It is notified for general information that Her Majesty The Queen has approved the establishment of the Australian General Service Medal for Korea as detailed in the following Letters Patent and Regulations.

The medal is to be worn in The Order of Wearing Australian Honours and Awards under the title ‘War medals, campaign medals, active service medals and service medals, (see annex 1)’ and then in order immediately after the ‘Australian Service Medal 1945-1975’.
ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God Queen of Australia and Her other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth:

TO ALL to whom these Presents shall come,

GREETING:

WHEREAS it is desirable that there be instituted an Australian medal for the purpose of according recognition to members of the Defence Force and other persons who rendered service while participating in operations in South Korea in the period starting on 28 July 1953 and ending at the end of 19 April 1956:

KNOW YOU that We do, by these Presents, institute a medal to be designated and styled the Australian General Service Medal for Korea:

AND WE DO ordain that the award of the Australian General Service Medal for Korea is governed by the regulations set out in the Schedule.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

GIVEN under the Great Seal of Australia at Our Court at St James’s on 24 November 2009

By Her Majesty’s Command

Prime Minister
Schedule

Australian General Service Medal for Korea Regulations 2009

1 Name of regulations
These regulations are the Australian General Service Medal for Korea Regulations 2009.

2 Definitions
In these regulations, unless the contrary intention appears:
Medal means the Australian General Service Medal for Korea instituted under the Letters Patent establishing these Regulations.
prescribed operation means the operation described in regulation 3.
Register means the Register mentioned in regulation 10.
Registrar means the Registrar mentioned in regulation 10.

3 Declaration of prescribed operation
The operation to which these regulations applies is participation in Australian naval, military or air force operations in South Korea, including any location within 161 kilometres seaward from the coast of South Korea, in the period starting on 28 July 1953 and ending at the end of 19 April 1956.

4 Award of Medal
(1) The Medal may be awarded to a person who served in the prescribed operation in accordance with this regulation.

(2) The person must have served in any of the following capacities:
(a) a member of the Naval, Military or Air Forces of the Commonwealth;
(b) a member of the Naval, Military or Air Forces of the Commonwealth who was contributing to the defence force of another country under secondment or exchange;
(c) a person included in a class of persons specified, in writing, by the Minister for this paragraph.

(3) The person must have served in that capacity, or in those capacities, for a period of at least 30 days (continuous or not) unless subregulation (5) applies.

(4) A day on which the person flew 1 or more sorties in the prescribed operation is to be counted as 1 day of service.
(5) The Medal may be awarded to a person if:
   (a) subregulation (2) applies; and
   (b) the person did not serve for at least 30 days; and
   (c) the person's service was interrupted or terminated because of:
       (i) the person's death; or
       (ii) the evacuation of the person because of illness or injury; or
       (iii) another disability of the person that was related to the person's service.

5 Making of award
The Medal may be awarded only by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Chief of the Defence Force.

6 Cancellation of award of Medal
(1) The Governor-General may, on the recommendation of the Chief of the Defence Force, cancel an award of the Medal.
(2) If an award is cancelled, the person holding the Medal must return it to the Registrar.

7 Reinstatement of award of Medal
(1) The Governor-General may, on the recommendation of the Chief of the Defence Force, reinstate an award of the Medal that has been cancelled.
(2) If an award is reinstated, the Registrar must reissue the Medal to the person to whom it was awarded.

8 Design of Medal
The design of the Medal is the design determined by the Governor-General.

9 Wearing of Medal
The manner of wearing the Medal is as determined by the Governor-General.
10 Registrar of Awards

(1) The Governor-General must appoint a Registrar of Awards.

(2) The Registrar must:
   
   (a) maintain a Register of the names of persons to whom the Medal has been awarded; and
   
   (b) note in the Register:
      
      (i) the cancellation of an award of the Medal; and
      
      (ii) the reinstatement of an award of the Medal; and
   
   (c) keep such other records relating to the Medal as determined by the Governor-General.

11 Delegations

(1) The Minister may, in writing, delegate the power to specify a class of persons under paragraph 4 (2) (c) to a person specified in the instrument of delegation.

(2) The Chief of the Defence Force may, in writing, delegate the power:

   (a) to recommend the award of a Medal under regulation 5; or
   
   (b) to recommend the cancellation of an award of the Medal under subregulation 6 (1); or
   
   (c) to recommend the reinstatement of an award of the Medal under subregulation 7 (1);

to a person specified in the instrument of delegation.