

DEFENCE LONG SERVICE MEDAL REGULATIONS

(Consolidated Incorporating
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SCHEDULE

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Defence Long Service Medal Regulations.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations:

“**Chief of the Defence Force**” means the Chief of the Defence Force appointed under section 9 of the Defence Act 1903;

“**Clasp**” means a clasp to the Medal;

“**Defence Force Service Awards Regulations**” means the Regulations set out in the Schedule to the Letters Patent dated 20 April 1982 given under the Great Seal of Australia, being the Regulations as amended from time to time;

“**efficient service**” means service determined to be efficient service by the Chief of the Defence Force;

“**Medal**” means the Defence Long Service Medal;

“**member of the Defence Force**” means:

(a) a member of the Permanent Forces; or

(b) a member of the Reserve Forces; or

(c) a member of a philanthropic organisation who provides philanthropic service to the Defence Force;

“**Permanent Forces**” has the meaning given by subsection 4 (1) of the Defence Act 1903;

“**philanthropic organisation**” means an organisation determined to be a philanthropic organisation by the Chief of the Defence Force or a delegate of the Chief of the Defence Force;

“**Register**” means the Register maintained under paragraph 11(2) (a);

“**Registrar**” means the Registrar of Awards appointed under subregulation 11(1);

“**Reserve Forces**” has the meaning given by subsection 4 (1) of the Defence Act 1903.

3 Award of the Medal

(1) The Medal may be awarded to a member, or former member, of the Defence Force (the **member**) who:

(a) has given:

(i) qualifying service for a period of at least 15 years or periods that, in total, amount to at least 15 years; and

(ii) at least 1 day’s qualifying service on or after 20 April 1994; or

- (b) has given:
 - (i) qualifying service for a period of at least 15 years or periods that, in total, amount to at least 15 years; and
 - (ii) at least 1 day's qualifying service on or after 14 February 1975; and
 - (iii) all of the qualifying service before 20 April 1994; and
 - (iv) qualifying service, none of which can be recognised for the Defence Force Service Awards Regulations, either be reason of its length or its character.

- (2) The Medal must not be awarded to a member who:
 - (a) has completed the qualifying service required for the award of a medal under the Defence Force Service Awards Regulations (the **DFSA Regulations**), regardless of whether the member has received the award; and
 - (b) has given other qualifying service that cannot be recognised for the DFSA Regulations, either by reason of its length or its character;

unless the member:

 - (c) has made an election under subregulation 16A (2) or (3) of the DFSA Regulations to have all of the member's service recognised as qualifying service for these Regulations; and
 - (d) has returned to the Registrar all medals and clasps (if any) previously awarded to the member under the DFSA Regulations.

4. **Award of clasp**

A clasp may be awarded to a person who:

- (a) has been awarded the Medal; and
- (b) has given qualifying service for each period of at least 5 years or periods that, in total, amount to at least 5 years, additional to the period mentioned in regulation 3.

5. **Qualifying service**

Service in the Defence Force is qualifying service if:

- (a) where the service was given as a member of the Permanent Forces or the Reserve Forces – the member;
 - (1) fulfilled the requirements specified in directions given by the Chief of the Defence Force; and
 - (2) gave efficient service; or

- (b) where the service was given as a member of a philanthropic organisation who provides philanthropic service to the Defence Force – the member gave efficient service.

6. **Award under the Defence Force Service Awards Regulations**

A person is not eligible to be the holder of both an award under the Defence Force Service Awards Regulations and an award under these Regulations.

Note Regulation 16A of the Defence Force Service Awards Regulations provides for members and former members of the Defence Force to elect between awards under those Regulations and awards under these Regulations in relation to service that is qualifying service both for those Regulations and for these Regulations.

7. Service by member of the forces of another country

Service in the Defence Force by a person who is a member of the naval, military or air forces of another country while on secondment to, or exchange with, the Defence Force may be qualifying service if the person;

- (a) becomes a member of the Defence Force; and
- (b) gives efficient service as a member of the Defence Force.

8. Making of awards

An award of the Medal or a clasp may be made by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Chief of the Defence Force or a delegate of the Chief of the Defence Force.

9. Design of the Medal or clasp

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

10. Wearing of the Medal

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

11. Registrar of Awards

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

12. Cancellation of award

- (1) On the recommendation of the Chief of the Defence Force or a delegate of the Chief of the Defence Force, the Governor-General may cancel an award made under these Regulations.
- (2) If an award of the Medal is cancelled:
 - (a) the Registrar must strike from the Register the entry relating to the award; and
 - (b) the person holding the Medal must return the Medal to the Registrar.
- (3) If an award of a clasp is cancelled:
 - (a) the Registrar must strike from the Register the entry relating to the award; and
 - (b) the person holding the clasp must return the clasp to the Registrar.

13. Reinstatement of award

- (1) On the recommendation of the Chief of the Defence Force or a delegate of the Chief of the Defence Force, the Governor-General may reinstate an award that has been cancelled.

- (2) If an award is reinstated, the Registrar must:
 - (a) restore the entry that was stricken from the Register, and
 - (b) return the Medal or clasp.



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DIRECTIONS BY THE CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE FORCE

I, CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER BARRIE, the Chief of the Defence Force give the following directions under subparagraph 5(a)(i) of the Defence Long Service Medal Regulations, which are set out in the Schedule to the Letters Patent given on 26 May 1998.

- a. All service before 20 April 2000 that would have been classified as efficient service for the purpose of the award of a Defence Force Service Award under the Defence Force Service Awards Regulations, may be classified as qualifying service for the purpose of the Defence Long Service Medal.

Provided that:

- (1) If the service has counted as efficient service for the purpose of the award of a Defence Force Service Award, then it cannot also count as qualifying service for the purposes of the Defence Long Service Medal.
- (2) Where a member has received a Defence Force Service Award and the member has periods of service before 20 April 1999 that did not count as efficient service for the purpose of the Defence Force Service Award, because of the conditions of that award, the member may have the award cancelled and all service count as qualifying service for the purpose of the Defence Long Service Medal.
- (3) Where a member has not received a Defence Force Service Award and the member has periods of service before 20 April 1999 that would not have counted as efficient service for the purpose of the Defence Force Service Award, because of the conditions of that award, the member may count that service as qualifying service for the purpose of the Defence Long Service Medal.

- b. On and after 20 April 2000 a member will undertake qualifying service for the purpose of the Defence Long Service Medal if the member undertakes a minimum of 20 days service per year calculated at the anniversary of the enlistment or appointment of the member.

Dated this *13th* day of *April* 2000



C.A. BARRIE
Admiral, RAN
Chief of the Defence Force

AWARD OF THE DLISM

The DLISM was established with the intent to recognise Australian Defence Force (ADF) service, whether Regular or Reserve, in the following circumstances:

- on or after 20 April 1999 in cases where a person has attained 15 years efficient service;
- between 20 April 1994 and 19 April 1999 in cases where a person has qualified for a Defence Force Service Award (DFSA), but elects to take a DLISM instead (a once only election after which they cannot return to the DFSA stream, however, where a person remains in the DFSA stream, they may make a later election if the circumstances of the following point arise);

a person with service of one day or more on or after 14 February 1975 in receipt of a DFSA, but through subsequent service in either the Regular or Reserve component of the ADF, renders further service that becomes unrecognised due to the restrictions of the DFSA Regulations (can only occur in blocks of five years after the award of a DFSA at which point a Clasp would be awarded), and elects to take a DLISM allowing recognition of all that service (again a once only election after which they cannot return to the DFSA stream); and

- a person with service of one day or more on or after 14 February 1975 who has 15 years service but due to a mix of service in the Regular and Reserve components of the ADF, have not qualified for a medal due to the restrictions of the DFSA Regulations (eg. a person could have a mix of service amounting to nearly 23 years for which no recognition has been given).