

The New Zealand War Service Medal

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Royal Warrant

GEORGE THE SIXTH, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith; to all to whom these presents shall come, GREETING:

WHEREAS We in Our Government of New Zealand have taken into our Royal consideration the services rendered during the war of 1939 to 1945 by all members of the New Zealand Armed Forces and Merchant Navy and by aircrews of the New Zealand registered Civil Air Services which operated outside New Zealand, who, when their country was in danger, answered the call and saw service at home or abroad in their country's defence:

And whereas We are desirous of recognising this service to New Zealand.

We do by these presents, for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors institute and create a new medal.

1. The medal shall be designated and styled "The New Zealand War Service Medal."
2. The medal shall be circular in form and of cupro-nickel and shall on the obverse bear the uncrowned effigy of the Sovereign, and on the reverse the inscription "For Service to New Zealand 1939-45," with the representation of a frond of fern below.
3. The persons eligible for the medal shall be those of Our faithful subjects and others, male and female, who, between the 3rd September, 1939, and the 2nd September, 1945, rendered the required service in the New Zealand Armed Forces, including the Naval Auxiliary Patrol Service, the New Zealand Territorial Force, the New Zealand National Military Reserve, the Home Guard, or the commissioned ranks of the Air Training Corps, or rendered the required service in the New Zealand Merchant Navy, or as members of the crew of an aircraft operated by a Civil Air Line registered in New Zealand.
4. In the case of service in the Armed Forces an aggregate of at least twenty-eight days' full-time service must have been rendered, whether within New Zealand or abroad, or six months' part-time service. The part-time service in the Home Guard, which may be reckoned towards the period of six months, shall be restricted to service between 16th August 1940, and 1st January, 1944. The part-time service in the Naval Auxiliary Patrol Service, which may be reckoned towards the period of six months, shall be restricted to service between the 31st December, 1941, and 31st July, 1944.
5. In the case of service in the New Zealand Merchant Navy an aggregate of at least twenty-eight days' service must have been rendered at sea.
6. In the case of service as a member of the crew of an aircraft operated by a Civil Air Line registered in New Zealand, an aggregate of at least twenty-eight days' service, involving not less than forty-eight flying hours, must have been rendered outside New Zealand territorial waters.
7. The medal shall not be awarded to any person who does not qualify by full-time or part-time service performed in the New Zealand Armed Forces or in the Merchant Navy of New Zealand, or as a member of the crew of an aircraft operated by a Civil Air Line registered in New Zealand.
8. Service brought to an end by death on duty, or due to wounds or injuries sustained on duty, or honourable discharge as a direct result of injuries sustained while on duty, shall qualify for the award of the medal even though the service may not amount to twenty-eight days or six months, as the case may be.

9. Full-time uniformed civilians who served as members of the New Zealand Armed Forces shall qualify in the same way as full-time members of such Forces.
10. It shall be a condition of award that a recipient, not still serving in the New Zealand Forces or the Merchant Navy of New Zealand, or in a Civil Air Line registered in New Zealand, shall have been honourably discharged. Where service was ended by capture by the enemy, it shall be a condition that the recipient of the award shall have been free from blame.
11. "Part-time" service is service rendered by a member of the Armed Forces who was not fully mobilised but was liable to render service by the performance, from time to time, of short periods of training or other duties and did in fact carry out such training or duties.
12. Qualifying services in different sections of the New Zealand Armed Forces or Merchant Navy, or as a member of the crew of an aircraft operated by a Civil Air Line registered in New Zealand, may be aggregated for the purpose of determining the qualifying service of an individual under clauses 4 to 6. In making this aggregation, seven days' part-time service shall be taken as equivalent to one day of full-time service, and vice versa.
13. The medal shall be worn on the left breast suspended by a ribbon one-and-a-quarter inches in width, of black, watered, and edged with white stripes, each three-sixteenths of an inch in width.
14. The medal shall be worn immediately after the war medal issued by Us in recognition of service during the second World War.
15. It shall be competent for Our Governor-General for the time being to cancel and annul the award to any person of the above medal, and thereupon the name of such person in the register shall be erased, but it shall be competent for Our Governor-General to restore any medal which may have been so forfeited.
16. It is ordained that it shall be competent for Our Governor-General for the time being to make regulations to carry out the purposes of this Warrant.

Given at Our Court at Saint James's on the thirtieth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight, in the twelfth year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

P. FRASER.

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