and shall maintain a Register of the names of persons to whom medals and clasps have been awarded under these Regulations.

(2) The Registrar shall keep such other records relating to the award of medals or clasps under these Regulations as the Governor-General directs.

**Designation of Holder of Reserve Force Decoration**

21. A person to whom the Reserve Force Decoration has been awarded is entitled to have the letters "R.F.D." placed after his name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary.

**Cancellation and Reinstatement**

22. (1) The Governor-General may cancel the award of a medal or clasp under these Regulations and may restore an award so cancelled.

(2) Where the award of a medal under these Regulations is cancelled in pursuance of sub-regulation (1), the name of the person to whom the award was made shall be erased from the Register kept in pursuance of regulation 20, and that person shall return the medal, together with any clasps to the medal, to the Registrar.

(3) Where the award of a clasp to a medal under these Regulations is cancelled in pursuance of sub-regulation (1), the entry relating to the award of the clasp shall be erased from the Register kept in pursuance of regulation 20, and the person to whom the clasp was awarded shall return the clasp to the Registrar.

(4) Where an award that has been cancelled in pursuance of sub-regulation (1) is restored, the Registrar shall restore the entry or entries in the Register that had been erased.

**COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA**

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 by Letters Patent passed under the Great Seal of Australia, bearing date at St. James's the fourteenth day of February 1975, We did institute an Australian medal, to be designated and styled the National Medal, for the purpose of according recognition to persons who render long service in certain occupations:

AND WHEREAS the persons to whom the National Medal may be awarded include members of the Defence Force:

AND WHEREAS, by reason of Our having instituted certain Australian medals for the purpose of according recognition to persons who render long and efficient service as members of the Defence Force and for other reasons, We are minded to make certain changes to the conditions for the award of the National Medal:

KNOW YOU that We, by these Presents, declare Our pleasure that the above-mentioned Letters Patent of the fourteenth day of February 1975 be amended, but without prejudice to anything lawfully done thereunder, as set out in the Schedule:

AND WE DO ordain that, notwithstanding anything contained in the Schedule, the National Medal or a clasp to the National Medal may be awarded, in accordance with the Regulations Governing the Award of the National Medal as in force immediately before the date of these Our Letters

Patent, to a person who, before that date, had completed the service requisite for the award of the National Medal or a clasp to the National Medal, as the case may be:

AND WE DO further ordain that service as a member of the Defence Force rendered before the date of these Our Letters Patent may be taken into account for the purpose of the award of the National Medal or a clasp to the National Medal as if these Our Letters Patent had not been issued.

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

(L.S.) GIVEN under the Great Seal of Australia at Our Court at St. James's on 20th April 1982.

By Her Majesty's Command,  
MALCOLM FRASER  
Prime Minister

#### SCHEDULE

#### AMENDMENT OF THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE AWARD OF THE NATIONAL MEDAL

Regulations 2, 3 and 4 of the National Medal Regulations and the heading immediately before regulation 2 are revoked and the following regulations substituted:

#### Conditions for award of the National Medal

"2. (1) Subject to sub-regulation (5), the National Medal may be awarded to a person who has completed a period of 15 years' qualifying service or periods of qualifying service that, in the aggregate, amount to 15 years.

"(2) For the purposes of these Regulations, qualifying service is diligent service as a member of—

- (a) an Australian police force;
- (b) an Australian fire service; or
- (c) an Australian ambulance service.

"(3) A clasp to the National Medal may be awarded after the completion of each further period of 10 years' qualifying

service or of periods of service that, in the aggregate, are not less than 10 years.

"(4) Service may be taken into account for the purposes of this regulation whether the service was rendered on a full-time basis or on a part-time basis and whether the service was paid or unpaid.

"(5) Service shall not be taken into account for the purpose of sub-regulation (1) or (3) if it is service in respect of which an award has been made by, or in the name of, The Queen or by the Governor-General, being an award made in recognition of long service, good conduct or efficiency.

"3. (1) In this regulation—

'Australian service' means an Australian police force, fire service or ambulance service or the Defence Force;

'Commonwealth service' means—

- (a) a police force, fire service or ambulance service of, or of a part of, one of The Queen's Realms, other than Australia; or
- (b) the naval, military or air forces of one of The Queen's Realms, other than Australia.

"(2) Where—

- (a) a member of a Commonwealth service serves with an Australian service by way of secondment or exchange; and
- (b) that member subsequently becomes a member of an Australian service,

the service of that person with an Australian service by way of secondment or exchange shall, for the purposes of these Regulations, be taken to be service as a member of an Australian service.

"4. An award of the National Medal or a clasp to the medal may be made by the Governor-General on the recommendation of any of the following persons:

- (a) the chief officer of an Australian police force;
- (b) the chief officer of an Australian fire service;
- (c) the chief officer of an Australian ambulance service."