

Serial Number **1954/15****THE AIR EFFICIENCY AWARD REGULATIONS 1954**

Approved:

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PURSUANT to the Royal Warrant* dated the 17th day of August 1942 (as amended by Royal Warrants dated the 27th day of December 1946 and the 12th day of April 1951) instituting and creating the Air Efficiency Award, and subject to Her Majesty's approval, the Minister of Defence hereby makes the following regulations for the purposes of the Air Efficiency Award in relation to the Territorial Air Force and the Air Force Reserve of the Royal New Zealand Air Force.

REGULATIONS

1. These regulations may be cited as the Air Efficiency Award Regulations 1954.

Eligibility

2. Officers and airmen of the Territorial Air Force and the Air Force Reserve shall be eligible for the Air Efficiency Award (and clasp) provided that they have qualified by service calculated under the terms of regulation 3 hereof and that they have completed the required periods of training and are certified by the responsible Air Force authorities as efficient and in every way deserving of the award.

Service Required

3. The period of service requisite for the award shall be ten years' qualifying service (as defined in regulation 4 hereof) and shall include not less than five years' actual service (as defined in regulation 7 hereof) in the Territorial Air Force or the Air Force Reserve.

Qualifying Service

4. Qualifying service shall be—

(a) Service which commenced before the 3rd day of September 1939:

(i) Service in a flying duties category in the Territorial Air Force or the Air Force Reserve shall ordinarily count as time and a half, but embodied or mobilized service in the Royal New Zealand Air Force, the Royal Air Force, or any other Commonwealth Air Force in such category during the Second World War between the 3rd day of September 1939 and the 2nd day of September 1945 shall count as treble time:

* Statutory Regulations 1954, Serial number 1954/14, page 41.

- (ii) Service (other than in a flying duties category) in the Territorial Air Force or the Air Force Reserve shall ordinarily count as single time, but embodied or mobilized service in the Royal New Zealand Air Force, the Royal Air Force, or any other Commonwealth Air Force during the Second World War between the 3rd day of September 1939 and the 2nd day of September 1945 shall count as double time:
- (b) Service which commenced after the 1st day of December 1948:
- (i) Service in a flying duties category in the Territorial Air Force or the Air Force Reserve shall count as time and a half:
- (ii) Service (other than in a flying duties category) in the Territorial Air Force or the Air Force Reserve shall count as single time.
- (c) Other reckonable service—
- (i) Except as provided in paragraph (a) of this regulation, embodied or mobilized service in the Royal New Zealand Air Force, the Royal Air Force, or any other Commonwealth Air Force during the Second World War between the 3rd day of September 1939 and the 2nd day of September 1945 shall count as single time:
- (ii) Service in the First World War in a regular force shall count as single time:
- (iii) Service in the First World War in a non-regular force shall count as double time, provided it can be counted for the efficiency award of the force in question:
- (iv) Service in non-regular forces other than those described in paragraph (a) of this regulation by personnel of the Territorial Air Force and Air Force Reserve on an engagement which commenced before the 3rd day of September 1939 shall count as single time or to such less extent as it would have counted towards the efficiency award of the force in question.

Service Already Reckoned

5. No period of service for which an efficiency decoration or medal or a Long Service and Good Conduct Medal has already been awarded shall reckon as qualifying service for the Air Efficiency Award.

Service Without Training Liability

6. Service in the Territorial Air Force or the Air Force Reserve involving a liability for service only and no liability for training in peacetime shall not reckon as qualifying or actual service for the Air Efficiency Award.

Actual Service

7. Service on a peacetime engagement in the Territorial Air Force or the Air Force Reserve shall constitute actual service for the purposes of regulation 3 hereof:

Provided that service in the classes of the Royal New Zealand Air Force Reserve or the Territorial Air Force which were, before the 3rd day of September 1939, the predecessors of the Territorial Air Force and the Air Force Reserve shall count as if it were service in the Territorial Air Force:

Provided also that in every case the terms of service reckoned pursuant to this regulation are not reckoned contrary to regulation 6 hereof.

Honorary Rank

8. Service in an honorary rank shall not be qualifying service.

Continuity of Service

9. Qualifying service must be continuous, except that a period of service during the Second World War shall be allowed to reckon towards the period of qualifying service, provided the break in service prior to joining or rejoining the Territorial Air Force or the Active Reserve is not more than twelve months from the 1st day of December 1948 or twelve months from the last day of release leave, whichever is the later.

Registration

10. A register of those on whom the Air Efficiency Award has been conferred shall be maintained at the Air Department.

Power to Make Awards

11. Power to make awards under the Royal Warrant in New Zealand shall be vested in the Minister of Defence.

Forfeiture

12. Forfeiture by an officer or airman of the Air Efficiency Award shall be determined by the same conditions as laid down for the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

Restoration

13. An Air Efficiency Award which has been forfeited may be restored at the discretion of the Air Board.

Clasp

14. Officers and airmen of the Territorial Air Force or the Air Force Reserve who, subsequent to the award of the medal, complete a further ten years' qualifying service as defined and computed in accordance with regulation 3 hereof may be awarded a clasp to the medal.

Dated at Wellington, this 13th day of January 1954.

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Minister of Defence.

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