



# New Zealand Defence Meritorious Service Medal Regulations 2013

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Pursuant to the Royal Warrant (SR 2013/429) dated 15 October 2013, His Excellency the Governor-General of New Zealand, under authority delegated by The Queen and on the advice of the Prime Minister, makes the following regulations.

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## REGULATIONS

### 1 Title

These regulations are the New Zealand Defence Meritorious Service Medal Regulations 2013.

### 2 Commencement

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

### 3 Interpretation

In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,-

**bar** means the bar to the medal:

**Chief of Defence Force** means the Chief of Defence Force appointed under section 8 of the Defence Act 1990:

**Defence Force** has the meaning given by section 2(1) of the Defence Act 1990:

**medal** means The New Zealand Defence Meritorious Service Medal:

**member of the Defence Force** has the meaning given by section 2(1) of the Defence Act 1990:

**meritorious service** has the meaning given by regulation 4(2):

**service** includes -

- (a) an act:
- (b) a series of acts or a course of conduct over time:
- (c) acts and conduct in different roles or tasks.

#### 4 Eligibility for medal

- (1) A member of the Defence Force is eligible for the medal if he or she performs meritorious service for New Zealand or the Defence Force.
- (2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, **meritorious service** means service by a member of the Defence Force that, in the opinion of the Chief of Defence Force, is outstanding and worthy of recognition because the service -
  - (a) demonstrates innovation:
  - (b) is exemplary or a model for other members of the Defence Force:
  - (c) brings significant benefit or prestige to New Zealand or the Defence Force:
  - (d) demonstrates the application of skills or performance far beyond that expected, given the member's rank, qualifications, or experience.

#### 5 Eligibility for bar

- (1) A member of the Defence Force who has received the medal and who performs further meritorious service is eligible for a silver bar to be worn on the ribbon of the medal.
- (2) A member of the Defence Force who has received the bar is eligible for a silver bar for each subsequent performance of meritorious service. However, instead of receiving a fourth silver bar, he or she must exchange his or her three silver bars for a single gilt bar.
- (3) A member of the Defence Force who has received a gilt bar is eligible for a gilt bar for each subsequent performance of meritorious service.

Dated at Wellington this 9th day of December 2013.

Hon Dr Jonathan Coleman,  
Minister of Defence.

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#### Explanatory note

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*This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.*

These regulations, which come into force on the day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*, are made under a Royal Warrant dated 15 October 2013 (SR 2013/429). The regulations set out the criteria for the conferral of The New Zealand Defence Meritorious Service Medal (the **medal**) and the bar to that medal.

The Minister of Defence may, under the Royal Warrant, confer the medal on any member of the Defence Force (whether an airman, airwoman, civilian, officer, rating or soldier) who performs meritorious service for New Zealand or the New Zealand Defence Force.

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