



Australian Operational Service Medal (Indo-Pacific) Instrument 2024

I, the Honourable Sam Mostyn AC, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, make the following Declaration under section 3 of the *Australian Operational Service Medal Regulation 2012*.

Dated 12 January 2025

Sam Mostyn
Governor-General

By Her Excellency's Command

MATTHEW JAMES KEOGH
Minister for Defence Personnel

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1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Australian Operational Service Medal (Indo-Pacific) Instrument 2024*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences the day after signature.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under section 3 of the *Australian Operational Service Medal Regulation*.

4 Definitions

In this instrument:

ADF member means a member of the Australian Defence Force.

Defence Force means the Defence Force constituted under Part III, Division 1 of the *Defence Act 1903*.

Operational Duties means duties which make a direct contribution to the achievement of an operational mission.

Regulation means the Australian Operational Service Medal Regulation set out in the Schedule to the Letters Patent dated 22 May 2012 given under the Great Seal of Australia.

Note: A number of expressions used in this Instrument are defined in section 2 of the Australian Operational Service Medal Regulation, including the following:

- (a) allied foreign Defence Force member.

5 Declared operations

For subsection 3(1) of the Regulation, for the Australian Operational Service Medal (Indo-Pacific) the following operations, comprising the specified areas and dates, are declared operations:

- (a) Operation GATEWAY that commenced on 1 July 2005 within the area comprising the maritime areas and superjacent airspace of:
 - (i) The Gulf of Mannar through the Bay of Bengal;
 - (ii) The Anderman Sea;
 - (iii) The Malacca Strait;
 - (iv) The Singapore Strait;

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- (v) The Gulf of Thailand; and
 - (vi) The South China Sea;
 - (b) Operation RENDER SAFE that commenced on 3 June 2009 within the area comprising the island nations of the South West Pacific outside the territory of New Zealand, France and the United States of America;
 - (c) Operation SAVILLE that commenced on 10 November 2014 within the area comprising the land territory, territorial waters and superjacent airspace of the Indo-Pacific region;
 - (d) Operation AUGURY (Philippines) that commenced on 22 June 2017 and ended on 1 December 2019 within the area comprising of the land, territorial waters, and superjacent airspace of the Philippines;
 - (e) Operation ARGOS that commenced on 26 April 2018 within the area comprising the waters and superjacent airspace of the East China Sea, Yellow Sea, Korea Strait and the Sea of Japan;
 - (f) Operation LINESMEN that commenced on 16 April 2019 within the area comprising the land, not including the Exclusive Economic Zone, of the Republic of Korea;
 - (g) Operation LILIA that commenced on 25 November 2021 and ended on 31 August 2024 within the area comprising the land, territorial waters and superjacent airspace of the Solomon Islands.

6 Eligible service

- (1) For paragraph 4(1)(a) of the Regulation, service is eligible service if:
 - (a) the service is given by an ADF member or an allied foreign Defence Force member on deployment during the period of the declared operations;

Note: Service for an ADF member includes service undertaken while on an approved third-country deployment that has a corresponding declared operation.
 - (b) the service occurs for 30 days during one or more deployment, whether or not the service continues throughout the whole day and whether or not the 30 days are continuous; and
 - (c) the service is considered to be hazardous under paragraph 3(3)(a) of the Australian Operational Service Medal Regulation.
- (2) If an ADF member or an allied foreign Defence Force member gave service of a kind mentioned in paragraph (1)(a) of this section, but did not satisfy paragraph (1)(b) of this section because the member died or was evacuated due to service-related injury, illness or disability, the service given is taken to have occurred for 30 days during the deployment.

7 Conditions

- (1) An ADF member or allied foreign Defence Force member is not eligible for an award of the Australian Operational Service Medal (Indo-Pacific) for service during the same period for which they receive one of the following medals:
 - (a) The Australian Operational Service Medal.
 - (b) The Australian Service Medal.
- (2) For paragraph 4(3)(b) of the Regulation, and paragraph 6(1) of this instrument, the following conditions are determined in relation to service:
 - (a) the service must be given while the ADF member or allied foreign Defence Force member giving the service is assigned for Operational Duties on one or more declared operations; and
 - (b) no other period of eligible service can have been completed during the deployment which the service is given.

Note 1: The effect of paragraph (a) of this section is to exclude service involving non-operational duties such as: participation in training activities; exercises and conferences (with no planning objectives); liaison visits; lessons learnt/fact finding activities; and command/staff visits.

Note 2: The effect of paragraph (b) of this section is that an ADF member or allied foreign defence force member may be awarded only one Australian Operational Service Medal Indo-Pacific.

8 Ribbon for the Australian Operational Service Medal (Indo-Pacific)

- (1) For section 12 of the Regulation, the ribbon denoting INDO-PACIFIC is 32 millimetres wide and has a central yellow stripe surrounded by green stripes, which are flanked by light blue stripes. The yellow and light blue stripes are of equal width. The ribbon is edged with deep blue stripes of the same width as the green stripes.
- (2) For section 12 of the Regulation, the miniature of the ribbon denoting INDO-PACIFIC is 16 millimetres wide with the stripes as set out in subsection 1.

Schedule—Transitional provision

- (1) This section applies to a member who meets both of the following.
 - (a) The member was performing a period of eligible service for the Australian Service Medal with Clasp KOREA up to and including 30 June 2024.
 - (b) The member was performing a period of eligible service for the Australian Operational Service Medal Indo-Pacific on 1 July 2024.
- (2) The period of eligible service for the Australian Service Medal with Clasp KOREA under paragraph 1(a) is taken to be eligible service for the purpose of section 6 of this instrument.