



New Zealand General Service Medal (Vietnam) Regulations 2002

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Pursuant to the Royal Warrant (SR 1992/101) dated 7 May 1992 (as altered by the Royal Warrant (SR 1997/153) dated 4 August 1997) instituting and creating the New Zealand General Service Medal, Her Majesty the Queen has been pleased to make the following regulations.

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REGULATIONS

1 Title

These regulations are the New Zealand General Service Medal (Vietnam) Regulations 2002.

2 Commencement

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

3 Vietnam

- (1) The award of the New Zealand General Service Medal in silver with the Clasp "VIETAM" in silver is approved.
- (2) The Medal and the Clasp are awarded subject to the Royal Warrant and to regulations 5, 6, and 7.

4 Operational area

In these regulations, operational area means the political boundaries and territorial waters of Vietnam.

5 Eligibility

A person is eligible for the award of the Medal and the Clasp, subject to regulations 6 and 7, if, between 1 December 1962 and 1 May 1975, he or she was:-

- (a) a member of the Royal New Zealand Navy or New Zealand Army or Royal New Zealand Air Force; or
- (b) a civilian person who was a member of a New Zealand contribution or New Zealand supported or sanctioned contribution in the operational area.

6 Qualification

An eligible person qualifies for the award of the Medal and the Clasp if he or she:-

- (a) served for 1 day or more as member of a unit or sub-unit engaged in operations in the operational area; or
- (b) carried out 1 sortie as a member of a military or naval air crew or as a supernumerary crew member, in support of operations in the operational area; or
- (c) operated with the New Zealand Army, Royal New Zealand Air Force,, Royal New Zealand Navy, or allied armed forces or worked on New Zealand Government official tasks for 30 days, continuous or aggregated, in the operational area; or
- (d) rendered humanitarian service for a philanthropic organisation supported or sanctioned by the New Zealand Government for 30 days or more, continuous or aggregated, in the operational area; or
- (e) served for 30 days or more, continuous or aggregated, as an accredited New Zealand war correspondent in the operational area; or
- (f) had his or her period of service in the operational area terminated before the completion of the qualifying time required by paragraphs (c) to (e) due to death or evacuation owing to wounds or other disability caused by that service; or
- (g) did not complete the qualifying time required by paragraphs (c) to (e), but was given a royal honour for gallantry or bravery in the operational area; or
- (h) had his or her period of service in the operational area terminated before completing the qualifying time required by paragraphs (c) to (e) due to the withdrawal of the New Zealand armed forces referred to in regulation 5(a) from the operational area at the request of the New Zealand Government and the award has been approved by the Chief of Defence Force; or
- (i) had his or her period of service in the operational area terminated before completing the qualifying time required by paragraphs (c) to (e) for service reasons (not personal or compassionate) and the award has been approved by the Chief of Defence Force; or
- (j) any other service not inconsistent with these regulations that the Minister of Defence, on the advice of the Chief of Defence Force, may determine.

7 Exclusion

A person shall not receive the award if his or her qualifying service was completed wholly between 1 December 1962 and 27 January 1973 and was recognised by the award of the Vietnam Medal.

8 Delegation

Under clause 11(2) of the Royal Warrant, the Chief of Defence Force or a Chief of Staff acting for the Chief of Defence Force is authorised to award the New Zealand General Service, Medal with the Clasp “VIETNAM” to those persons who qualify for the award of that Medal with the Clasp “VIETNAM”.

Dated at Wellington this 23rd day of July 2002.

Mark Burton,
Minister of Defence.

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