



## Afghanistan Medal Instrument 2015

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I, General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Ret'd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, make the following instrument.

Dated *13th April* 2015

By His Excellency's Command

Darren Chester  
For Minister for Defence

Sir Peter Cosgrove  
Governor-General

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## 1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Afghanistan Medal Instrument 2015*.

## 2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day it is signed.

## 3 Authority

This instrument is made under the Afghanistan Medal Regulations.

## 4 Definitions

In this instrument:

*Afghanistan Medal Regulations* means the Afghanistan Medal Regulations set out in the Schedule to the Letters Patent dated 30 September 2004 given under the Great Seal of Australia.

*ADF member* means a member of the Defence Force.

*Defence Force* means the Defence Force constituted under Part III, Division I of the *Defence Act 1903*.

*Operational Duties* means duties which make a direct contribution to the achievement of an operational mission.

*Previous Instrument* means the *Afghanistan Medal Instrument 2014* made on 4 September 2014 by the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia.

## 5 Revocation

Revoke the Previous Instrument.

## 6 Prescribed operations

For section 3 of the Afghanistan Medal Regulations, the Afghanistan Operation is a prescribed operation comprising the following operations in the following areas and within the following dates:

- (a) Operation SLIPPER involving activities of ADF members, that:
  - (i) commenced on 11 October 2001 and ended on 5 December 2002 within the land territory, internal waters and superjacent airspace of Kyrgyztan;
  - (ii) commenced on 11 October 2001 and ended on 5 December 2002 within land territory, internal waters, territorial waters, and superjacent airspace of Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates as well as, the Persian Gulf, the Strait of Hormuz, the Gulf

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of Oman and those portions of the Arabian Sea bounded by 68 degrees East and 12 degrees North, and the Gulf of Aden;

(iii) commenced on 11 October 2001 and ended on 31 December 2008 within the land territory, internal waters and superjacent airspace of Afghanistan;

(iv) commenced on 1 January 2009 and ended on 30 July 2009 within the area bounded by:

48 00 N Latitude, 81 00 E Longitude  
48 00 N Latitude, 35 00 E Longitude  
12 00 N Latitude, 35 00 E Longitude  
12 00 N Latitude, 81 00 E Longitude;

(v) commenced on 31 July 2009 and ended on 19 February 2012 within the area bounded by:

39 00 N Latitude, 78 00 E Longitude  
39 00 N Latitude, 32 00 E Longitude  
05 00 S Latitude, 32 00 E Longitude  
05 00 S Latitude, 78 00 E Longitude;

(vi) commenced on 20 February 2012 and ended on 30 June 2014 within the area bounded by:

39 00 N Latitude, 32 00 E Longitude  
39 00 N Latitude, 78 00 E Longitude  
23 00 N Latitude, 78 00 E Longitude  
23 00 N Latitude, 68 00 E Longitude  
11 00 S Latitude, 68 00 E Longitude  
11 00 S Latitude, 38 00 E Longitude  
17 00 N Latitude, 38 00 E Longitude  
17 00 N Latitude, 32 00 E Longitude;

(vii) commenced on 1 July 2014 and ended on 31 December 2014 within the land territory, internal waters and superjacent airspace of Afghanistan.

(b) Operation PALATE involving activities of ADF members that commenced on 18 April 2003 and ended on 5 July 2004 within the land territory, internal waters and superjacent airspace of Afghanistan;

(c) Operation PALATE II involving activities of ADF members that commenced on 27 June 2005 within the land territory, internal waters and superjacent airspace of Afghanistan.

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## 7 Conditions

- (1) For subsection 5(3) of the Afghanistan Medal Regulations, the following conditions are determined for the award of the medal:
- (a) a person must have given service on deployment during the period of the Afghanistan Operation; and
  - (b) a person must have given service on 30 days, during one or more such deployments, whether or not the service continued throughout the whole day and whether or not the 30 days were continuous; and
  - (c) a person must have given the service while assigned for duty (however described) on one or more operations that comprise the Afghanistan Operation; and
  - (d) a person must have given the service as an ADF member; and
  - (e) a person must not have been awarded, nor be eligible to be awarded, an Iraq Medal in relation to the same service on a deployment during which the service is given; and
  - (f) a person must have given service that involves the performance of Operational Duties; and
  - (g) no other period of service can have been completed.

Notes: 1. The effect of paragraph (f) of this sub-section is to exclude service involving non-operational duties such as: participation in training activities, exercises and conferences (with no planning objectives); liaison visits; lessons learnt/fact finding activities; and command/staff visits.

2. The effect of paragraph (g) of this sub-section is that a person may be awarded only one Afghanistan Medal. There is no medallic recognition for additional periods of 30 days service on one or more operations that comprise the Afghanistan Operation.

- (3) If a person gave service of a kind mentioned in paragraph (1)(a) of this section, but did not satisfy paragraph (1)(b) of this section because the person died or was evacuated due to service-related injury, illness or disability, the service given is taken to have occurred on 30 days during the deployment.