



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

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 by Letters Patent dated 20 April 1982 given under the Great Seal of Australia, We instituted three Australian medals, designated and styled the Defence Force Service Medal, the Reserve Force Decoration and the Reserve Force Medal for the purpose of according recognition to persons who render long and efficient service in association with the Defence Force:

AND WHEREAS the Letters Patent ordained that the award of medals so instituted be governed by the Defence Force Service Awards Regulations set out in the Schedule to the Letters Patent:

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that certain amendments of the Regulations be made:

KNOW YOU that We do, by these Presents, declare Our pleasure that the Letters Patent dated 20 April 1982, as amended by Letters Patent dated 26 May 1998, be further amended, but without prejudice to anything lawfully done thereunder, as set out in the Schedule, with effect from 26 May 1998.

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

3 March 2000

By Her Majesty's Command,



Prime Minister

Schedule

Amendment of the Defence Force Service Awards Regulations

[1] Regulation 2

omit

In these Regulations —

insert

In these Regulations, unless the contrary intention appears:

[2] Regulation 2, definition of Defence Long Service Medal Regulations

substitute

DLSM Regulations means the Defence Long Service Medal Regulations set out in the Schedule to the Letters Patent dated 26 May 1998 given under the Great Seal of Australia, being those Regulations as amended from time to time.

[3] Regulation 2, before definition of *officer*

insert

medal means:

- (a) the Defence Force Service Medal; or
- (b) the Reserve Force Decoration; or
- (c) the Reserve Force Medal.

[4] Regulation 4

omit

, on or after 14 February 1975,

insert

, on or after 14 February 1975 and before 20 April 1999,

Schedule

[5] Regulation 7

omit

, on or after 14 February 1975,

insert

, on or after 14 February 1975 and before 20 April 1999,

[6] Subregulation 10 (1)

omit

, on or after 14 February 1975,

insert

, on or after 14 February 1975 and before 20 April 1999,

[7] Regulation 16A

substitute

16A Service that is also qualifying service under the DLSM Regulations

(1) In this regulation:

Category A member means a member, or former member, of the Defence Force who, on or after 20 April 1994 and before 20 April 1999, completes, for the first time, the qualifying service required for the award of a medal under these Regulations or the DLSM Regulations, regardless of whether the member has received that award, or any other award, under these Regulations or the DLSM Regulations.

Category B member means a member, or former member, of the Defence Force who:

- (a) has completed the qualifying service required for the award of a medal under these Regulations, regardless of whether the member has received the award; and
- (b) has given other qualifying service that cannot be recognised for these Regulations, either by reason of its length or its character; and
- (c) is not a Category A member.

- (2) The award to a Category A member of a medal or a clasp must not be made, after the commencement of this regulation, under these Regulations or under the DLSM Regulations, unless the member has made an election in accordance with subregulation (4):

Schedule

- (a) to have all of the member's service recognised as qualifying service for these Regulations; or
 - (b) to have all of the member's service recognised as qualifying service for the DLSM Regulations.
- (3) A Category B member may make an election in accordance with subregulation (4) to have all of the member's service recognised as qualifying service for the DLSM Regulations.
- (4) An election made under subregulation (2) or (3) must:
- (a) be in writing, signed by the member; and
 - (b) be lodged with the Chief of the Defence Force or a delegate of the Chief of the Defence Force.
- (5) If the member (in the case of a Category A member) elects to have the service recognised as qualifying service for these Regulations, the member is not eligible for an award under the DLSM Regulations in relation to any service.
- (6) If the member elects to have the service recognised as qualifying service for the DLSM Regulations:
- (a) the member is not eligible for an award under these Regulations in relation to any service; and
 - (b) all awards (if any) previously made to the member under these Regulations are taken to have been cancelled, without the possibility of reinstatement; and
 - (c) no award may be made to the member under the DLSM Regulations until the member has returned to the Registrar all medals and clasps previously awarded to the member under these Regulations.
- (7) A person who is eligible for, or who has received, 1 or more awards under these Regulations which recognise the whole of the person's service is not eligible for the award of a medal under the DLSM Regulations.