

Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal (West Africa) Declaration 2019

I, General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Ret'd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting on the recommendation of the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, make the following declaration.

Dated John January 2019

Peter Cosgrove Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

Stephen Irons Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal (West Africa) Declaration 2019.*

2 Commencement

(1) Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Column 1	Column 2 Commencement	Column 3 Date/Details
Provisions		
1. The whole of this instrument	The day this instrument is made.	
Note:	This table relates only to the provisions of this instr not be amended to deal with any later amendments	

(2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this instrument. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this instrument.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under regulations 3, 4 and 5 of the *Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal Regulations 2011*, being the Regulations set out in the Schedule to the Letters Patent dated 23 October 2011, as amended by Letters Patent dated 18 January 2013 and 30 March 2015.

4 Definitions

In this instrument:

declared operation means the operation referred to in section 5.

Regulations means the *Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal Regulations 2011*, being the Regulations set out in the Schedule to the Letters Patent dated 23 October 2011, as amended by Letters Patent dated 18 January 2013 and 30 March 2015.

5 Declared operation

For the purposes of subregulations 3(1) and (7) of the Regulations, the humanitarian aid operation that commenced on 1 March 2014 arising out of the Ebola outbreak in West Africa is a declared operation.

6 Name of operation

For the purposes of paragraph 4(1)(a) of the Regulations, the name by which the declared operation is to be known is "West Africa".

7 Operational area

For the purposes of paragraph 4(1)(b) of the Regulations, the operational area of the declared operation is Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea.

8 Period of declared operation

For the purposes of subparagraph 4(1)(c)(i) of the Regulations, the period during which the declared operation occurred is the period beginning on 1 March 2014 and ending on 29 March 2016.

9 Organisations

- (1) For the purposes of subregulation 5(1) of the Regulations, the following organisations are specified:
 - (a) Aspen Medical;
 - (b) Australian Red Cross Society;
 - (c) the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade;
 - (d) Medecins Sans Frontieres Australia Ltd;
 - (e) RedR Australia Limited;
 - (f) Save the Children Australia.
- (2) For the purposes of subparagraph 5(5)(a)(i) of the Regulations, the period during which each organisation specified in subsection (1) participated in the declared operation is the period beginning on 1 March 2014 and ending on 29 March 2016.

10 Qualifying period of service

- For the purposes of paragraph 5(5)(b) of the Regulations, the qualifying period of service is any 30 day period during the period beginning on 1 March 2014 and ending on 29 March 2016.
- (2) For the purposes of paragraph 5(5)(c) of the Regulations, periods of qualifying service may be aggregated from several periods of service in one or more organisations.
- (3) For the purposes of paragraph 5(5)(d) of the Regulations, inspection visits may be counted as humanitarian service.