



## **Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal (Balkans) Declaration 1999**

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I, WILLIAM PATRICK DEANE, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting on the recommendation of the Parliamentary Secretary to Cabinet, make this declaration under subregulation 3 (1) of the *Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal Regulations*.

Dated 8 October 1999.

WILLIAM DEANE  
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

BILL HEFFERNAN  
Parliamentary Secretary to Cabinet

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made under the

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## 1 Name of Declaration

This Declaration is the *Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal (Balkans) Declaration 1999*.

## 2 Definitions

(1) In this Declaration:

*declared operation* means the operation declared under section 3.

*Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal Regulations* means the Regulations set out in Schedule 1 to the Letters Patent dated 16 April 1999 given under the Great Seal of Australia, being the Regulations as amended from time to time.

*Regulations* means the *Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal Regulations*.

*specified organisation* means:

- (a) for Zone 1 — an organisation specified in Part 1 of Schedule 1; and
- (b) for Zone 2 — an organisation specified in Part 2 of Schedule 1.

*Zone 1* means the hazardous area specified in paragraph 5 (a).

*Zone 2* means the hazardous area specified in paragraph 5 (b).

(2) Unless the contrary intention appears, a word that is used in this Declaration and in the Regulations has the same meaning in this Declaration as it has in the Regulations.

## 3 Declaration

The humanitarian aid operation arising out of the crisis in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia and the crisis in, and in relation to, Serbia (including Kosovo), being an operation that satisfies the conditions mentioned in paragraphs 3 (1) (a) and (b) of the Regulations, is a declared operation.

**4 Name of operation**

For the purposes of the Regulations, the name by which the declared operation is to be known is 'Balkans'.

**5 Geographical extent of hazardous area**

The geographical extent of the hazardous area of the declared operation is:

- (a) Zone 1, being the area of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro and Serbia; and
- (b) Zone 2, being the area of the declared operation in Serbia (including Kosovo) and areas in the Republic of Albania and the Former Yugoslavia Republic of Macedonia in which a specified organisation is, or was, carrying out humanitarian service in relation to the declared operation.

**6 Date when declared operation commenced**

The date when the declared operation commenced is:

- (a) for Zone 1 — 21 February 1992; and
- (b) for Zone 2 — 24 March 1999.

**7 Eligible service with specified organisations**

The organisations service with which is eligible service are:

- (a) for Zone 1 — the organisations specified in Part 1 of Schedule 1; and
- (b) for Zone 2 — the organisations specified in Part 2 of Schedule 1.

**8 Period of participation by specified organisations**

The period within which each specified organisation participated in the declared operation, or, if the participation is continuing, the date when the participation commenced, is:

- (a) for Zone 1 — as specified in Part 1 of Schedule 1 in relation to the organisation; and
- (b) for Zone 2 — as specified in Part 2 of Schedule 1 in relation to the organisation.

**9 Qualifying period of service**

- (1) The qualifying period of humanitarian service required to be given by a member of a specified organisation to be eligible for an award of the Medal is 30 days.
- (2) The qualifying period of humanitarian service may be aggregated from several periods of service:
  - (a) in Zone 1 or Zone 2, or in a combination of both Zone 1 and Zone 2; and
  - (b) with one or more of the specified organisations.
- (3) If a person gave humanitarian service as a member of 2 or more specified organisations, and a day of the service could be counted as a day of humanitarian service for more than one organisation, the day must be counted as one day of humanitarian service.

**10 When inspection visits count as humanitarian service**

- (1) A person's inspection visit to Zone 1 or Zone 2, or to a combination of both Zone 1 and Zone 2, is counted as humanitarian service if the person made the visit:
  - (a) as a member of a specified organisation for the Zone; and
  - (b) within the period, or on or after the commencement date, specified in Schedule 1 in relation to the specified organisation.
- (2) If the person made the inspection visit as a member of 2 or more specified organisations, and a day of the visit could be counted as a day of humanitarian service for more than one of the organisations, the day must be counted as one day of humanitarian service.

**11 Ineligibility for an award of the Medal**

A person is not eligible for an award of the Medal if:

- (a) the person's qualifying service is qualifying service for any of the following awards:
  - (i) an award of the Balkans clasp of the Australian Active Service Medal because of a determination under subregulation 4 (2) of the Australian Active Service Medal Regulations;
  - (ii) an award of the Balkans clasp of the Australian Service Medal because of a determination under subregulation 4 (2) of the Australian Service Medal Regulations; or
- (b) the person (whether in Zone 1 or Zone 2 as a refugee or resident) is a locally-engaged member of the staff of a specified organisation; or
- (c) the person is, or is an employee of, a commercial contractor to a specified organisation.

## Schedule 1 Specified organisations

(sections 2, 7, 8 and 10)

### Part 1 Zone 1

Item	Organisation	Period or commencement date of participation
1	Australian contingent to United Nations organisations serving in Zone 1 in relation to the declared operation	21 February 1992
2	Australian Red Cross	1 January 1993 to 30 June 1994 (inclusive)
3	CARE Australia	21 February 1992
4	World Vision Australia	18 July 1995 to 5 February 1997 (inclusive)

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### Part 2 Zone 2

Item	Organisation	Commencement date of participation
1	Australian contingent to United Nations organisations serving in Zone 2 in relation to the declared operation	24 March 1999
2	CARE Australia	24 March 1999

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