



New Zealand Special Service Medal (Asian Tsunami) Regulations 2005

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Pursuant to the Royal Warrant (SR 2002/224) dated 23 July 2002 instituting and creating the New Zealand Special Service Medal, the Governor-General of New Zealand, under authority delegated by the Queen, makes the following regulations.

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Regulations

- 1 Title**
 These regulations are the New Zealand Special Service Medal (Asian Tsunami) Regulations 2005.
- 2 Commencement**
 These regulations come into force on the day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.
- 3 New Zealand Special Service Medal (Asian Tsunami)**
 The New Zealand Special Service Medal (Asian Tsunami) is awarded subject to the Royal Warrant and to these regulations.

4 Purpose

The purpose of the New Zealand Special Service Medal (Asian Tsunami) is to recognise the extreme or hazardous circumstances associated with service involving—

- (a) the following physical risks:
 - (i) aftershocks of the earthquake;
 - (ii) debris and wreckage from the earthquake, its aftershocks, or the tsunami;
 - (iii) disease and infection;
 - (iv) potential conflict between government and separatist forces in Aceh and Sri Lanka;
 - (v) possible terrorist attacks on relief operations;
- (b) the following psychological risks:
 - (i) body recovery;
 - (ii) victim identification;
 - (iii) the scale of the devastation.

5 Interpretation

In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—
affected area means any area in one of the countries listed in regulation 7 that was directly affected by any of the following:

- (a) the earthquake;
- (b) the aftershocks of the earthquake;
- (c) the tsunami

earthquake means the earthquake of magnitude 9.0 that occurred off the coast of Sumatra on 26 December 2004

medal means the New Zealand Special Service Medal (Asian Tsunami)

service means work towards any relief, recovery, or reconstruction operation relating to any of the following:

- (a) the earthquake;
- (b) the aftershocks of the earthquake;
- (c) the tsunami

tsunami means the tsunami that resulted from the earthquake.

6 Ribbon

The ribbon is to be 32 mm in width and composed of 11 stripes: red, white, blue, orange, green, yellow, green, orange, blue, white, and red.

7 Geographical area

The medal is awarded for service in the following countries:

- (a) Bangladesh:
- (b) India:
- (c) Indonesia:
- (d) Kenya:
- (e) Madagascar:
- (f) Malaysia:
- (g) Maldives:
- (h) Mauritius:
- (i) Myanmar:
- (j) Seychelles.
- (k) Somalia:
- (l) Sri Lanka:
- (m) Tanzania:
- (n) Thailand:

8 Eligibility

The following persons are eligible for the medal if the Chief of Defence Force (or an officer of the Defence Force authorised by the Chief of Defence Force) judges their service in an affected area involved the risks described in regulation 4:

- (a) members of the Defence Force (within the meaning of section 2(1) of the Defence Act 1990), members of the Police (within the meaning of section 2 of the Police Act 1958), and New Zealand civilians employed by the New Zealand Government, including those who assisted New Zealand citizens in an affected area:
- (b) New Zealand civilians working for or with a hospital, aid organisation, or ethnic organisation that has a New Zealand office:
- (c) other New Zealand civilians who provided service:
- (d) special cases, as approved by the Prime Minister or a Minister of the Crown acting for the Prime Minister.

9 Qualifications for award

A person qualifies for the award of the medal if they are eligible under regulation 8 and served in an affected area for—

- (a) 7 days (whether continuous or aggregated) beginning on 26 December 2004 and ending on 28 February 2005; or
- (b) 14 days (whether continuous or aggregated) beginning on 26 December 2004 and ending on 26 December 2005.

10 Proof of service

Persons eligible under regulation 8 and who qualify under regulation 9 must provide proof of service in an affected area. The proof must state the type of service performed and its duration, and must be 1 or more of the following:

- (a) a statement signed by the chief executive of the organisation that controlled or directed the person;
- (b) a statutory declaration by the person eligible for the medal, their employer, or a witness to the person's services;
- (c) other evidence as may be required by the Chief of Defence Force or an officer of the New Zealand Defence Force authorised by the Chief of Defence Force.

11 Delegation

The Chief of Defence Force or an officer authorised by the Chief of Defence Force may award the medal to any eligible person who, in the judgment of the Chief of Defence Force or the authorised officer, qualifies for the award of the medal.

12 Forfeiture and restoration

The Chief of Defence Force or an officer authorised by the Chief of Defence Force may—

- (a) cancel or 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 22nd day of December 2005.

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