



**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 be amended, but without prejudice to anything lawfully done thereunder, as 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  
*26<sup>th</sup> May, 1998.*

By Her Majesty's Command,

*John Howard*  
Prime Minister

## SCHEDULE

### AMENDMENTS OF THE DEFENCE FORCE SERVICE AWARDS REGULATIONS

#### 1. Regulation 2 (Interpretation)

1.1 Insert the following definition:

“‘Defence Long Service Medal Regulations’ means the Regulations set out in the Schedule to the Letters Patent dated ~~20 April 1982~~ given under the Great Seal of Australia, being the Regulations as amended from time to time;”.

#### 2. Regulation 10 (Conditions for Award of the Reserve Force Medal)

2.1 Add at the end:

“(2) A person who has been awarded the Reserve Force Decoration is not eligible for an award of the Reserve Force Medal.”.

#### 3. New Regulation 16A

3.1 After regulation 16, insert:

##### When award must be made

“16A. (1) Except as provided by this regulation, an award of a medal must be made before 19 April 1999.

“(2) If a member of the Defence Force has given 10 years service before 20 April 1994, the member may elect, at the time the member becomes eligible for an award under these Regulations or an award under the Defence Long Service Medal Regulations (whichever occurs first), to have that service recognised as qualifying service under these Regulations or under the Defence Long Service Medal Regulations if the member gives the additional qualifying service required under these Regulations before 19 April 1999.

“(3) A period of efficient service may be counted for the award of a clasp under regulation 6, 9 or 12 even if that period includes a period of service given on or after 19 April 1999.”.

#### 4. Regulation 22 (Cancellation and Reinstatement)

4.1 Subregulation 22(1):

Omit “The Governor-General”, substitute “On the recommendation of the Chief of the Defence Force or a delegate of the Chief of the Defence Force, the Governor-General”.