



New Zealand General Service Medal (Timor-Leste) Regulations 2007

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Pursuant to the Royal Warrant (SR 2002/226) dated 23 July 2002 instituting and creating the New Zealand General Service Medal, the Governor-General of New Zealand, under authority delegated by 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 (Timor-Leste) Regulations 2007.
- 2. Commencement**

These regulations come into force on the day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.
- 3. New Zealand General Service Medal (Timor-Leste)**

The New Zealand General Service Medal (Timor-Leste) is awarded subject to the Royal Warrant and to these regulations.
- 4. Ribbon**

The Medal is worn on the left breast suspended from a ribbon, 32 mm in width, of red, yellow, black, white, black, yellow and red stripes.

5. **Operational area**

In these regulations, **operational area** means the political boundaries and airspace of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and the maritime area of 50 nautical miles around Timor-Leste and Atauro Island.

6. **Eligibility**

The following persons are eligible for the Medal:

- a. members of the Armed Forces (within the meaning of section 2(1) of the Defence Act 1990):
- b. members of the New Zealand Police (within the meaning of section 2 of the Police Act 1958):
- c. civilians who are New Zealand citizens:
- d. civilians who are permanent residents of New Zealand (within the meaning of section 73 of the Electoral Act 1993):
- e. any other persons whom the Minister of Defence, on the advice of the Chief of Defence Force, may determine.

7. **Qualifying service**

A person qualifies for the award of the Medal under this regulation if he or she meets the requirements of regulation 6 and:-

- a. has served 30 days or more, continuous or aggregated, on or after 28 April 2006, on land, in harbour, at sea, or in the air, in the operational area while a member of, or supporting, a New Zealand Government contribution to restore and maintain security and stability in Timor-Leste; or
- b. has completed 7 sorties or more, on or after 28 April 2006, into the operational area as aircrew, supernumerary aircrew, or supernumerary crew, while a member of a unit allocated for direct support of a New Zealand Government contribution to restore and maintain security and stability in Timor-Leste; or
- c. has served 30 days or more, continuous or aggregated, on or after 28 April 2006, while on official visits in the operational area, carrying out activities in connection with a New Zealand Government contribution to restore and maintain security and stability in Timor-Leste (which will normally be of a temporary nature and may not necessarily contribute to operational outcomes); or
- d. has had his or her period of service in the operational area terminated by death or evacuation owing to wounds or other disability caused by that service; or
- e. has been given a New Zealand Royal Honour for gallantry or bravery in the operational area; or
- f. if the mission directive stated that the deployment was to be greater than the qualifying service in the operational area, has had his or her period of service in the operational area terminated before the completion of the qualifying service at the direction of the New Zealand Government department or agency that deployed him or her, where that termination is for official reasons (not personal, compassionate, or disciplinary); or
- g. has served in the operational area with a New Zealand Government contribution to an international or coalition force that the Minister of Defence approves on the advice of the Chief of Defence Force.

8. **Delegation**

The Chief of Defence Force, or an officer of the New Zealand Defence Force authorised by the Chief of Defence Force, may award the New Zealand General Service Medal (Timor-Leste) to any eligible person who qualifies for the award of that Medal.

9. Forfeiture and restoration

It shall be competent for the Chief of Defence Force or a Chief of Staff acting for the Chief of Defence Force to:-

- a. cancel and annul the conferment of the Medal on a person; and
- b. if the conferment of the Medal on a person has been cancelled or annulled, restore the Medal to that person.

Dated at Wellington this 30th day of October 2007.

Phil Goff, Minister of Defence.

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These regulations are administered by the New Zealand Defence Force.