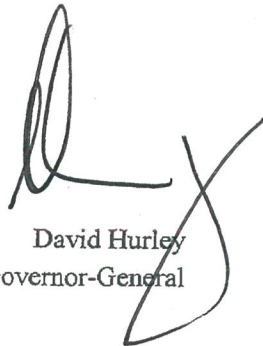




Australian Operational Service Medal Instrument (Civilian) with Clasp Greater Middle East Operation Amendment 2022

I, General David John Hurley AC DSC FTSE (Ret'd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, make the following Declaration under section 12 of the *Australian Operational Service Medal Regulation 2012*.

Dated *31 March* 2022



David Hurley
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command



PETER DUTTON
Minister for Defence

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1 Name

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

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after signature.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under section 12 of the *Australian Operational Service Medal Regulation 2012*.

4 Amendment

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

5 Section 4 (Definitions)

Before the definition of *Australian Operational Service Medal Regulation*, insert:

Afghanistan NEO means the Afghanistan Non-Combatant Evacuation Operation that meets both of the following.

- (a) it is in the area comprising the land territory and superjacent airspace of the United Arab Emirates, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Jordan;
- (b) during the period of 14 August 2021 and 5 October 2021.

6 Paragraph 7(1)(c) (Eligible service)

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

7 Subsection 7(2) (Eligible service)

After the subsection, insert:

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

- (a) the service is given by a civilian, as defined in section 2 of the *Australian Operational Service Medal Regulation*, in support of Operation ACCORDION;
- (b) the service was given 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.

8 Section 8 (Conditions)

Omit “paragraph 4(3)(b)”, substitute “subsection 4(3A)”.

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 a civilian:
 - (a) may be awarded only one Australian Operational Service Medal (Civilian with the Clasp Greater Middle East Operation) or accumulated service clasp for each assignment for operational duties;
 - (b) who is assigned for operational duties as a part of the Afghanistan NEO while assigned for operational duties on a declared operation listed under section 6 may be awarded the Australian Operational Service Medal (Civilian with the Clasp Greater Middle East Operation) or accumulated service clasp 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.