



## **The Royal New Zealand Air Force Long Service And Good Conduct Medal**

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### **Royal Warrant**

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

WHEREAS We are desirous of signifying Our appreciation of the long service and good conduct of airmen of the Regular Air Force of Our Royal New Zealand Air Force, which has hitherto been recognised by the award of a Long Service and Good Conduct Medal of the same design as that awarded to Our Royal Air Force:

WE do by the presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, institute and create a new Medal:

- 1. Style-**  
The Medal shall be designed and styled "The Royal New Zealand Air Force Long Service and Good Conduct Medal".
- 2. Description-**  
The Medal shall be of silver and circular in shape, bearing on the obverse the Uncrowned Effigy of the Sovereign, and on the reverse a representation of an eagle with outstretched wings, surmounted by a Royal Crown encircled by the inscription "For Long Service and Good Conduct".
- 3. Ribbon-**  
The Medal shall be worn from the left breast suspended from a ribbon, 32 mm in width, of equal stripes of blue and red edged white.
- 4. Eligibility-**  
Those eligible for the Medal shall be airmen of 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.
- 5. Service required-**  
The qualifying period requisite for the Medal shall be 15 years full-time service, or an aggregate of 15 years full-time service, in the Regular Air Force of Our Royal New Zealand Air Force.

**6. Clasps-**

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

**7. 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 Medal or any Clasp thereof:
  - a. Service in the Regular Air Force of Our Royal New Zealand or the regular air force of a country of the Commonwealth of which We are Queen (other than service that has been recognised by the award of a decoration or medal for long service);
  - b. Where an airman has been appointed to a commission in the Regular Air Force of Our Royal New Zealand Air Force, the qualifying service for the Medal shall be 15 years and those 15 years shall include at least 12 years service as an airman;
  - c. Where an airman who has been appointed to a commission in the Regular Air Force of Our Royal New Zealand Air Force has, before being appointed, been awarded the Royal New Zealand Air Force Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, the qualifying service for the award of the Clasp shall be 15 years from the award of the Medal and those 15 years shall include at least 7 years service as an airman;
  - d. Service in any force not involving full-time service, being a force that is a reserve, militia, territorial, volunteer, or auxiliary air force or other force of New Zealand or of any other country of the Commonwealth of which We are Queen, if-
    - i. The reserve or militia or force is declared liable or is otherwise liable for continuous service in an emergency; and
    - ii. The member of the reserve or militia or force actually renders full-time service.
2. Service before the age of 17½ years shall not be reckonable.

**8. Registration-**

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

**9. Names of recipients-**

The name of the recipient shall be engraved or stamped on the rim of the Medal.

**10. Order of wear-**

In the official list showing the order in which Orders, Decorations, and Medals shall be worn, the Royal New Zealand Air Force Long Service and Good Conduct Medal shall in Our Realm of New Zealand be placed immediately after Our Royal New Zealand Navy Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

**11. Miniatures-**

- (1) Reproductions of the Medal in miniature, which may be worn on certain occasions by those to whom the Medal is awarded, shall be approximately half the size of the Royal New Zealand Air Force Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.
- (2) A sealed pattern of the miniature Medal shall be deposited with and kept by the Secretary of Defence in Our Realm of New Zealand.

**12. Delegated powers-**

Delegated powers to make awards under the terms of this Our Warrant shall be vested in Our Defence Council in New Zealand, which shall be competent to make such orders as to the award of the Medal as may be necessary from time to time in amplification of this Our Royal Warrant.

**13. Forfeiture and restoration-**

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

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

**14. 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.  
Date of notification in *Gazette*: 16 May 1985.  
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 Royal New Zealand Air Force Long Service and Good Conduct Medal".

The long service and good conduct of airmen of the Regular Air Force of the Royal New Zealand Air Force has previously been recognised by the award of the Royal Air Force Long Service and Good Conduct Medal as provided for in a Royal Warrant dated 12 December 1947.

The new medal (which is of the design traditionally awarded to airmen of the Royal New Zealand Air Force) is specific to New Zealand and is to be awarded to airmen of the Regular Air Force of the Royal New Zealand Air Force.

The conditions for the award of the new medal are similar to those for the award of the New Zealand Army Long Service and Good Conduct Medal and the Royal New Zealand Navy Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.