



# Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal (Afghanistan) Declaration 2006

## Humanitarian Overseas Service Regulations

I, PHILIP MICHAEL JEFFERY, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting on the recommendation of the Prime Minister, make this Declaration under subregulation 3 (1) of the *Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal Regulations*.

Dated 18 April 2006

Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

JOHN HOWARD  
Prime Minister

### 1 Name of Declaration

This Declaration is the *Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal (Afghanistan) Declaration 2006*.

### 2 Definitions

In this Declaration:

***declared operation*** means the operation declared by section 3.

***hazardous area*** means the area specified in section 5.

**Regulations** means the *Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal Regulations* set out in Schedule 1 to the Letters Patent dated 16 April 1999, given under the Great Seal of Australia, as amended from time to time.

**specified organisation** means an organisation specified in Schedule 1.

**3 Declaration**

The ongoing humanitarian aid operation arising out of the civil unrest in Afghanistan following the invasion by the former Soviet Union on 8 December 1979, being an operation that satisfies the conditions mentioned in paragraphs 3 (1) (a) and (b) of the Regulations, is a declared operation.

**4 Name of operation**

For the purpose of paragraph 3 (2) (a) of the Regulations, the name by which the declared operation is to be known is 'Afghanistan'.

**5 Geographical extent of hazardous area**

The geographical extent of the hazardous area to which the declared operation relates is:

- (a) Afghanistan; and
- (b) areas in adjoining countries, being areas in which specified organisations provided humanitarian assistance associated with the declared operation.

**6 Date when declared operation commenced**

The declared operation commenced on 8 December 1979.

**7 Specification of organisations for eligible service**

Humanitarian service with a specified organisation is eligible service.

**8 Date when participation of specified organisations commenced**

The date when each specified organisation began participating in the declared operation is the date specified in Schedule 1 in relation to the organisation.

**9 Qualifying period of service**

- (1) The qualifying period of service required to be given by a member of a specified organisation to be eligible for an award of the Medal is 30 days.
- (2) The qualifying period of service may be aggregated from several periods of service with 1 or more of the specified organisations.

- (3) If a person gave humanitarian service as a member of 2 or more specified organisations, and a day of the service could be counted as a day of service for more than 1 organisation, the day must be counted as 1 day of service.

## **10 When inspection visits count as humanitarian service**

- (1) A person's inspection visit is counted as humanitarian service if the person made the visit:
  - (a) as a member of a specified organisation; and
  - (b) on or after the commencement date specified in Schedule 1 in relation to the specified organisation.
- (2) If the person made the inspection visit as a member of 2 or more specified organisations, and a day of the visit could be counted as a day of service for more than 1 organisation, the day must be counted as 1 day of service.

## **11 Ineligibility for an award of the Medal**

Eligible service does not include service of the following kinds:

- (a) service in relation to Operation Catalyst, Operation Slipper or Operation Palate in Afghanistan, that is:
  - (i) given by a person to whom the Afghanistan clasp to the Australian Active Service Medal may be awarded; and
  - (ii) service in a prescribed operation for the Australian Active Service Medal Regulations;
- (b) service in relation to Operation Salaam in Afghanistan or Pakistan, that is:
  - (i) given by a person to whom the Peshawar clasp to the Australian Service Medal may be awarded; and
  - (ii) service in a prescribed operation for the Australian Service Medal Regulations;
- (c) service as a locally-engaged member of the staff of a specified organisation (whether the person is in the hazardous area as a refugee or a resident);
- (d) service as a commercial contractor, or an employee of a commercial contractor, to a specified organisation.

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## Schedule 1 Specified organisations

(sections 2, 8 and 10)

Item	Specified organisation	Participation commencement date
1	Australian Red Cross	15 September 1988
2	International Committee of the Red Cross	15 September 1988
3	Australian contingents to United Nations organisations	8 December 1979
4	World Vision	31 October 2001