



Australian Operational Service Medal (Greater Middle East Operation) Instrument Amendment 2022

I, General David John Hurley AC DSC FTSE (Ret'd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, make the following Declaration under subsection 3(1) and subsection 4(3A) of the *Australian Operational Service Medal Regulation 2012*.

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Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command



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1 Name

This instrument is the *Australian Operational Service Medal (Greater Middle East Operation) Instrument Amendment 2022*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after signature.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under subsection 3(1) and subsection 4(3A) of the *Australian Operational Service Medal Regulation 2012*.

4 Amendment

This instrument amends the *Australian Operational Service Medal (Greater Middle East Operation) Instrument 2015* made on 13 April 2015.

5 Section 4 (Definitions)

After the definition of *ADF member*, insert:

Afghanistan NEO means the Afghanistan Non-Combatant Evacuation Operation that:

- (a) it is in the area comprising the land territory and superjacent airspace of the United Arab Emirates and Afghanistan;
- (b) commenced on 14 August 2021 and ended on 5 October 2021.

6 Subsection 7(1)(a) (Eligible service)

Omit "subject to subsection (1A)."

7 Subsection 7(1)(c) (Eligible service)

Omit "section 7", substitute "section 8".

8 Subsection 7(2) (Eligible service)

After subsection 2, insert:

(2A) Despite subsection 1, service is eligible service if all of the following apply:

- (a) the ADF member or an allied foreign Defence Force member was force assigned to Operation ACCORDION;
- (b) the member or allied foreign Defence Force member was deployed for the purpose of performing duties as a part of the Afghanistan NEO; and
- (c) the service meets the conditions under section 8 of this instrument.

9 Section 8 (Conditions)

Omit “paragraph 6(1)(c), substitute “section 7”.

10 Section 8 (Conditions), notes

Omit note 2, substitute:

2. The effect of paragraph (b) of this section is that an ADF member or allied foreign Defence Force member:
 - (a) may be awarded only one Australian Operational Service Medal with the ribbon Greater Middle East Operation or accumulated service device per deployment;
 - (b) who was tasked for operational duties as a part of the Afghanistan NEO while already deployed on a declared operation listed under section 6 may be awarded the Australian Operational Service Medal with the ribbon Greater Middle East Operation or accumulated service device for their service on the operation. They will not be eligible for a subsequent award under this instrument for their service on the Afghanistan NEO.