

**Reprint  
as at 23 April 2008**



**New Zealand Distinguished Service  
Decoration Regulations 2007**

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Anand Satyanand, Governor-General

Pursuant to the Royal Warrant dated 14 May 2007 instituting and creating The New Zealand Distinguished Service Decoration, the Governor-General of New Zealand, under authority delegated by Her Majesty The Queen, makes the following regulations.

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**Note**

Changes authorised by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 have been made in this reprint.

A general outline of these changes is set out in the notes at the end of this reprint, together with other explanatory material about this reprint.

**The New Zealand Distinguished Service Decoration Regulations 2007 are administered by the New Zealand Defence Force.**

## Regulations

### 1 Title

These regulations are the New Zealand Distinguished Service Decoration Regulations 2007.

### 2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on the day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

### 3 New Zealand Distinguished Service Decoration and Bars to Decoration

The New Zealand Distinguished Service Decoration and Bars to the Decoration are awarded subject to the Royal Warrant and to these regulations.

### 4 Interpretation

In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—  
**distinguished** means the outstanding performance of military duties through the application of 1 or more of the following:

- (a) exceptional devotion to duty;
- (b) dedication to the completion of a task despite difficulties that may arise;
- (c) the application of sound professional judgment over a prolonged period of time or under difficult circumstances;
- (d) the application of skills or performance far beyond that expected of a person of the rank held by the proposed recipient

**meritorious** means an act or conduct that is considered worthy of a reward or formal acknowledgement

**operation** means—

- (a) any military tasking or military assistance provided in support of a New Zealand interest; or
- (b) an operation such as peacemaking, peacekeeping, search and rescue, civil defence, maritime surveillance, and fisheries patrols.

## **5 Qualifications for Decoration and Bar**

- (1) This regulation sets out the qualifications—
  - (a) in respect of serving members of the New Zealand Armed Forces, Regular, Territorial, and Reserve (who are eligible under clause 14 of the Warrant); and
  - (b) in respect of Commonwealth and foreign military personnel serving with, alongside, or on exchange with the New Zealand Armed Forces (who are eligible under clause 15 of the Warrant).
- (2) The Decoration or Bar to the Decoration may be awarded to persons who have rendered distinguished or meritorious service to New Zealand that consists of outstanding performance of military duties in either warlike or non-warlike operations, or individual efforts toward peacetime and humanitarian service, and that—
  - (a) brings great credit to the New Zealand Armed Forces; and
  - (b) contributes significantly, through exceptional devotion to duty, dedication, judgment, or application of skills, to 1 or more of the following:
    - (i) the conduct of an operation;
    - (ii) the conduct of military training;
    - (iii) the management and implementation of a project or activity with significant implications for the current or future capability of the New Zealand Armed Forces.

## **6 Period of qualifications referred to in regulation 5**

- The Decoration or Bar to the Decoration may be awarded for either—
- (a) a singular accomplishment or instance of extraordinary performance of duty; or
  - (b) superior cumulative efforts over a sustained period of time.

Dated at Auckland this 29th day of May 2007.

Helen Clark,  
Prime Minister of New Zealand.

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## Notes

### **1** *General*

This is a reprint of the New Zealand Distinguished Service Decoration Regulations 2007. The reprint incorporates all the amendments to the New Zealand Distinguished Service Decoration Regulations 2007 as at 23 April 2008, as specified in the list of amendments at the end of these notes.

Relevant provisions of any amending enactments that have yet to come into force or that contain relevant transitional or savings provisions are also included, after the principal enactment, in chronological order.

### **2** *Status of reprints*

Under section 16D of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989, reprints are presumed to correctly state, as at the date of the reprint, the law enacted by the principal enactment and by the amendments to that enactment. This presumption applies even though editorial changes authorised by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 have been made in the reprint.

This presumption may be rebutted by producing the official volumes of statutes or statutory regulations in which the principal enactment and its amendments are contained.

### **3** *How reprints are prepared*

A number of editorial conventions are followed in the preparation of reprints. For example, the enacting words are not included in Acts, and provisions that are repealed or revoked

are omitted. For a detailed list of the editorial conventions, *see* <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/legislation/reprints.shtml> or Part 8 of the *Tables of Acts and Ordinances and Statutory Regulations, and Deemed Regulations in Force*.

#### **4 Changes made under section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989**

Section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 authorises the making of editorial changes in a reprint as set out in sections 17D and 17E of that Act so that, to the extent permitted, the format and style of the reprinted enactment is consistent with current legislative drafting practice. Changes that would alter the effect of the legislation are not permitted. A new format of legislation was introduced on 1 January 2000. Changes to legislative drafting style have also been made since 1997, and are ongoing. To the extent permitted by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989, all legislation reprinted after 1 January 2000 is in the new format for legislation and reflects current drafting practice at the time of the reprint.

In outline, the editorial changes made in reprints under the authority of section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 are set out below, and they have been applied, where relevant, in the preparation of this reprint:

- omission of unnecessary referential words (such as “of this section” and “of this Act”)
- typeface and type size (Times Roman, generally in 11.5 point)
- layout of provisions, including:
  - indentation
  - position of section headings (eg, the number and heading now appear above the section)
- format of definitions (eg, the defined term now appears in bold type, without quotation marks)
- format of dates (eg, a date formerly expressed as “the 1st day of January 1999” is now expressed as “1 January 1999”)

- position of the date of assent (it now appears on the front page of each Act)
- punctuation (eg, colons are not used after definitions)
- Parts numbered with roman numerals are replaced with arabic numerals, and all cross-references are changed accordingly
- case and appearance of letters and words, including:
  - format of headings (eg, headings where each word formerly appeared with an initial capital letter followed by small capital letters are amended so that the heading appears in bold, with only the first word (and any proper nouns) appearing with an initial capital letter)
  - small capital letters in section and subsection references are now capital letters
- schedules are renumbered (eg, Schedule 1 replaces First Schedule), and all cross-references are changed accordingly
- running heads (the information that appears at the top of each page)
- format of two-column schedules of consequential amendments, and schedules of repeals (eg, they are rearranged into alphabetical order, rather than chronological).

**5** *List of amendments incorporated in this reprint  
(most recent first)*

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