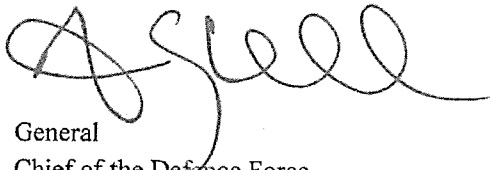


Australian Operational Service Medal (Special Operations) Declaration 2019

I, ANGUS JOHN CAMPBELL, Chief of the Defence Force, make the following Declaration under subsection 4(4) of the *Australian Operational Service Medal Regulation 2012*.

Dated 7th September 2019



General
Chief of the Defence Force

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Australian Operational Service Medal (Special Operations) Declaration 2019*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on 1 November 2019.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under the subsection 4(4) of the *Australian Operational Service Medal Regulation 2012*.

4 Definitions

In this Instrument:

member means an ADF member or an allied foreign Defence Force member.

Regulation means the *Australian Operational Service Medal Regulation 2012*.

Note: A number of expressions used in this Instrument are defined in section 2 of the Regulation, including the following:

- (a) accumulated service device;
- (b) ADF member;
- (c) allied foreign Defence Force member;
- (d) Chief of the Defence Force;
- (e) Defence Force;
- (f) eligible service;
- (g) medal.

5 Declaration – Eligible service

1. For subsection 4(4) of the Regulation, service is eligible service if the member is force assigned for duty on a special operation declared under subsection 3(3A) of the Regulation and meets one of the following.
 - a. The service is rendered by an ADF member on deployment that meets both of the following.
 - i. The service is within the operational area.
 - ii. The service is during the period specified by the Chief of the Defence Force.
 - b. The service is rendered by an allied foreign Defence Force member as a part of the Australian element that meets both of the following.
 - i. The service is within the operational area.
 - ii. The service is during the period specified by the Chief of the Defence Force.
2. If a member gave service of a kind mentioned in subsection 1, but did not meet the period specified for the special operation because the member died or was evacuated due to a service-related injury, illness or disability, the member is taken to have met the period of service specified for the special operation.

6 Transitional provision

1. This section applies to a member who meets both of the following.
 - a. The member was performing a period of service that would have counted towards the Australian Service Medal with Clasp 'SPECIAL OPS' up to and including 31 October 2019.
 - b. The member was performing a period of eligible service for the Australian Operational Service Medal (Special Operations) on 1 November 2019.
2. The period of service under paragraph 1.a is taken to be eligible service for the purpose of Australian Operational Service Medal (Special Operations).