

The New Zealand Antarctic Medal

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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 whom these Presents shall come,

GREETING!

WHEREAS We are desirous of instituting a Medal honouring those persons who make an outstanding contribution to exploration, scientific research, conservation, environmental protection or knowledge of the Antarctic region, or in support of New Zealand's objectives or operations, or both, in Antarctica:

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

1 Style

The Medal shall be styled and designated "The New Zealand Antarctic Medal".

2 Description

The Medal shall be made of silver and octagonal in shape, bearing—

- (a) on the obverse the Effigy of the Sovereign within the Royal Styles and Titles for New Zealand, and
- (b) on the reverse a group of four Emperor Penguins within an Antarctic landscape.

3 Ribbon

The Medal shall be worn from the left breast suspended from a white ribbon, 32 mm in width.

4 Post Nominal letters

Recipients of the Medal shall have the privilege of placing the letters "N.Z.A.M." after their name.

5 Bar

- (a) Persons to whom the Medal has been awarded who for further services qualify for the Medal, shall be awarded a Bar to their Medal.
- (b) The Bar to the Medal shall be of silver, oblong in shape, and bearing two New Zealand fern fronds.

6 Posthumous Awards

The Medal and Bar to the Medal may be awarded posthumously.

7 Promulgation

Awards of the Medal and Bars to the Medal shall be promulgated in *The New Zealand Gazette*.

8 Register

The names of all those persons who receive the Medal and Bars to the Medal shall be recorded in a register kept by the Clerk of the Executive Council of Our Realm of New Zealand.

9 Engraving of Medal and Bar

- (a) The name of the recipient and date of award shall be engraved on the edge of the Medal; and
- (b) The date of award of a Bar shall be engraved on the reverse of the Bar.

10 Certificate

Every award of the Medal and Bar to the Medal shall be accompanied by a certificate signed by Us, Our Heirs and Successors, and countersigned by Our Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Realm of New Zealand.

11 Order of Wear

It shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, to determine from time to time, the order of wear of the New Zealand Antarctic Medal in relation to the insignia of Orders of Chivalry and Orders, Decorations and Medals that have been or may be conferred in Our Realm of New Zealand.

12 Miniatures

Reproductions of the Medal and Bars to the Medal in miniature, which may be worn on certain occasions by those to whom the Medal and Bar is awarded, shall not exceed one half the size of the full-size Medal and Bar.

13 Lapel Badge

- (a) A Lapel Badge may be worn by recipients of the Medal; on those occasions it is inappropriate to wear the full-size or miniature Medal.
- (b) The Lapel Badge shall not exceed 18 mm in diameter, and shall consist of a blue enamel disc with, in the centre a representation of a silver estoil (heraldic star of six points) with a Royal Crown in the centre.

14 Eligibility

New Zealand citizens and citizens of those Commonwealth countries of which We are Sovereign shall be eligible for the Medal and Bars to the Medal.

15 Eligibility: Honorary

Persons who are not New Zealand citizens or citizens of nations of which We are Sovereign shall be eligible for an Honorary Medal or Bars to the Medal.

16 Making of Awards

Awards of the Medal and Bars to the Medal shall be made by Us, Our Heirs and Successors, only on a recommendation by our Prime Minister of New Zealand or a Minister of the Crown acting for our Prime Minister.

17 Delegated powers

Delegated powers to make awards of the Medal and Bars to the Medal under the terms of this Our Warrant shall also be vested in Our Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Realm of New Zealand.

18 Forfeiture and restoration

It shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, or Our Governor-General of New Zealand under Our delegated authority, on a recommendation by our Prime Minister of New Zealand or a Minister of the Crown acting for our Prime Minister—

- (a) To cancel and annul the conferment of the Medal or Bar to the Medal, or both, thereof on any person and remove their name from the Register; and
- (b) Where the conferment of the Medal or Bar to the Medal, or both, on any person has been cancelled or annulled, to restore the Medal or Bar to the Medal, or both, to that person and restore their name to the Register.

19 Annulment

We reserve to Ourself, 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.

20 Regulations

The Medal shall be awarded under Regulations that the Governor-General of New Zealand, acting on the advice of the Prime Minister or a Minister of the Crown acting for the Prime Minister may determine.

Given at Our Court at Saint James's, this 1st day of September 2006, in the 55th Year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command.

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Prime	Minister	of New	7 Z 6	ealand.

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This warrant is administered by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

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