



The New Zealand Armed Forces Award

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Royal Warrant

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God Queen of New Zealand and Her Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, to all to whom these present shall come, GREETING:

WHEREAS We are desirous of signifying Our appreciation of the long and faithful service of officers of Our Royal New Zealand Navy, the Regular Force of Our New Zealand Army, and the Regular Air Force of Our Royal New Zealand Air Force:

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

1. Style-

The Award shall be designated and styled “The New Zealand Armed Forces Award”.

2. Description-

The Award shall be a medal of silver and circular in shape, bearing on the obverse the Crowned Effigy of the Sovereign, and on the reverse two swords in saltire, points upwards, superimposed in the centre of which is a representation of an eagle, with wings outstretched, with above a Naval Crown, and below two fern fronds, with stems crossed at the base, the whole surrounded by the inscription “New Zealand Armed Forces Award”.

3. Ribbon-

The medal shall be worn from the left breast suspended from a ribbon, 32mm in width, of dark blue, crimson, and light blue parallel stripes with a central stripe of black.

4. Eligibility (Royalty)-

The Award may be worn by Us, Our Heirs and Successors, and it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, to confer at Our Pleasure the Award upon any Princes or Princesses of the Blood Royal and any other members of the Royal Family.

5. Eligibility (Commander-in-Chief)-

It shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, to confer at Our Pleasure the Award on Our Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in the over Our Realm of New Zealand.

6. Eligibility (General)-

Those eligible for the Award shall be officers of Our Royal New Zealand Navy, the Regular Force of Our New Zealand Army, and the Regular Air Force of Our Royal New Zealand Air Force serving on or after the 1st day of December 1977, whose character and conduct have been irreproachable, and who are recommended by their commanding officer.

7. Service required-

The qualifying period requisite for the Award shall be 15 years full-time service, or an aggregate of 15 years full-time service, in Our Royal New Zealand Navy, the Regular Force of Our New Zealand Army, or the Regular Air Force of Our Royal New Zealand Air Force.

8. Clasps-

1. A Clasp to the Award, to be attached to the ribbon when the Award itself is worn, may be granted for each additional 15 years of full-time service subsequent to those for which the Award was granted.
2. For each Clasp granted a silver rosette shall be added to the ribbon when worn alone.

9. Reckoning of service-

1. Subject to subclause (2) of this clause, the following service may be reckoned towards the qualifying period for the award of the Award or any Clasp thereof:
 - (a) Service in Our Royal New Zealand Navy, the Regular Force of Our New Zealand Army, or the Regular Air Force of Our Royal New Zealand Air Force that includes at least 3 years service as an officer (other than any service, commissioned or non-commissioned, that has been recognised by the award of a medal for long service);
 - (b) Service in the permanent forces of a country of the Commonwealth of which We are Queen up to a maximum of 7 years (other than service that has been recognised by the award of a decoration or medal for long service);
 - (c) Where an officer who has been commissioned from the ranks has before been commissioned, been awarded a medal for long service and good conduct, the qualifying service for the award shall be 15 years from the award of that medal and those 15 years shall include at least 8 years service as a commissioned officer;
 - (d) Service in a New Zealand reserve or in any territorial volunteer or auxiliary military force or in any other force not involving full-time military service if -
 - (e) The New Zealand reserve or force is declared liable or is otherwise liable for continuous service in an emergency; and
 - (f) The member of the New Zealand reserve or force actually renders full-time service.
2. Service before the age of 17½ years shall not be reckonable.

10. Registration-

The names of all those to whom the Award is granted shall be recorded in a register kept by the Secretary of Defence in Our Realm of New Zealand.

11. Names of recipients-

The names of the recipient shall be engraved or stamped on the rim of the medal.

12. Order of wear-

In the official list showing the order in which Orders, Decorations, and Medals shall be worn, the New Zealand Armed Forces Award shall in Our Realm of New Zealand be placed immediately after Our New Zealand Meritorious Service Medal.

13. Miniatures-

1. Reproductions of the Award in miniature, which may be worn on certain occasions by those to whom the Award is granted, shall be approximately half the size of the New Zealand Armed Forces Award.
2. A sealed pattern of the miniature Award shall be deposited with and kept by the Secretary of Defence in Our Realm of New Zealand.

14. Delegated powers-

Delegated powers to make awards under the terms of this Our Warrant (other than the terms of clauses 4 and 5) shall be vested in Our Defence Council in New Zealand, which shall be competent to make such orders as to the grant of the Award as may be necessary from time to time in amplification of this Our Royal Warrant.

15. Forfeiture and restoration-

It shall be competent for Our Defence Council in New Zealand-

- a. To cancel and annul the conferment of the Award or any Clasp thereof on any person; and
- b. Where it has cancelled or annulled the conferment of the Award on any person, to restore the Award or Clasp to that person.

16. Annulment-

We reserve to Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, full power of annulling, altering, abrogating, augmenting, interpreting, or dispensing with this Our Royal Warrant, or any part thereof, by a notification under Our Sign Manual.

Given at Our Court at Saint James's, this 6th day of May 1985, in the 34th Year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

DAVID LANGE.

Prime Minister of New Zealand.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

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This warrant is administered in the Ministry of Defence.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the warrant, but is intended to indicate the general effect.

The Royal Warrant establishes "The New Zealand Armed Forces Award".

The Award is to be granted to officers of the Regular Forces of the Armed Forces of New Zealand on completion of 15 years full-time service. Before the making of the Royal Warrant there was no provision for an award for long service to these officers.