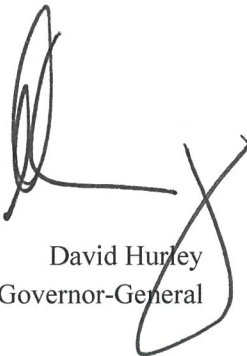




Australian Operational Service Medal (Africa) Instrument 2023

I, General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, make the following Declaration under section 12 of the *Australian Operational Service Medal Regulation 2012*.

Dated *27 October* 2023



David Hurley
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command



MATTHEW KEOGH
Minister for Defence Personnel

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1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Australian Operational Service Medal (Africa) Instrument 2023*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences the day after signature.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under section 12 of the *Australian Operational Service Medal Regulation*.

4 Definitions

In this instrument:

ADF member means a member of the Defence Force.

Australian Operational Service Medal Regulation means the Australian Operational Service Medal Regulation set out in the Schedule to the Letters Patent dated 22 May 2012 given under the Great Seal of Australia.

Defence Force means the Defence Force constituted under Part III, Division 1 of the *Defence Act 1903*.

Operational Duties means duties which make a direct contribution to the achievement of an operational mission.

Note: A number of expressions used in this Instrument are defined in section 2 of the Australian Operational Service Medal Regulation, including the following:

- (a) allied foreign Defence Force member.

5 Declared operations

For subsection 3(1) of the Australian Operational Service Medal Regulation, for the Australian Operational Service Medal (Africa) the following operations, comprising the specified areas and dates, are declared operations:

- (a) Operation ASLAN that commenced on 1 November 2023 within the area comprising the land area and superjacent airspace of South Sudan;
- (b) Operation ORENDA that commenced on 1 April 2020 within the area comprising the land area and superjacent airspace of the Republic of Mali.

6 Eligible service

- (1) For paragraph 4(1)(a) of the Australian Operational Service Medal Regulation, service is eligible service if:
 - (a) the service is given by an ADF member or an allied foreign Defence Force member on deployment during the period of the declared operations; and

Note: Service for an ADF member includes service undertaken while on an approved third-country deployment that has a corresponding declared operation.
 - (b) the service occurs for 30 days during one or more deployment, whether or not the service continues throughout the whole day and whether or not the 30 days are continuous.
- (2) If an ADF member or an allied foreign Defence Force member gave service of a kind mentioned in paragraph (1)(a) of this section, but did not satisfy paragraph (1)(b) of this section because the member died or was evacuated due to service-related injury, illness or disability, the service given is taken to have occurred for 30 days during the deployment.

7 Conditions

- (1) An ADF member or allied foreign Defence member is not eligible for an award of the Australian Operational Service Medal Africa for service during the same period for which they receive one of the following medals:
 - (a) The Australian Operational Service Medal.
 - (b) The Australian Service Medal.
- (2) For paragraph 4(3)(b) of the Australian Operational Service Medal Regulation, and paragraph 6(1) of this instrument, the following conditions are determined in relation to service:
 - (a) the service must be given while the ADF member or allied foreign defence force member giving the service is assigned for Operational duties on one or more operations that comprise Africa; and
 - (b) no other period of eligible service can have been completed during the deployment which the service is given.

Note 1: The effect of paragraph (a) of this section is to exclude service involving non-operational duties such as: participation in training activities; exercises and conferences (with no planning objectives); liaison visits; lessons learnt/fact finding; activities and command/staff visits.

Note 2: The effect of paragraph (b) of this section is that an ADF member or allied foreign defence force member may be awarded only one Australian Operational Service Medal Africa.

8 Ribbon for medal

For section 12 of the Australian Operational Service Medal Regulation, the ribbon denoting AFRICA is 32 millimetres wide and has a central red stripe, flanked by black stripes of equal width, bordered with golden yellow and white stripes of equal width and edged with mid-green stripes.

Schedule—Transitional provision

- (1) This section applies to a member who meets both of the following.
 - (a) The member was performing a period of eligible service for the Australian Service Medal with Clasp SOUTH SUDAN up to and including 31 October 2023.
 - (b) The member was performing a period of eligible service for the Australian Operational Service Medal Africa on 1 November 2023.
- (2) The period of eligible service for the Australian Service Medal with Clasp SOUTH SUDAN under paragraph 1(a) is taken to be eligible service for the purpose of section 6 of this instrument.