

## COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## DECLARATION AND DETERMINATION UNDER THE AUSTRALIAN ACTIVE SERVICE MEDAL REGULATIONS

- I, QUENTIN ALICE LOUISE BRYCE, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, pursuant to the Australian Active Service Medal Regulations contained in the Schedule to the Letters Patent dated 13 September 1988 ("the Regulations") on the recommendation of the Parliamentary Secretary for Defence, hereby:
- (a) revoke the Declaration and Determination made on 21 February 2011 under regulation 3 and regulation 4 respectively of the Regulations;
- (b) declare, under regulation 3 of the Regulations, the following warlike operations in which members of the Australian Defence Force are or were engaged, to be a prescribed operation for the purposes of the Regulations:
  - (i) Operation 'Slipper' the Australian Defence Force contribution to the International Coalition Against Terrorism, that:
    - (A) for the period that commenced on 11 October 2001 and ended on 1 August 2002;

within the Diego Garcia land mass and territorial waters, plus airspace of Diego Garcia out to 250 nautical miles radius (from Reference Point 07 18.6S 072 24.6E) or declared Air Defence Identification Zone, whichever is greater;

(B) (1) commenced on 11 October 2001 and ended on 30 July 2009;

within the area bounded by: 48 00N Latitude, 81 00E Longitude 48 00N Latitude, 35 00E Longitude 12 00N Latitude, 35 00E Longitude 12 00N Latitude, 81 00E Longitude; (2) commenced on 31 July 2009 and ended on 19 February 2012;

within the area bounded by: 39 00N Latitude, 78 00E Longitude 39 00N Latitude, 32 00E Longitude 05 00S Latitude, 32 00E Longitude 05 00S Latitude, 78 00E Longitude;

(3) commenced on 20 February 2012;

within the area bounded by: 39 00N Latitude, 32 00E Longitude 39 00N Latitude, 78 00E Longitude 23 00N Latitude, 78 00E Longitude 23 00N Latitude, 68 00E Longitude 11 00S Latitude, 68 00E Longitude 11 00S Latitude, 38 00E Longitude 17 00N Latitude, 38 00E Longitude 17 00N Latitude, 32 00E Longitude

- (ii) Operation 'Palate' the Australian Defence Force contribution to the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan that commenced on 18 April 2003 and ended on 5 July 2004 in the area comprising the specified total land areas and superjacent airspace boundaries of Afghanistan;
- (iii) Operation 'Palate II' the Australian Defence Force contribution to the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan that commenced on 27 June 2005 in the area comprising Afghanistan, including Afghanistan's land territory, internal waters and superjacent airspace; and
- (c) determine, under regulation 4 of the Regulations, that the conditions for award of the Australian Active Service Medal with Clasp 'ICAT' ("the Medal") for that prescribed operation are:
  - (i) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered assigned service as such a member while posted as a member of the Australian element for duty to the *prescribed operation* for a *prescribed period*;
  - (ii) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered assigned service as such a member for a *prescribed period* as part of the contribution of a

foreign Defence Force to the *prescribed operation* while on secondment or exchange with the foreign Defence Force;

- (iii) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered assigned service as such a member and who completed a prescribed number of sorties within the duration of the prescribed operation;
- (iv) for the period that commenced on 11 October 2001 and ended on 17 March 2003, the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member for a period of not less than an aggregate of 30 days, or who completed 30 sorties, over a period of not less than an aggregate of 30 days at the rate of one sortie per day, for official visits, inspections or other occurrences of a temporary nature in connection with the military contribution in the prescribed operation;
- (v) the Medal may be awarded to a person who rendered service as part of the Australian element of the *prescribed operation* for a *prescribed period* and who, in accordance with a determination made by the Minister under paragraph 4(4)(b) of the Regulations, is in a class of persons who may be awarded the Medal;
  - (A) in this paragraph prescribed period for the prescribed operation at subparagraph b(i)(A) means:
    - in relation to subparagraphs c(i), c(ii) and c(v) a period of not less than an aggregate of 30 days;
  - (B) in this paragraph prescribed period for the prescribed operation at subparagraphs b(i)(B)(1), b(i)(B)(2), b(i)(B)(3), b(ii) and b(iii) means:
    - (1) in relation to subparagraphs c(i), c(ii) and c(v) a period of not less than one day; and

PROVIDED THAT where a member does not complete the *prescribed period* required by subparagraphs c(i), c(ii) or c(v) owing to his or her death, evacuation due to illness, injury or other disability due to service, the member will be deemed to have completed that *prescribed period*.

(vii) (A) in this paragraph prescribed number of sorties within the duration of the prescribed operation at subparagraph b(i)(A) means:

- (1) in relation to subparagraph c(iii) 30 operational sorties from a unit force assigned to the prescribed operation and for which the member has been assigned;
- (B) in this paragraph prescribed number of sorties within the duration of the prescribed operation at subparagraphs b(i)(B)(1), b(i)(B)(2) and b(i)(B)(3) means:
  - (1) in relation to subparagraph c(iii) one operational sortie from a unit force assigned to the *prescribed* operation and for which the member has been assigned;

PROVIDED THAT where a member does not complete the required *prescribed number of sorties* required by subparagraph c(iii) owing to his or her death, evacuation due to illness, injury or other disability due to service, the member will be deemed to have completed the *prescribed number of sorties*.

(d) determine, for the purposes of this determination, that a person is not eligible for an award of the Medal where an entitlement exists to an Australian Service Medal for the same posting or the same aggregate periods of service.

Dated

4/12 2012

Governor-General

By Her Excellency's Command

**DAVID FEENEY** 

Parliamentary Secretary for Defence

For the Minister for Defence