



## Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal (Iraq) Declaration 2004

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

Dated 21 April 2004

Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

GARY HARDGRAVE

Minister Assisting the Prime Minister

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**1 Name of Declaration**

This Declaration is the *Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal (Iraq) Declaration 2004*.

**2 Definitions**

(1) In this Declaration:

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

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

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

(2) Unless the contrary intention appears, a word that is used in this Declaration and in the Regulations has the same meaning in this Declaration as it has in the Regulations.

**3 Declaration**

The humanitarian operation that commenced on 20 March 2003, and is continuing, arising out of the civil unrest in Iraq following the commencement on 20 March 2003 of operation Iraqi Freedom carried out in Iraq by the United States led coalition forces from that date, which satisfies the conditions mentioned in paragraphs 3 (1) (a) and (b) of the Regulations, is a declared operation.

**4 Name of operation**

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

**5 Geographical extent of hazardous area**

The geographical extent of the hazardous area of the declared operation is:

- (a) Iraq; and
- (b) areas in adjoining countries in which a specified organisation carried out humanitarian service as part of the declared operation.

**6 Period of declared operation**

The declared operation commenced on 20 March 2003 and is continuing.

**7 Specification of organisations for eligible service**

Humanitarian service with an organisation specified in Schedule 1 is eligible service.



**8 Period of participation by specified organisations**

- (1) The period within which a specified organisation participated in the declared operation (or, for continuing participation, the date on which an organisation commenced to participate in the operation) is the period or the date mentioned in Schedule 1 in relation to the organisation.
- (2) A period mentioned in Schedule 1 includes the days mentioned as the start and the end of the period.

**9 Qualifying period of service**

- (1) The qualifying period of humanitarian 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 humanitarian 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 humanitarian service for more than 1 organisation, the day must be counted as 1 day of humanitarian service.

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

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

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

Eligible service does not include service of the following kinds:

- (a) service in relation to Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq, by a person to whom the Iraq 2003 clasp to the Australian Service Medal may be awarded, that is service in a prescribed operation for the Australian Service Medal Regulations;
- (b) service as a locally-engaged member of the staff of a specified organisation (whether the person is in the specified hazardous area as a refugee or a resident);
- (c) 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, 7, 8 and 10)

Item	Organisation	Period or commencement date of participation
1	Australian Red Cross	20 March 2003 to 25 August 2003
2	CARE Australia	20 March 2003
3	World vision Australia	20 March 2003
4	Australian Contingent to the International Committee of the Red Cross	20 March 2003
5	Australian contingent to the United Nations organisations serving in the specified hazardous area in relation to the declared operation	20 March 2003
6	Australian contingent to the rehabilitation program in Iraq carried out by the Coalition Provisional Authority	26 April 2003